



SAINT AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Archdiocese of San Francisco

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July 5, 2026

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Cycle A

Each week we gather to celebrate mass. There is a statistic that says that two out of every three people who attend church services on a regular basis in this country are hurting in some way. This means that if you happen not to be hurting this week, chances are that the two people on either side of you are somehow burdened. One of the reasons that many people attend mass is to bring their cares and worry to the tables of the Word and Eucharist in the hope that the Lord will transform them. Today's Gospel is a source of comfort and strength. Listen carefully as these words are proclaimed at mass today. Pray that the Lord will give rest to those who are weighted down. Pray that we will all find rest in the Lord, whose yoke is easy and whose burden is light.

Zec 9:9-10 Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14
Rom 8:9, 11-13 Mt 11:25-30

MATTHEW 11:25-30

At that time Jesus declared,
"I praise you, Father,
heaven and earth,

because you have hidden
these things from the wise
and learned, and revealed them
to little children.

Yes, Father, for this is what
you were pleased to do.

— ✕ —
Come to me,
all you who labor and
are burdened,
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you
and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble
of heart; and you will find
rest for yourselves.
For my yoke is easy,
and my burden light."



MASS TIMES & OTHER SCHEDULES

Monday to Saturday—Livestreamed* 9:00 AM
 Weekday afternoon Mass: 5:30 pm
 Saturday Anticipated/Vigil Mass: 4:30 PM
 Sunday Masses: 7:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm, 5:30 pm
 Sunday People's Mass—Livestreamed* 9:00 AM

*Tagalog Mass—Every 1st Sunday of the month** 5:30 PM

***Livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube**

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

9:00 am, 12:15 pm, 5:30 pm, and 7:00 pm
 Recitation of the Rosary: 8:30 am (TBA)

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Every Sunday after the 9:00 AM Mass, in the Courtyard.

CONFESSION

Friday: 4:30 pm
 Saturday: 3:30 pm - 4:15 pm

COMMUNAL CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

2nd & 4th Saturday: 12:00 Noon
 1st Sunday: 2:30 pm
 3rd Sunday (within the Mass): 12:30 pm Mass

Parents must contact the office at least one month before baptism. Parents and godparents are required to attend a pre-baptismal catechesis.

PRE-BAPTISMAL VIRTUAL CLASSES

1st Monday of the month: 7:00 pm
 3rd Monday of the month: 7:00 pm

WEDDING

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month: 12:00 Noon or 2:00 pm

Parishioners who wish to be wed in St. Augustine Catholic Church must contact the parish office at least 6 months before the desired date.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday: 9:00am-12:00pm, 1:00pm-4:00pm
 Saturday: 9:00 am- 12:00 pm, 1:00pm- 2:00 pm

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Raymund Reyes, Pastor
 Rev. Ifeanyichukwu Henry Uwabunkeonye, Parochial Vicar
 Rev. Ed Dura, In-residence, Interim Administrator
 Rev. Mr. Nestor L. Fernandez II, Permanent Deacon
 Rev. Mr. Virgil Capetti, Permanent Deacon
 Patricia Abdelalim, Operations Manager
 Amor Baldomero, Administrative Assistant
 Linda Gamboa
 Louis Consuegra
 Erlan Tapawan, Youth & Young Adult Ministry Coordinator

CHILDREN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM OFFICE

Weekdays (except Tuesday): 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
 Closed: 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
 Saturday: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
 CLOSED: SUNDAY, TUESDAY, HOLIDAYS

Sister Ruth Linaac, RVM, Director of Religious Education
 Mobile: 650-797-5955
 Office Landline: 650-873-2878
 Email: staugustinecdre@gmail.com

ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR 2026-2027 IS NOW OPEN

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION (livestreamed)

Fridays, immediately after 9:00 am Mass
 In the chapel. Adoration ends at 5:00 pm
 Benediction on First Fridays

HOLY HOUR (K of C sponsored)

7:00 PM, every 1st Wednesday of the month

HOLY HOUR (SAYGM/YAM sponsored)

7:00 PM, every 3rd Wednesday of the month

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

8:30 AM, every Tuesday of the month

2026-2027
SAC FAITH FORMATION
IS NOW OPEN FOR
ENROLLMENT!

Returning CCD &
 Confirmation Students
 may now register online.

Click here to register for FFP
 or visit the parish website

New & transfer students
must register in person.

Contact Shioney Mendoza
 (650) 416-4928
 to make an appointment.

2026-2027
ORDER OF
CHRISTIAN INITIATION
FOR ADULTS (OCIA)
IS NOW OPEN FOR
ENROLLMENT !

For information
 please contact
 Deacon Nestor Fernandez II
DeaconNestor@comcast.net
(415) 672-5252
 or simply register below.

Click here to register for OCIA
 or visit the parish website

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Do you have a family member or friend who is homebound and wants to receive communion?
 Call the Parish Office at 650-873-02282.
 A priest or eucharistic minister may visit them at home.

THE SOCIETY OF ST.VINCENT DE PAUL, ST.AUGUSTINE CONFERENCE CORNER

The Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Today as we celebrate the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ let us pray for
 those who are hungry, malnourished and starving.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so
 that together we can help those who are hungry and in need. If you or someone you know needs help,
 please contact our hotline at 650-273-7088. Thank you for helping bring Christ's compassion and care
 to our brothers and sisters in need.



HAVE EARS TO HEAR THE "CRIES OF THE POOR"

HAVE EYES TO "SEEK AND FIND THE FORGOTTEN, THE
 SUFFERING OR THE DEPRIVED"

HAVE HEARTS THAT "BRING GOD'S LOVE TO THE POOR"
 THROUGH THEIR GENEROSITY AND DONATIONS.

Would you like to help people?
 Join St. Vincent de Paul Society
 Saint Augustine Conference.
 Contact: Jeunesse Raymundo
 jeunesse00@yahoo.com
 650-273-7088

MASS INTENTION July 6 to July 12

JULY 6: RJ Cantre, Noel Luis Nuñez, Yong Quing Nuñez, Monina Gonzales, Milagros Valdez, Mary Magdalene Roman, Jeffery Milcarek, George P. Calimlim, Marites Corona

JULY 7: Noel Nuñez, George Calimlim, Soledad Tapiador, Cris Lumagui, Milagros Valdez, Cleofe Lacsamana, Jeffery Milcarek, Arren Ellazar, Engr. Jose & Josefina Imperio

JULY 8: Calyssa Pimentel, Milagros Valdez, Jeffery Milcarek, Juanito Badua, Purita Belenson, Kathryn Gabriel,

JULY 9: Meann Paz, Milagros Valdez, Igor Amorson, Manuel Acosta Sr., Jeffery Milcarek,

JULY 10: Flor Nicolas, Joel Guilas, Milagros Valdez, Fe & Raymund Pimentel, Jeffery Milcarek, Naida Fadrilan, Artemio Leonardo Jr.

JULY 11: Alexia Jandoc, Maddox Penaflor, Kaitelyn Balamiento, Milagros Valdez, Imelda Villamar, Jeffery Milcarek, Nazario Reyes, Annabelle Arao, Jesus & Victorina Ramos, Reynaldo & Rosendo Buensuceso, Noly Gragera-Tong,

JULY 12: Nomer Nuñez, Evelyn Mina, Jesus Bantay, Matthew Pimentel, Felicitas Buita, Pete Pelimiano, Nestor and Malou Cu, Juliana Tolentino, Jeffery Milcarek, Milagros Valdez, Jaime Berdal, Estrella Adoremos, Nestor Villarosa, Vida Solomon, Yin Lau, Crisel dela Rosa, Tomas Carpio IV, Kathryn Gabriel, Gerardo Milian, Jeen Jean Sugatan Garingan, Romeo Gallero

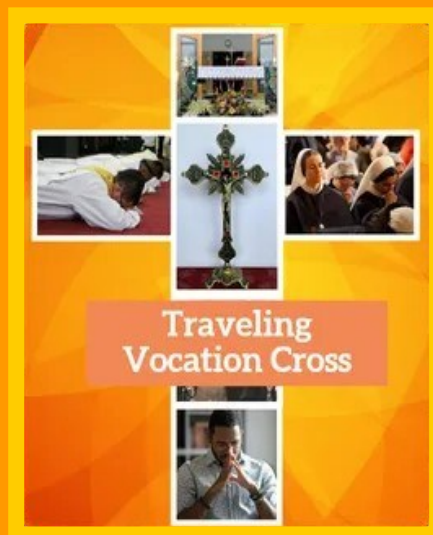
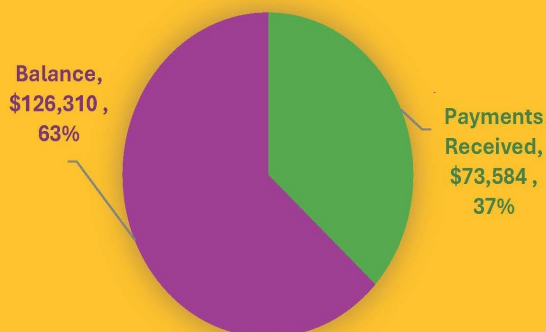
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OFFERTORY

First Collection (June 29, 2025)	\$ 9,576.00
Holy Father - Peter's Pence	\$ 3,179.00
Tuesday	\$ 390.00
Friday	\$ 442.00

ONLINE GIVING - MAY 2026 \$ 17,674.52

ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH AAA 2026 CAMPAIGN GOAL \$199,894 AS OF JUNE 15, 2026



Traveling
Vocation Cross

To host the TRAVELING VOCATION CROSS

Please contact Elsa Rozal
(650) 922-9618 | entroz09@yahoo.com

Spring 2026

Group Volunteer Garden Projects

ABOUT CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities is a nonprofit serving more than 50,000 people each year across our homelessness and housing, immigration, aging, and youth services. Our gardens offer a therapeutic and healing space where clients can find peace and purpose.

THE GARDEN PROJECTS

Volunteers help revitalize gardens by weeding, planting, and using creativity to beautify spaces for all. Groups find these projects a great way to build camaraderie while making a real difference.

Your generosity can have a big impact on the families Catholic Charities serves. Help us carry out our mission to support families, aging and disabled adults and youth. There are many meaningful ways to share your time and talents as a Catholic Charities volunteer.




What to expect

Duration: 2-4 hours
Skills needed: None — just enthusiasm!
Supplies: All provided
Group size: Flexible

Volunteer Locations

St. Joseph's Family Center
Mission District, SF · Dates Flexible
(Families experiencing homelessness)

SF Boys Home
Euclid St., SF · Dates Flexible
(At-risk youth ages 13-17)

Treasure Island Child Dev. Center
Treasure Island, SF · Dates Flexible
(Child-centered community program)

Ready to sign up?

Contact
Darlene Wilson
415-972-1371
volunteer@catholiccharitiessf.org
Dates available:
June 4, 2026 - July 17, 2026



Liturgy of the Hours

Vespers - Evening Prayer

Official Prayers of the Catholic Church - Scriptures, Psalms, and Prayers

Monday to Friday | 5 PM

*"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior"*
- Luke 1:46-55

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Ika-14 na Linggo sa Karaniwang Panahon

Hulyo 5, 2026 | 5:30 ng hapon

Padre Raymund M. Reyes
Tagapagdiwang

Koro: St. Therese Choir

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SAC Celebrates Triduum and Feast Day of OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL



"Whoever dies wearing this Scapular shall not suffer eternal fire."
Our Lady of Mount Carmel's promise to St. Simon Stock on July 16, 1251

- 8:30 AM | July 13 - 15: Triduum - Three Days of Prayers in preparation for the Feast Day of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
- 9:00 AM & 5:30 PM | July 16: Holy Mass to be followed by the Rite of Investiture and Renewal of OLMC scapulars

Coordinated by the
Legion of Mary of Saint Augustine Catholic Church

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Third Wednesday THE HOLY HOUR

"Could you not watch with me one hour?" -- Mathew 26:10

July 15, 2026 at 7 PM
Presider, Rev. Fr. Ifeanyichukwu Uwanbunkeonye

Saint Augustine Young Adult Ministry
St. Augustine Catholic Church
3700 Callan Blvd, SSF 94080 | 650.873.2282 | www.staugustinessf.org

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Custodian/Maintenance Person (Full-Time, Non-Exempt)

Mission Dolores Basilica

3321 16th Street,
San Francisco

Mission Dolores Basilica is seeking a part-time Custodian/Maintenance person.

Hours are Monday to Friday,
7:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Hourly rate starts at \$19.71 per the City of San Francisco.

For more information please contact:

Father Francis Garbo, Pastor,
415-621-8203 | parish@missiondolores.org



The International Organization for the Family proudly presents

Victory or Death

Fight for Family. Fight for Faith. Fight for Freedom.

Victory or Death brings to life in a powerful cinematic experience the inspiring true story of the Vendée uprising – ordinary men, women, and children who heroically rose to defend their faith, lands, and freedom during one of history's darkest chapters in the French Revolution. Led by a reluctant-turned-heroic general, retired naval officer Charette de La Contrie, the story underscores the importance of preserving values worth fighting for, and poignantly portrays the courage and sacrifice required to protect them. "Sacrifice for a cause, greatness of spirit, loyalty, courage, honor...It nourishes the soul... You realize you have seen something special," one viewer described. **Victory or Death** is based on the acclaimed French film, *Vaincre ou Mourir*, released in France in 2023. The film was enthusiastically embraced by audiences in France, performing strongly with the general public and becoming a word-of-mouth success.

The just-released English version of **Victory or Death** that premiered May 17th in the US is now **available on DVD and BluRay** with streaming coming soon.

Options to promote the movie through opportunities to **PAY IT FORWARD** or **HOST A SCREENING** are available on the movie's website:

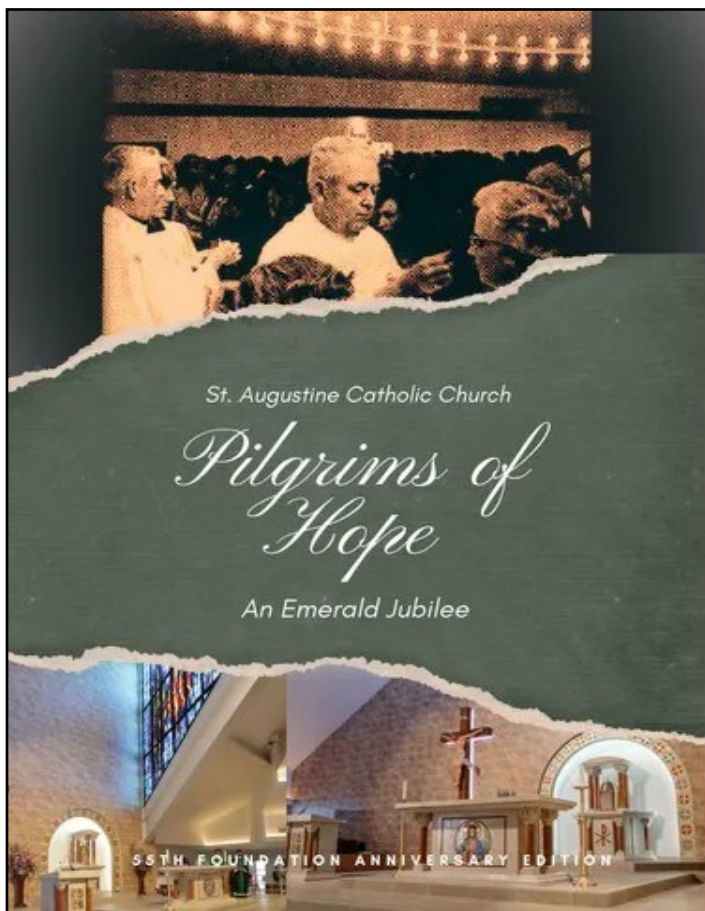
STREAM/WATCH ONLINE: <https://watch.victoryordeathmovie.com/>

PAY IT FORWARD: <https://victoryordeathmovie.com/pay-it-forward/>

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PURCHASE A DVD OR BLURAY: <https://victoryordeathmovie.com/shop/>

SHARE ON SOCIAL: <https://victoryordeathmovie.com/>



Remember to pick up your copy of the Souvenir Program from the Parish Office!

**FOOTSTEPS OF ST. AUGUSTINE
& CELEBRATING ST. FRANCIS JUBILEE YEAR**
Algeria, Annaba, Tunis, Mila, Pavia, Cassago Branzza, Florence, Siena, Assisi, Rome
Saturday, October 3 - Friday, October 16, 2026

Fr. Eduardo Dura



\$6,625.00
San Francisco/SFO
pp/dbl occupancy

Optional Insurance: **+\$TBS**
(Cost NOT guaranteed until purchased)
Single Room Supplement: **+\$1699**

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Day 1 - Saturday, October 3, 2026
DEPART USA
Our journey begins as we depart San Francisco on Turkish Airlines flight #TK080 to Istanbul at 6:45pm.

Day 2 - Sunday, October 4, 2026
ISTANBUL / ALGERIA
Arrive Istanbul at 5:40pm. Connect on flight #TK655 at 8:20pm to Algeria, arriving 10:05pm. After proceeding thru customs, meet our guide and driver for transit to the hotel for overnight.

Day 3 - Monday, October 5, 2026
ALGERIA / ANNABA
After breakfast, we depart Algeria to Annaba (Hippo Regius) (5 hr bus ride, with lunch break en-route). In Annaba, we visit the Basilica of St. Augustine to celebrate Mass. This Basilica overlooks the ruins, and houses a relic of the Saint. We see the Archaeological Site of Hippo Regius, which is more ancient than Carthage, and the city of adoption of St. Augustin, where he became Bishop, and where he died in 430AD. Continue to the hotel, for dinner and overnight.

Day 4 - Tuesday, October 6, 2026
ANNABA / SOUK AHRAS / ANNABA
After breakfast, we check out and drive to Thagaste, to see Augustine's birthplace, the homeland of Saint Monique, the mother of St. Augustin. We see the olive tree of St. Augustin, the souks and museum. We enjoy a group restaurant lunch, before returning to Annaba for dinner and overnight.

Day 5 - Wednesday, October 7, 2026
ANNABA / TUNIS
We depart after breakfast to Tunis, the capital city of Tunisia. Upon arrival, we enjoy a group lunch before

beginning a guided tour that includes the Museums, where we can admire the most beautiful mosaics in the world. Continue to the hotel, for dinner and overnight.

Day 6 - Thursday, October 8, 2026
TUNIS / MILAN
We have an early morning start today to checkout and head to the airport for our flight to Milan. Flight TBS. After arrival in Milan, we are welcomed by our guide and driver. We enjoy a half day panoramic tour of Milan, including the Duomo, and celebrate Mass. We then visit the Baptistry of where St. Augustine was baptized by Ambrose, before heading to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 7 - Friday, October 9, 2026
MILAN / PAVIA / MILAN
After breakfast, we visit the church of St. Ambrogio, one of Milan's oldest and most important churches. Afternoon, we drive to Pavia to visit the Basilica of San Pietro in Ciel d'Oro, where the tomb of St. Augustine lies and his relics are preserved in a marble reliquary on the upper floor of the church. Return to Milan for dinner and overnight.

Day 8 - Saturday, October 10, 2026
MILAN / CASSAGO BRANZZA / PAVIA
After breakfast, we depart Milan and drive to Cassago Branzza to visit the sites associated with St. Augustine. Between 386-387AD, Augustine stayed in a country house in the village of Cassiciacum. He was a guest of his friend Verecondo. Augustine had come to Cassiciacum seeking hours of rest and peace to prepare himself for his baptism. Cassago Branzza is also where St. Augustine sought to live a retired life. Continue to Pavia for dinner and overnight.

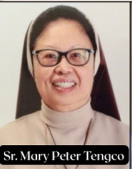
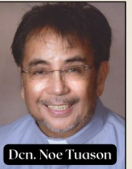


SAN FRANCISCO CURSILLO
Men's & Women's Retreat
July 9 - 12, 2026
(Thursday 4:30pm - Sunday 5:30pm)
Vallombrosa Center
250 Oak Grove Ave, Menlo Park, CA 94025

**"Experience the weekend with God's
forgiveness, mercy, grace, and love"**

Spiritual Advisors:



FEE: \$250.00

The registration fee includes double occupancy accommodations, three nights' lodging, nine meals, and a private bathroom. Thanks to the generosity of Cursillo donors and fundraising efforts, the participant fee represents only 45% of the actual cost of \$552.
(Financial Assistance available if needed.)

SAVE THE DATE! July 25, 2026
Fourth Day Reunion
New Cursillistas Celebration

For Questions, contact: Sabina Gotuaco at 650-245-3647 or sabina.gotuaco@gmail.com; Scott Flint at 510-367-5424 or Wakingthetiger@yahoo.com

For more information, contact:
www.sanfranciscocursillo.org

*Life is short.
Go on a Pilgrimage.*

EMBARK ON A SACRED JOURNEY OF FAITH AND HISTORY

Retrace the footsteps of Saint Augustine from North Africa to Milan, and continue to Assisi to celebrate the Franciscan Jubilee Year honoring the 800th anniversary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi. Join Fr. Ed Dura and parishioners of St. Augustine Church on this spiritual and historical pilgrimage.

WHEN: October 3-16, 2026
COST: \$6,625 based on double occupancy
CONTACT: Patricia Abdelalim,
St. Augustine Church Parish Manager
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July 1, 2026

Dear Beloved SAC Parishioners and Friends,

Last Tuesday, June 29th, the pastors and principals of the Archdiocese of San Francisco gathered at the Cathedral with Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone and the Archdiocese's legal team to receive an important update regarding the Archdiocese's Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings. Attached you will find Archbishop Cordileone's letter to the faithful, along with a Questions & Answers document regarding the proposed settlement.

The Archdiocese has reached an agreement in principle on a proposed \$395 million settlement to resolve abuse claims stemming from the past as part of its Chapter 11 reorganization.

This proposed settlement represents an important step toward accountability, justice, and healing for survivors. While no amount of money can undo the harm that has been suffered, we pray that this marks another meaningful step toward healing for those whose lives have been so deeply affected.

As part of the proposed agreement, parishes, Catholic schools, and other ministries throughout the Archdiocese are being asked to contribute financially in measured ways. These contributions are intended to help bring this difficult chapter to a close while securing legal protections that will help preserve the long-term stability of our parishes and ministries from future litigation related to these historical claims.

While this process will require sacrifice across the Archdiocese, I want to reassure you that our beloved parish, Saint Augustine Church, will continue its ministry and mission without interruption, just as it has throughout the Chapter 11 process. Our liturgies, sacramental life, outreach ministries, pastoral care, educational programs, and service to the community will continue as they always have. We remain steadfast in our mission to proclaim the Gospel, celebrate the sacraments, and serve all who come through our doors.

I also want to be very clear about something I know is important to our parish community: this matter is not related to any current allegations involving Saint Augustine Church, our clergy, staff, or parish leadership. Saint Augustine Church remains a place of prayer, faith, welcome, and service, and the safety and well-being of every person entrusted to our care—especially our children and vulnerable adults—remains a sacred responsibility.

Over many years, the Archdiocese has strengthened its safe-environment policies, mandatory training, background screening, and accountability measures. These efforts reflect our enduring commitment to protecting those we serve and fostering a parish community rooted in trust, compassion, and integrity.

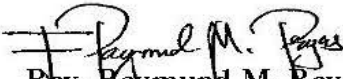
I understand this news may raise questions. Many are addressed in the attached Questions & Answers document, and I will continue to share updates as additional information becomes available and as the Archdiocese moves toward finalizing the proposed settlement and its Chapter 11 plan of reorganization.

Thank you for your continued faith, prayers, generosity, and commitment to Saint Augustine Church. Your support enables us to continue the mission entrusted to this parish for over 55 years: to worship God, celebrate the sacraments, serve our neighbors, and be a living witness to Christ in the heart of San Francisco.

Please continue to pray for the survivors of abuse, for the Church, and for all those entrusted with leading this process with wisdom, justice, and compassion.

May God continue to bless you and your families.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Rev. Raymund M. Reyes
Pastor



ARCHDIOCESE OF
SAN FRANCISCO

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

June 29, 2026

Dear Faithful of the Archdiocese of San Francisco:

Today, I am informing you that we have reached a settlement agreement in principle associated with the Chapter 11 bankruptcy action in the amount of \$395 million.

The proposed financial settlement would resolve all lawsuits related to child sexual abuse brought against the Archdiocese under California Assembly Bill 218 (AB-218).

We recognize that no financial settlement can erase the painful legacy of these past actions. However, we believe this proposal offers a path toward fair compensation for survivors who have carried the burden of this abuse for a lifetime. Sexual abuse of children and young people is a tragedy that has affected many parts of society, including the Church. Although most of the sexual abuse claims brought under AB-218 in the Archdiocese of San Francisco involve incidents dating back many decades and individuals who are deceased or no longer in ministry, we accept responsibility for the failures that allowed this harm to occur. I sincerely apologize to all those who have suffered because of those failures. We remain committed to fostering healing and reconciliation and to accompanying all who deserve our unwavering respect, attention, and prayers.

California has, on more than one occasion, lifted the civil statute of limitations for historical sexual abuse claims, and the real possibility of future legislative changes presents a significant risk to our Archdiocese, parishes, and schools. To address potential liability arising from known and unknown historical claims, the proposed settlement includes a channeling injunction and releases for the Archdiocese and other archdiocesan entities. These protections require that covered claims be resolved through the settlement trust established for that purpose rather than through civil litigation.

Over the past decades, the Archdiocese has absorbed the financial impact of legal expenses and settlements on behalf of parishes, schools and other related entities. The current environment is much more challenging. While parishes and other archdiocesan entities were not included in the Chapter 11 filing, they will need to contribute funds and assets not restricted for specific purposes toward this proposed settlement to secure these legal safeguards and share in the work of making amends for the harm of the past. I want to emphasize that our central archdiocesan chancery office is contributing as much as possible to minimize parish impact, and no donor-restricted donations to parishes, schools, or the Archdiocese, nor donations to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal, will be used. Each pastor is receiving information about parish contribution amounts, and additional information about channeling injunctions and releases is available in the attached Q&A document.

We want our Catholic family to move forward together and continue to focus on and grow our vital [ministries](#) to the faithful and community members who rely on our services and charity. Our faith calls us to maintain strong screening and preventative measures to protect children and eradicate this shameful crime from our midst and from society as a whole. Since the 1980s, the Archdiocese of San Francisco has prioritized training and background screening, and our Office of Child and Youth Protection and [Safe Environment Program](#) has an outstanding independent audit record.

I want to express my deepest appreciation to our chancery, parish and other archdiocesan leadership teams who, along with a very capable team of legal professionals, worked tirelessly for more than 30 months to bring about this proposal. Together, they engaged in this very challenging work with the highest integrity, character and authentic care and sensitivity. While there is much work still to be done as we make progress in good faith on the details of a consensual Chapter 11 plan of reorganization, I ask you to join me in prayer for all survivors of sexual abuse, for our Archdiocese, parish communities and schools.

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Salvatore J. Cordileone".

Most Reverend Salvatore J. Cordileone
Archbishop of San Francisco



06-29-26 11am

FAQs - Chapter 11 bankruptcy update

1. What is the status of Chapter 11 bankruptcy for the Archdiocese of San Francisco?

The Archdiocese has reached a settlement agreement in principle associated with the Chapter 11 bankruptcy action in the amount of \$395 million. All litigation between the Archdiocese, the Creditors' Committee and other related organizations has been paused as the Archdiocese and other parties work in good faith on the details of a consensual Chapter 11 plan of reorganization.

2. What is a Chapter 11 plan of reorganization, and when will it be implemented?

A Chapter 11 plan of reorganization is a court-approved roadmap for how the Archdiocese restructures its finances so it can continue operating its vital [ministries](#) while addressing its obligations associated with the proposed settlement. Plans often also include non-monetary commitments that are negotiated by the parties. Once the plan is approved, the Archdiocese exits Chapter 11 bankruptcy. The timetable for the plan is in the process of being determined.

3. Do parishes and other archdiocesan entities face legal exposure? Will these entities contribute to the settlement?

California has on several occasions extended the civil statute of limitations for sexual abuse, and this legal shift presents a significant future risk to our Archdiocese, parishes and schools. Since these cases nearly always name a deceased priest or layperson, this presents significant challenges to a successful legal defense. California jury verdicts often amount to judgments in the tens of millions of dollars. Furthermore, the Creditors Committee in the Chapter 11 case has filed a lawsuit challenging the separateness of our parishes and other entities.

While our parishes and other entities are not included in the Chapter 11 filing, they will contribute funds and assets not restricted for specific purposes toward the settlement to secure releases that protect against future exposure to known or unknown historical claims in the likely event that the statute of limitation is again changed in the future.

Securing releases for parishes and other entities has been a successful and universal approach in recent diocesan Chapter 11 proceedings across the country. The effectiveness of these releases is addressed in the next question and answer.

While difficult and challenging, these legal safeguards will allow the entire Catholic family to move forward together without the ever-present and real threat to its parishes, schools, and other affiliates of facing another round of historical abuse claims if another legal window is opened in California.

While the vast majority of sexual abuse claims associated with this bankruptcy were from many decades ago, the archdiocese accepts full responsibility for what occurred. As a Catholic family, we have a moral obligation to bring some level of healing, reconciliation, and closure for those survivors who deserve our respect, attention and prayers.

Having established and maintained a comprehensive child-protection program for more than two decades, we hope to move forward together and continue to focus on and grow our vital ministries to the faithful and the community members who rely on our services and charity.

4. Will you please share more details on how to secure the releases referred to previously?

To secure releases, parishes and affiliates would contribute money, other assets, or insurance funds as part of a global settlement to receive a release of liability from known or unknown historical claims of sexual abuse. The amount or percentage of contribution from a parish or other archdiocesan entity is being shared with each pastor.

A “channeling injunction” in a Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding is a court order that redirects or “channels” sexual abuse claims to a trust and prevents claimants from pursuing those claims against other parties, including a debtor, its settling insurers or other parties (e.g. parishes and high schools) contributing to the trust. The trust is funded by settlement proceeds with settling insurers, the debtor, and others who participate in the settlement and then receive a discharge (for the debtor) or a release of liability from known or unknown historical claims of sexual abuse.

This means that all existing claims and claims that may become known in the future related to historical abuse would be satisfied by the trust. Channeling injunctions and releases can benefit debtors, plaintiffs, and non-debtor entities by helping debtors resolve numerous claims in a fair manner, and they can help plaintiffs recover quickly without lengthy litigation. A channeling injunction and releases would prevent pursuit of known or unknown historical sexual abuse claims other than against the trust, even if a statute of limitations was changed in the future.

5. Is insurance available to contribute to the financial settlement?

This proposed settlement agreement does not include insurance contributions from those companies insuring the Archdiocese and related affiliates. Negotiations with archdiocesan-related insurance companies will continue in the future. These insurer contributions will not affect the agreed-upon total contributions from the debtor (the Archdiocese) and all other participating parties from the broader Catholic family.

6. How will this settlement impact Catholic school tuition and activities?

One of the primary goals of the Archdiocese is to preserve the vital ministries of Catholic education and parish life. While the financial commitment required for this proposed settlement is significant for Catholic entities already operating with limited resources, day-to-day school operations should typically continue without interruption as they have for the past 30 months of the Chapter 11 proceedings. Financial impacts associated with settlement contributions usually result in incremental changes over time and are rarely abrupt.

7. Will parish and school property be sold as part of the settlement?

While there is a presumption that contributions will come from unrestricted funds, parishes and schools are empowered to make their own decisions on how they contribute to the settlement to secure the channeling injunction. Contributions can come from unrestricted funds or other unrestricted assets determined by parish and school leadership.

8. Will the settlement result in the closing of parishes or schools?

As indicated previously, a primary archdiocesan goal is to preserve vital ministries of Catholic education and parish life. We have no current plans to close schools or parishes to reach the proposed settlement. Contributions to the settlement will create financial strains for our parishes and schools, and it is possible that this, coupled with other factors, could lead to restructuring decisions in the future, but those decisions would be made only after a process of pastoral planning based on sound mission and financial judgements with appropriate consultation with parish and school leadership.

9. Could parish and school fundraising and donor confidence be impacted by the proposed settlement?

While other members of our Church might be personally responsible for these past offenses, it falls to us, in charity, to correct these wrongs by helping bring about some degree of healing and closure for survivors of abuse. Parishes and other archdiocesan entities will need to contribute funds and assets not restricted for specific purposes toward the proposed settlement to secure legal safeguards afforded by channeling injunctions. Our central archdiocesan chancery office is contributing as much as possible to minimize parish impact, and no donor-restricted donations to parishes, schools, or the Archdiocese, nor donations to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal will be used.

For those generous stewards who help to fund archdiocesan school and parish ministries, this proposed bankruptcy settlement brings a sense of finality to the cloud of abuse litigation for historical claims that has been hanging over our archdiocese. It should give our vital donor base assurances that effective fundraising can proceed without such a significant threat. The positive effect of donor generosity is represented by the impact our ministries are having on the communities we serve across San Mateo, San Francisco and Marin counties. You can read more about it [here](#).

10. I understand there are non-monetary provisions associated with this proposed settlement and that those provisions will require the archdiocese to publish and maintain on its website a list of credibly accused clergy. Is this true?

In 2025, the Vatican's Dicastery for Legislative Text published guidelines to bishops who are considering publishing a list of priests deemed "credibly accused." The Vatican guidelines indicate that it would be a violation of Canon Law to publish lists of priests accused of sexual abuse without civil or canonical due process.

For this reason, the archdiocese will continue to follow its best practice of posting a list with the names of priests and deacons in good standing who have faculties to minister in the archdiocese. Those with questions about a priest or deacon can refer to this list on the archdiocesan [website](#).

The non-monetary provisions related to the proposed settlement will result in the following exceptions to our published list. We will post on our website the name of a priest or deacon associated with the archdiocese who:

1. already appears on a published list of another diocese or religious order;
2. has admitted to committing sexual abuse;
3. after a civil, canonical or other formal archdiocesan proceeding, it has been determined that a sexual abuse claim is probable or sustained.

11. What are the lessons learned by the archdiocese from these abuse allegations and the bankruptcy proceedings?

What we have learned from this painful chapter is, first and foremost, the reinforcement of transparency and accountability. While no explanation or passage of time can undo the harm that was done, it falls to us in charity to bring about some degree of healing and closure for survivors of abuse. We take full responsibility for these past failures and stand in solidarity with survivors, offering not only words, but meaningful acts of reparation and reconciliation.

At the same time, there has been deep and lasting recognition that safeguarding children remains an unwavering priority embedded in every level of Church life. Over the past two decades, the Church—both nationally and locally—has implemented rigorous measures: zero-tolerance policies, mandatory reporting, independent review processes, background checks, and continuous training for clergy, staff, and volunteers. These are not symbolic gestures, but concrete programs designed to prevent abuse, respond swiftly to allegations, and foster a culture of vigilance and care. Our Safe Environment program is independently audited every year, and we have an outstanding audit record.

Another lesson has been the importance of our multiple channels of oversight and shared responsibility. The Church cannot address this crisis in isolation. Structures such as independent review boards and regular external audits reflect a commitment to accountability that extends beyond internal governance. The lay faithful play a vital role in ensuring that policies are followed and that safe environments are truly maintained.

Finally, healing is not a single moment but a long journey. Financial settlements and legal resolutions, while necessary, are only part of that path. The deeper work is spiritual and pastoral: listening to survivors, supporting them with compassion, and remaining steadfast in prayer and reform. With sorrow for the past and a renewed sense of determination, we seek not simply to “move on,” but to move forward more faithfully committed to justice, protection, and the dignity of every person.

12. How do we ensure that a situation like this never happens again?

Since 2002, every U.S. diocese follows the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, which requires zero tolerance, mandatory reporting, background checks, safe-environment training and regular audits of compliance. Even before the *Charter* was adopted, the Archdiocese of San Francisco had established policies and protocols to protect children and address and report incidents of sexual abuse of minors. The Archdiocese has provided resources such as counseling and pastoral assistance to survivors of sexual abuse.

The Archdiocese has taken exhaustive steps to immediately remove from active ministry any person with an allegation of sexual childhood abuse while an investigation is pending, require criminal background checks for clergy, employees and volunteers who work with youth, and to implement educational programs for both children and adults to prevent abuse.

The Archdiocese also established an Office of Child and Youth Protection to maintain the highest standards for its preventative Safe Environment Program and to address allegations of past and current abuse by any clergy, employee, or volunteer. To safeguard against abuse, the Archdiocese has maintained and improved awareness and education for children and adults. It uses stringent processes to screen volunteers, employees, and clergy.

All individuals 18 or older (i.e., clergy, employees, and volunteers) who interact with minors are background-screened and fingerprinted, and they are required to participate in “Protecting God’s Children” training every three years in maintaining safe practices and detecting signs of abuse. These policies require redundancy in adult supervision of children and other important preventative measures.

The Office continues to improve the content of its training courses and employs an [online synchronous platform](#) known as VIRTUS, designed by an international leader in abuse awareness training. Children in faith formation programs and schools also receive annual grade-level “Empowering God’s Children” training in recognizing inappropriate behavior and what they should do if they see or experience it.

These efforts aim to eliminate any opportunity for child abuse and provide regular reassurance to children that reports of impropriety will be taken seriously.

The Office is also responsible for creating a safe and compassionate environment for abuse victim-survivors to come forward, notify civil authorities, and provide counseling and other assistance to support the healing process.

There are two Safe Environment Coordinators who monitor compliance with the *Charter*. A Victim Assistance Coordinator advocates for victim-survivors and maintains a hotline for reporting abuse, provides counseling, and offers other support services. The Office is also responsible for coordinating the fingerprinting of employees, volunteers, and clerics who interact with children, as well as facilitating annual compliance audits conducted by independent auditors to review the implementation of policies and procedures for the protection of children.

One component of this comprehensive program is an Independent Review Board (IRB), which is an essential step in its procedures for handling allegations of sexual abuse.

Members of the IRB are highly skilled professionals, including an adult-abuse survivor, a child-abuse survivor, psychiatrist, two physicians, a retired law-enforcement officer, a parish pastor, and the archdiocesan chancellor (the latter two are required by the *Charter*).

A qualified investigator conducts an independent investigation into allegations and submits a report to the IRB. The IRB reviews the allegations, the investigator’s report, and all other available information, and makes recommendations to the archbishop. Their recommendation helps to determine the best course of action.

This process is audited every year for compliance by [Stonebridge Business Partners](#), a professional independent auditor. Every three years, the independent audit is conducted in person and includes personal interviews with IRB members and members of the archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection. The archdiocese has an outstanding audit record.

Today, occurrences of abuse within the Catholic Church are rare. The Church and the Archdiocese in particular have set the standard for other organizations showing what can and should be done to protect children. A few years ago, the Archdiocese contracted with an independent consultant to conduct a review of its files and produce a chart outlining the history of the crime of sex abuse of minors by clergy in the Archdiocese. That information can be found [here](#).

13. Sexual abuse is, unfortunately, still a widespread societal problem that affects people across many industries and communities. Public health experts recognize it as an ongoing issue impacting millions of individuals. How can the archdiocese apply its recent experiences to help build awareness of safe environment best practices to confront this egregious societal issue?

It would be misleading to frame this crisis as though it belongs primarily to one institution. The Church must continue to take responsibility for the real and grievous harm that occurred within its care, without deflection or minimization. At the same time, what has become painfully clear over the past several decades is that sexual abuse is a pervasive societal tragedy present across industries and institutions and, most devastatingly, within families themselves.

Research and public reporting have shown that abuse occurs in environments as varied as entertainment, athletics, education, business, and government. High-profile cases have revealed patterns of misconduct, institutional failures, and, at times, a reluctance to confront uncomfortable truths. In sheer scale, most abuse takes place in private settings, often involving individuals known to the victim, which underscores how widespread and deeply rooted the problem is.

Recognizing this broader context does not lessen the Church's responsibility; rather, it places its response within a larger moral obligation shared by all of society. The Church's efforts in recent decades—establishing strong safeguarding protocols, embracing independent oversight, and promoting a culture of vigilance—reflect lessons that can and should be applied more widely. If anything, this painful history has positioned the Church to contribute meaningfully to the broader fight against abuse by advocating for higher standards everywhere children and vulnerable people are present.

What is needed now is a unified commitment across institutions and communities: to listen to survivors, to enforce accountability, and to prioritize prevention over reputation. Sexual abuse is not confined to any one place or profession; it is a human problem that demands collective resolve. Facing that reality honestly is an essential step toward ensuring that protection, transparency, and care become the norm in every corner of society.

14. What can I do as a parishioner to support safe environments?

As a parishioner, you have great influence. The programs in place at parishes depend heavily on engaged laypeople who pay attention, ask questions, and participate in oversight. Learn about the safeguarding policies at your parish, which are outlined [here](#). The most effective parishioners are informed participants who help ensure comprehensive safeguarding systems are used as intended.