

#### September Worship Commission Report

#### Catechetical Sunday - September 21

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19–20

This year's Catechetical Sunday was a moment of great joy and thanksgiving for our parish. Sixty-six (66) Catechists serving in our CCD and Confirmation programs, along with more than twenty (20) Catechists devoted to Adult Faith Formation—including OCIA, Baptismal Preparation, and Small Christian Communities—stood before our community to be commissioned and blessed.

The celebration reminded us of the vital role Catechists play in handing on the Catholic faith—both to the young people of our parish and to adults who are seeking God in their lives. Their ministry is not only instructional but deeply spiritual, as they witness to the Gospel through their words and actions. As a parish family, we continue to hold them in prayer, grateful for their dedication and example.

#### Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) – September 14

"A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances."

Our OCIA program opened its doors once again on September 14, following the 9:00 AM Community Mass. This year we welcome a growing group of participants—eight students have formally enrolled, and several others are discerning their involvement. We anticipate around twelve adults will journey with us this year.

We are also blessed to welcome three recent graduates of our parish programs—Miguel Diharce, Joey Esparrago, and Monica Suarez—who have stepped forward to serve as Catechists. Their willingness to share their faith speaks to the spirit of discipleship flourishing in our parish.

The hybrid format of this year's program is especially well-suited to the varied schedules of participants, ensuring that those with busy lives can still fully engage in preparing for Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

#### Parish Pilgrimage - August 30 & 31

"Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage. As they go through the valley of hardship and weeping they make it a place of springs... They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion."

In late August, over fifty parishioners embarked on a two-day local pilgrimage to the Jubilee Churches designated in the Archdiocese of San Francisco, as well as the Dioceses of San Jose and Monterey. Guided spiritually by Sister Ruth and Father Ifeanyi, pilgrims crossed the Holy Doors in prayer and fellowship, deepening their connection to God and one another.

The pilgrimage was both a sacred and communal experience, and parishioners returned with renewed faith and gratitude. Plans are already underway for another pilgrimage in October, offering further opportunities to experience the graces of the Jubilee year.

#### **Looking Ahead – Reenergizing the Worship Committees**

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks, must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves, must do so with the strength that God supplies."

As we reflect on these vibrant moments in the life of our parish, it is clear that our Worship Committees play a central role in shaping the spiritual vitality of St. Augustine. To build on this momentum, I will be working with Fr. Ray to explore ways to reenergize and enrich our Worship Committees in the months ahead.

This effort is about strengthening what we already have here at St. Augustine Church. Together, we can open doors for more parishioners to get involved and find joy in serving our church. Together, we can create more opportunities for ongoing formation of our lay ministers through workshops, retreats, and small group gatherings that deepen both faith knowledge and personal spirituality. For example:

- Offering workshops on liturgical ministry rooted in prayer and practice.
- Encouraging ministers to adopt individual prayer practices that prepare them for service at the altar.
- Creating occasional "faith and fellowship" evenings where ministers share their own spiritual journeys and learn from one another.
- Partnering with neighboring parishes for joint training and enrichment sessions.

By focusing on growth and renewal, we hope to continue fostering a community of ministers who not only serve faithfully but also feel spiritually nourished and supported in their vocations.



#### **Commission on Education Report**

September 25, 2025 Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting

Submitted by: Noel Panelo

#### 1. Religious Education (CCD and Confirmation)

- Catechetical School Year 2025-2026: As of this writing, we have 276 students registered in our CCD and Confirmation programs. We were at 315 enrollees the same time last year.
- **Welcome Mass:** To open the new catechetical school year, the Faith Formation Program students, families, and catechists celebrated Mass on September 13<sup>th</sup>.
- *First Day of Classes:* September 18<sup>th</sup> was the first day of school for the Thursday CCD students while the Saturday CCD classes was on the 20<sup>th</sup>. The 1<sup>st</sup> day of class for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year Confirmation students is September 24<sup>th</sup> while the 1<sup>st</sup> year Confirmation student is on the 25<sup>th</sup>.
- *Catechetical Sunday:* The catechists were commissioned by Fr. Ray at the 9:00 AM Mass on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### 2. Small Christian Communities (SCC)

- The various groups continue their weekly meetings using a lectionary-based program.
- 3. Pre-baptismal Catechesis: We welcomed / will welcome to the Catholic faith the following:
  - August 3<sup>rd</sup>: Theodore Blaquera and Eleanor Blaquera
  - August 9th: Autumn Jem Arce, Bryson James Apole, and Kaizen Manalo
  - September 6<sup>th</sup>: Micah Corpus
  - September 7<sup>th</sup>: Kenzorien Phoenix Manaoat
  - September 13<sup>th</sup>: Emara del Rosario
  - September 21<sup>st</sup>: Amara Sulit and Robyn Lacsa
  - September 27<sup>th</sup>: Mason Grey Parillo, Damian Jones Thepkaisone, and Bennett Montoya

#### 4. Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and Marriage Preparation

• Please refer to the report provided by Deacon Nestor L. Fernandez, II.

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#### 1. Hospitality Sunday

a. The weekly Hospitality Sunday after the 9AM Mass continues to be well attended by parishioners and visitors. Supplies continued to be provided by the Parish Office. As part of the Parish Hall maintenance, the supply closet warscently cleaned and painted. Donut orders were canceled last August 23 (KOC Pancake Breakfast) and September 14 (Fr. Eric's Memorial Mass), and credit applied to February 2026. The price of ground coffee remains at its highest. Efforts to announce theoto host for the week in the Flocknote announcement should be taken to avoid confusion. Rosabel Santander will be in charge of Donut Sunday Hospitality onward. We have 11 more Donut Sundays left for the 2025 Calendar.

#### 2. Jubilee 2025 Ad Hoc Committee

- a. SAC Featured in CSF Online Magazine:
  - July event: Catholic San Francisco Online Magazine: Parish addresses mental health in Year of Hope workshops (By Christina Gray)
  - ii. August eventSt. Augustine Parish Marks 55 Years with MDtay Festival
- 3. August- Journeying with Saint Augustine Parishioners
  - a. August 19 to 28 Morning hospitality after Saint Augustine & St. Monica Novena sponsored by select parishioners.

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SAC Fiesta Hospitality & Food Concession				
Date	Date Hospitality after Novena/Mass in front of Church Main Entrance			
Tue, Aug 19	Lolita & Jun Donor	Ube Calamay and Blueberry Pound Cakes		
Wed, Aug 20	Virgie & Boy Tan	Turkey and Ham Sandwiches, Fruits, Chocolates		
Thu, Aug 21	Lolita & Rodrigo Donor Grace DeLa Cruz	Lolita: Calamay Grace: Chicken Arroz Caldo		
Fri, Aug 22	Elsa & Jun Rozal Denise and Oliver Guevarra	Elsa: Carrot Cake, Denise: Pan de Leche; Coffee Cakes		
Sat, Aug 23	N/A			
Sun, Aug 24	Cris & Helen Lumagui & KOC	Pancakes, sausage & eggs		
Mon, Aug 25	St. Joseph Ministry Vilma Lorenzo & Clarissa Dimacali	Rosabel: Macaroni Soup & Sandwich Vilma/Clarissa: Pancit		
Tue, Aug 26	Vivian & Glenn Lily Arapeles	Glenn: Taho Lily: cassava cake		
Wed, Aug 27	Imelda Medina, Estelle Oloresisimo Christy & Charlie Santos, Rita Liu	Imelda: Royal Bibingka Christy: Pancit sotanghon or Bahmi Rita & Estelle: Spam Bread		
Thu, Aug 28	Beth & Alex Trinidad and Jo Chapman	Suman and Arroz Caldo		

4. Saturday, August 23 Feast of Saint Augustine & Fiesta Members of KOC and P&G, and other volunteers took care of setting up the stage, tables, and chairs. Cleo Cruz and Rosabel Santander led the decorations in the tent area. The Fiesta reception was served in the courtyard after the Mass. Food prepared by Tess Hernandez and her team for over 30 0 people, and was served by Jinkee Raymundo and members of SVDP. Denise Guevarra with Sean Berber and members of the Ecology Committee handled the food waste and recycling. Entertainment provided by Christine Adiaz and members of the Children's Choir (Highlights of Sound of Music). The Karaoke (evening program) and food concession (Filipino Street Food) were handled by P&G Choir. It was well attended and a very successful event. Participants, including priests, showcased their singing abilities.

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- 5. Sunday, August 24 A Breakfast pancake (in lieu of DoornSunday) was hosted by Cris & Helen and friends (The Marthas) and KOC after the 9AM Mass. Pancakes, sausage, and eggs were served, along with coffee at tea.
- 6. Parish Festivities (August 24 to 28)
  - a. Food Concession planning and implementation were coordated by Rita Liu with Patricia Abdelalim. A variety of food was sold each night starting at 5:30pm. Food concession Willie's Catering and Inda & Mely Catering each donated two (2) large deep trays of food (worth ~\$500). Regular volunteers assisted withehightly food concession (setip, food sale, and clean up). Sabina Gotuaco and Mila Braganza handled the payments from the food state Revenue after expenses: \$2,778.91
  - b. **Afternoon/Evening Program** A variety of programs were coordinated each **migwhich** was well attended. Attendees commented that we should consider offering these activities at least once a month in our parish.
    - i. **BINGO Game** Hosted by Vivian and team. The tent was filled by parishioners to full capacity. There were lots of prixewarded.
    - ii. Ministry Family Feud (KOC vs. Chorale)was coordinated by Khay & Deo Acosta, Nerissa Broas, and RItaiu. The game participants were members from the KOC and Chorale Choir group, hosted by Robert Mendoza (as Steve Harvey). It was a fun event as the two groups battled it out for four rounds, resulting in the Chorale winning the game.
    - iii. Family Movie night- We had over 50 people attend the movie night. Attendees of all ages came wearing their PJs to watch "Lilo & Stitch, the movie 2025" in the parish hall. Free popcorn was provided to the attendees, as well as other snacks donated by the Trinidad family.
    - iv. Dance Party Fr. Ifeanyi and Young Adults opened the evening program, followed by the dance instruction with a Professional Dance Instructor. This was notably the most attended activity of the weeklong festivities.
    - v. Paint & Sip Night- Activity led by Pofessional Artist: Jamon (Deacon Nestor recruited); We had 34 participants (\$340) who attended the session. Participants enjoyed sipping a variety of wines and cocktails courtesy of Khay and Deo Acosta.
    - vi. Cultural Night-The Pintig ng Puso (Filipino Danceoupe from Epiphany) opened the program, followed by the performance of the SSF Hula Student Group Led by Mary Ann Narvaez.
  - c. **Free Nightly Raffle Drawing of Prizes**Activity was led by Mila Braganza and Bert Nocum; The nightly program was closed with rafflerawing. There were many raffle prizes awarded each night. Two special prizes (Charcoal Portraits by Bert Nocum) were awarded.
- 7. August 30-31- Jubilee Overnight Pilgrimage (local). The overnight pilgrimage was a big success, and a great way to closethe SAC Fiesta celebration. Fr. Ifeanyi and Sr. Ruth led the pilgrimage with 50 pilgrims from 14 parishes. The accommodation at Mission San Antonio de Padua was very good. The rooms, kitchen and dining room were renovated. Fr. Ifeanyi led the spiritual extinction in the evening and we closed the evening with prayers and singing the Pilgrims of Hope Hymn. Another Pilgrimage is being planned by Patricia in October.

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#### 8. September- Jubilee of the 55th Founding of Saint Augustine Church

- a. RSVP 535 attendees (Parishioners & Friends, Clergy, Filipino Ministry of ADSF)
- b. Venue: SSF Conference Center
- c. Planning Committee (24 members)
  - i. We received multiple Sponsorships (\$500, \$1K, \$2.5K, \$5K levels) and Souvenir Ads (Full Page Ads will receive a hard copy of the program)
  - ii. People who were unable to attend made monetary donations.
  - iii. Complimentary Guests (Priests) and Sponsored guests (37 Children)
  - iv. Door opens at 6:30pm for guest check-in and dinner will be served at 7:30pm
  - v. Program includes (short SAC History in-between)
    - 1. Presentation of Priests
    - 2. Recognition of Sagalas
    - 3. Performances from five groups (The Levites, Children's Choir & Christine, Waltz, P& G, and Mambo group)
    - 4. Open dance floor



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d. **September- SAC's 55th Anniversary Gala** scheduled on Saturday, September 27 at SSF Conference Center. The SAC Gala Committee is currently focused on selling dinner tickets and soliciting souvenir program Ad placements and sponsorships. All proceeds will go towards defraying costs of DJ, Decations, Complimentary guests, etc. All remaining proceeds will go towards renovation/maintenance repairs of the Parish Hall.

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# SAINT AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH



# 55th Foundation Anniversary



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Saint Augustine Parish will be celebrating its **55th Foundation Anniversary!** For over five decades, the parish has been a spiritual home, nurturing faith, serving the community, and providing a place of worship for families. The parish community is proud of its history and accomplishments through God's grace.

To commemorate this milestone, a series of events are being planned, culminating in the Emerald Jubilee Gala on Saturday, September 27, 2025, 6:30 PM at the South San Francisco Convention Center. The Gala will be a joyful evening of reflection, fellowship, and celebration — a chance to honor our past and invest in our future. To ensure this event is truly memorable and to support our ongoing parish mission, we humbly invite your participation and support.

All funds raised will go directly toward renovating our parish hall, transforming it into a fully functional space that can better serve the growing needs of our parish ministries.

Following are the ways to support our Gala:

- Reserve a table for your family or organization (See enclosed invitation and dinner ticket)
   (Please note that the cost of the dinner ticket is not tax-deductible.)
- Place an advertisement in the souvenir program (See attached Ad Reservation form)
- Become a Sponsor at one of the Sponsorship levels (See attached Sponsorship form)

As we celebrate 55 years of grace, we thank you for your consideration and generosity.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Rev. RaymundM.Reyes Pastor

St. AugustineCatholicChurch

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# SAINT AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH Emerald Fubilee Gala

# Souvenir Program Advertising Reservation Form



The Emerald Jubilee Gala will publish a souvenir program with the following specifications: Size: 8.5" x 11"; All pages would be in full color. All full-page advertisers will be given a copy of the souvenir program after the event.

I would like to support the Emerald Jubilee Gala and advertise in the souvenir program.
Inside Front Cover: \$1,500 - TAKEN
 . Inside Back Cover: S1,500 <b>-TAKEN</b>
 . Centerfold: S2,000 - TAKEN
 . Whole Page: S100
 . Half Page: S75
 . Quarter Page: S50
 Business Card Size: \$25
Name:
Address:
Mobile Phone Number:
Email Address:
Business Website (if applicable):
Please submit your camera-ready artwork for your ad in the souvenir program by September 21, 2025. Send electronic files, jpeg or pdf format to: nbroas@aol.com. We cannot avarantee the image avality if your files are less than 300 dpi.

You may include the message:
CONGRATULATIONS TO SAINT AUGUSTINE CHURCH ON ITS
55th FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY!

Please submit this form and payment for advertisements by <u>September 21, 2025</u>.

Make checks payable to: Saint Augustine Church; Memo: Anniversary Gala

Mail check and advertising reservation form to:

Saint Augustine Church, 3700 Callan Boulevard

South San Francisco, CA 94080

All proceeds from the Emerald Jubilee Gala will benefit: SAINT AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### SPONSORSHIP FORM

# EMERALD

\$5,000 and above

- · 4 dinner tickets (\$600 value)
- · Digital display at the Gala
- · Complimentary full page ad (\$100 value)
- · Complimentary copy of souvenir program
- · Featured on SAC Gala website

#### **GOLD**

\$2,500 and above

- · 2 dinner tickets (\$300 value)
- Digital display at the Gala
- · Complimentary full page ad (\$100 value)
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# SILVER

\$1,000 and above

- · 1 dinner ticket (\$150 value)
- · Digital display at the Gala
- · Complimentary full page ad (\$100 value)
- · Complimentary copy of souvenir program
- · Featured on SAC Gala website

#### **BRONZE**

\$500 and above

- · Digital display at the Gala
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Yes, I would like to be a	Sponsor.
Name:	
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Important Note: According to IRS guidelines, sponsorships related to charitable fundraising may be tax-deductible. Please consult your tax advisor or accountant for personalized advice.

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