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St. Joseph Basilica Mid-Week Bulletin

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Our Mission:
Learning to Live as Jesus Teaches

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for repose of the soul of **Louise Mediati** who returned home to God. As a community of faith we offer our prayers and support to her family and friends.



Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

THIS WEEKEND

Saturday: First Communions at 11am

Sunday: Special Collection for [Catholic Charities](#) this weekend: guest speaker Steve Mullin at all Masses

[Tamales](#) after 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 Masses.

Last day of Children's Faith Formation classes.

[Beginnings](#) at 4:30.



Visit our website regularly for complete information, including links to ministries, forms and [slideshows](#), and [upcoming events](#).

Our **full color Sunday bulletin** is available online [here](#).

The Ascension



"Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?

This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven." (Acts 1:11)

Historically the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord was celebrated on the 40th day after Easter ("Ascension Thursday"),

Golden Gate Boys Choir & Bellringers

TIME FOR TAMALES!

Members of our Guadalupe Ministry will be in the Gathering Space after the three morning Masses this Sunday (and the third Sunday of every month) to sell tamales. All profit goes towards our celebrations for Our Lady of Guadalupe in December. Only \$2 each for your choice of pork, chicken, or cheese & jalapeno. Pre-orders welcome; text your name, choice and type to Donna at 510-759-1765.



BE THE HANDS OF HOPE

It's that time of year for Catholic Charities of the East Bay's Annual Appeal, so CCEB Parish Outreach Manager (and St. Joseph parishioner) Steve Mullin will speak at all Masses this weekend. This year's appeal, "Be the Hands of Hope," takes up Pope Francis' call to "bring hope to those in need." To help, we've put together a short list of "Things You Should Know" available [here](#).



END OF YEAR FOR CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

It's been a great year, but it draws to an end this Sunday with the annual Closing

but in many dioceses in the United States (including Oakland) it has been moved to the following Sunday, replacing the Seventh Sunday of Easter. The readings for this Sunday can be found [here](#).

Coming Events:

May 16: First Communions
 May 17: [Tamales](#) return!
 May 17: [Beginnings](#)
 May 18: [Grief Ministry](#)
 May 22: National [Day of Prayer for Mariners](#)
 May 22: [Taize](#)
 May 23: New Altar Server Training at 11am
 May 30-31: Blessing of Graduates at all Masses
 May 29: [Ordination to Priesthood](#)
 May 31: Family Mass (**Note change in date**)
 June 28: [Deacon Jimmy's farewell](#) potluck
 July 18-19: [Parish Directory Photo Sessions](#)
 Aug 1: St Joseph Block Party
 Aug 15: Group Convalidation Mass (**Note change in date**)

TWEET FROM POPE FRANCIS



Why is it so difficult to tolerate the faults of others? Have we forgotten that Jesus bore our sins? (May 12, 2015)

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter [here](#).

Celebration. Almost 200 children age 4 to 14 have participated thanks to the dedication of adult volunteers. There were field trips and service projects, helping younger grades and preparing for sacraments, church tours and faith sharing, and most of all exploring the depth of God's love for us. If you're interested in registering for fall visit our [website](#) in a few weeks or contact [Anne Marie](#) at 995-9409.

BEGINNINGS MARRIAGE GROUP SUNDAY

Monthly faith group for couples married five years or less meets at 4:30pm the 3rd Sunday of each month. For more information contact Christine Chiu at Beginnings94501@gmail.com or click [here](#).

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MONDAY

All who are grieving a loss are invited to join our monthly support group at 7:30pm in the Parish Center. More info [here](#).

ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD

The Diocese of Oakland is blessed to have three young men being ordained to the priesthood on May 29, including one who is familiar to us at St. Joseph. **Peter Tu Nguyen** served on our RCIA team in 2010-2011 as "field experience" in his first year of Theology. The public is invited to the ordination Mass and to their Masses of Thanksgiving; information [here](#). Please keep him and all those being ordained in your prayers.



HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS *Special immigration initiative*

TICKLER FILE

Adults Preparing for Sacraments: RCIA

Those interested in preparing for Baptism, or already baptized and wanting to receive First Eucharist and Confirmation, are welcome to participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults at any time. Contact [Anne Marie](#) or visit our website [here](#).

Tote Bags

St. Joseph tote bags are available for purchase at Parish Office for \$5.



Catholic News

The May issue of the Spanish-language local Catholic newspaper *El Herald Catolico* is available at the entrances of the Basilica and online at

www.elheraldocatolico.org.

The English-language *Catholic Voice* is available online at <http://catholicvoiceoakland.org/>

Parish Directory

Missed the free photo sessions for the free parish directory?

Final two days are July 18 and 19; register [here](#).



CHURCH CHUCKLE

Do you want to do something to help immigrant families in your community? Not sure where to start? Catholic Charities of the East Bay attorneys and legal staff will be holding workshops in different parishes (such as St Patrick in Rodeo this Saturday and Holy Spirit in Fremont on June 11) to talk about immigration legal services and listen to your ideas. Learn more [here](#).

NEXT FAMILY MASS MAY 31

If you are interested in helping with future Family Masses or your child would like read or assist on May 31, visit our website [here](#) for info.

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA KIOSK

Have you noticed the new kiosk at the front entrance of the Basilica? CD's and books are available for purchase for \$2 to \$4 or as marked. Enrich your understanding of our Catholic faith, and maybe find a gift for a First Communicant or Confirmandi in your life.

GOLDEN GATE BOYS CHOIR AND BELLRINGERS MAY 17

Concert at Saint Joseph Basilica on Sunday, May 17th, at 2:30 p.m. \$10 donation for adults; \$5 for seniors and children 14 and under. Boys age 10 to 14 are invited to apply to join the Choir. Info at <http://www.ggbc.org/>.

CALLED TO THE PRIESTHOOD?

The Office of Vocations is hosting *Quo Vadis* (Latin for "Where are you going?") Days on July 12-15 2015 at the Oakland Diocesan Youth Retreat House in Lafayette, for young men age 13 to 18. If you know a male teenager who might need assistance to recognize and respond to his vocation invitation from our Lord, invite him to save the date. More info [here](#).

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

SHARING TIME & TALENT

A giant thank you to the men and women



Scriptural Tennis

Q: What book of the Bible first mentions Tennis?

A: Genesis, which says that Joseph served on the Pharaoh's court.

Financial Planning

Q: Who was the wisest financial investor in the Bible?

A: Noah, who floated his stock while everyone else liquidated their assets.

Lumberjacks

Q: What's the lumberjack's favorite book of the Bible?

A: The Axe of the Apostles.

who have served as catechists in **Children's Faith Formation** this year: **Marie Nafatin, Lori Dubay, Phyllis Jones, Janice Craig, Natalie Ackerman and aide Rose LaCuesta, Kaitlin Rupido, Ka Kay Achacoso and aide Michael J Torres, Virginia Bergstrom and aides Kim Wells and Tina Petrich, Maricar Rodriguez, Tom Chargualaf, Raquel Layson, Jane Neal, Stephan Phippen and Sal Robles.** Also to those who served as substitutes or classroom helpers. Without these generous volunteers we would be unable to offer the classes we do. More volunteers are welcome for next fall's program; contact Anne Marie at 995-9409.

SHARING TREASURE **May 9/10 Collection**

Goal	\$13,000
Plate & EFT Collection	\$ 9,424.95
Shortfall	(\$3,575.05)

Nepal Donations	\$1,262.00
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The Sunday collection is the primary source of income to cover the day-to-day operating costs of the parish: salaries, utilities, insurance, assessments, etc. Thank you for your continued generosity. Without your support we would be unable to offer some of our programs and resources. Like the convenience of electronic funds transfer? Sign up [here](#).



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