

St. Augustine

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Sunday Liturgy

5 p.m. Saturday

6, 8, 10 a.m., 5 p.m. Sunday

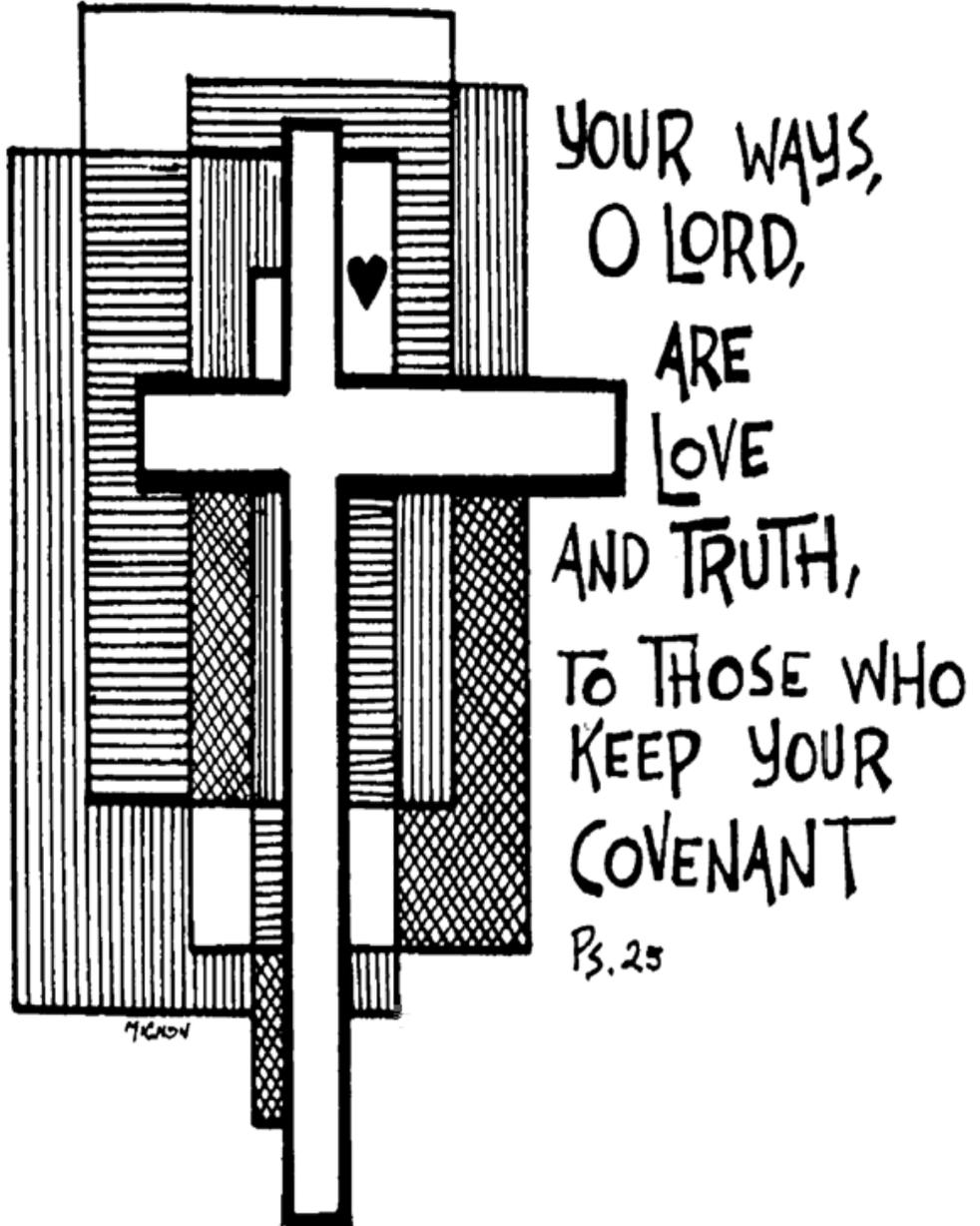
Daily Liturgy

7 a.m. Monday-Saturday

5 p.m. Monday-Thursday



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*You have made us for yourself,
Lord, and our hearts are restless
until they rest in you*

-- St. Augustine of Hippo

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of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus
and Mary since 1854*

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Office hours

Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed
noon to 1 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. to noon.
Closed Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: 6:30-6:45 a.m. and 4:30-
4:45 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 3-4 p.m. Sat-
urday.

Baptism: Call the parish office for infor-
mation.

Marriage: Email [staugustineweddingcoor-
dinator@gmail.com](mailto:staugustineweddingcoor-
dinator@gmail.com) before making ar-
rangements.

Confirmation: Call the parish office for
information.

Funerals: Call the parish office when final-
izing services with the mortuary.

Religious education

Contact the parish office to enroll your
child in religious education classes or to
inquire about the Rite of Christian Initia-
tion for Adults.

Parish organizations

Altar Rosary Society

Holy Name Society

Tongan Society

Knights of Columbus

Ka Huaka'i (Marriage ministry)

Please call the parish office for information
about joining any of these organizations.

Aunty Carmen's Kitchen

Hot meals are served between 11 a.m. and
noon Monday to Friday, except holidays

To register

Call the parish office to register and to sign
up for envelopes

Bulletin deadline

Material to be considered in the bulletin
must be submitted to the parish office by
noon on the Monday before the Sunday of
publication.

Hospitality

Join us for doughnuts and juice after all
morning masses on the first Sunday of the
month.

This week at St. Augustine

Sunday, Feb. 25—Second Sunday in Lent

Liturgical color: Violet

6 a.m. Mass—S/I Shanson Garcia (healing)

8 a.m. Mass— R/S Pua Bow

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Kong Kee Family

5 p.m. Mass — S/I Clayton & Joan Ackerman (20th wedding anniversary)

Monday, Feb. 26

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Jose & Rosa Polio

6 p.m. Parish Lenten Mission

Tuesday, Feb. 27

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Bev Tavake (birthday)

9 a.m. Rosary making, Damien Meeting Room

5 p.m. Mass

5:30 p.m. Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

6 p.m. Parish Lenten Mission

Wednesday, Feb. 28

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

6:30 p.m. RCIA, Damien Meeting Room

7 p.m. Tongan Choir practice, Annex Building

Thursday, March 1

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

Friday, March 2

Day of abstinence

First Friday

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S John & Kathleen Bero

Benediction and adoration

5 p.m. Mass

5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

6 p.m. Soup supper, Damien Courtyard

7 p.m. Tongan Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 3--St. Katherine Drexel

First Saturday

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Church cleaning: Tongan Society/Youth & Young Adults

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Augustine Closet, Damien Meeting Room

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Kong Kee Family

Breaking open the Word

Second Sunday in Lent

According to the dictionary, transfigure or transfiguration means to cause to change; make different; cause a transformation; to experience or **to give** a new and exalted or spiritual appearance. That's exactly what attending Mass every Sunday and receiving the Eucharist is supposed to do for us...to be transfiguring us each time we receive it.

Moreover, besides receiving the Eucharist, we also have other moments of transfiguration in our lives; We too have our mountaintop revelations although we often fail to recognize them. It's a matter of seeing, one of the great paradoxes in the Bible: Those with two good eyes are blind, those who are blind see. The mystics speak of a "third eye," a seeing with the soul.

So, we need to "see" what this gospel is telling us. If God is revealed in the human face of Jesus, Jesus is revealed in the human faces of those who touch us in love and whom we touch. We only have to open our eyes to witness the daily presence of Jesus. Look around you right now. It may not seem like it, but Jesus is staring you right in the face, and that is a transfiguration moment.

In our lives, we climb a mountain with Jesus many times. We experience the near presence of God in our lives, time and time again. But sometimes we miss those transfiguring moments because we're not fully awake, because there are too many distractions in our lives. But at other times, the moment—that encounter with God—strikes us full force, and we're never the same again. That experience takes hold of our lives and we're forever changed.

Today is gifted to us precisely as a time for us to wake up, to be alert to and be aware of such moments, and then to reach out to others, and discover the beauty of what might be there if we only take the time to see.

Deacon Efrain Andrews

Readings

Sunday

First Reading — The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

Psalms — I walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — God did not spare his own Son (Romans 8:31b-34).

Gospel — This is my beloved Son (Mark 9:2-10).

Weekday

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday

Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Parish Lenten Mission Feb. 26 & 27

'I shall prepare my heart'

Dallas Carter, diocesan catechist for the Diocese of Honolulu, will give our parish Lenten mission Feb. 26 and 27 at 6 p.m. in the church. The theme is: Renewing our soul and building virtue during Lent.

Dallas has a degree in theology from Franciscan University and a master's from Chaminade University.

Daily Prayer

During this second week of Lent we continue to try to make use of more reflective time each day. We are using all the resources available to us to practice new habits and patterns. We are still in the beginning stages of that process, so we shouldn't be discouraged if it takes more practice.

It is good to begin by being reminded that God is rich in mercy to us and that we should therefore be merciful to others. It is great to remember that exalting ourselves is dangerous and that there will be consequences for our mistreatment of the poor. We are like tenants of our Father's gifts to us. We can ask ourselves if we use them gratefully and return the fruits that our Lord desires, or do we reject the prophetic words that come to us? Do we reject Jesus himself?

This can all be part of the background of our busy, daily life. Each morning, when our feet hit the floor, if only for a few moments, we can ask for a simple grace. At first, it might only be, "Dear Lord, help me today." As we brush our teeth, wash and get dressed we might specify our prayer more: "Dear Lord, give me the grace to recognize my impatience, anger and judgment today. Help to soften my heart to hear your love. I need your healing, Lord." Or we might get even more concrete, "Lord, Pat is such a struggle for me. Help me to remember how much you love me when I see Pat today. And, when I'm tempted to be impatient or angry, just help me pause and give that over to you, in gratitude for your love."

Each of us will be able to grow in our ability to have brief conversations with our Lord. Whether driving or shopping, doing laundry or paying bills, working in our office or walking down the hall to the bathroom, we can use brief "background" moments to connect with our Lord. These moments of "contemplation in action" will give a character and shape to our day. Lent becomes a living reality for us when our days are spent with the Lord, listening to his love for us, calling us to gratitude and freedom.

Creighton University Online Ministries

Weekly Scripture discussions

Our weekly Scripture Reflections are held at 6 p.m. **Thursdays** in the Annex Building. They are open to all who interested in deepening their knowledge of and appreciation for Scripture through reflection, discussion and study of the readings for Sunday. Please bring a Bible with you or a copy of the readings for the following Sunday. Come and learn more about Scripture.

Flu epidemic and our response

Because of the large increase in of flu cases in Hawaii and the severity of the disease, we are suspending the communal chalice at communion, hand-shaking at the Sign of Peace and have removed holy water at the entrances to the church. We are doing this for the health, safety and protection of our parishioners and the visitors who worship with us.

At the Sign of Peace, a smile and a heartfelt "Peace be with you" should suffice.

If you are sick, we ask that you stay home. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those who are ill, especially with a contagious disease.

We pray for the health and recovery of all who are ill and not with us today. Mahalo for your understanding.

Housekeeper needed

A parishioner with special needs requires housekeeping help for three hours once a week. For more information and if you would like to help, please call the parish office.

Augustine Education Fund

The second collection **Feb. 24 and 25** will be for the Augustine Education Fund, which provides tuition assistance to families with students in Catholic schools in Hawaii.

Shoe drive

We are assisting St. Michael's parish in Waialua in their drive to collect 25,000 pairs of shoes in a fundraising effort. If you want to help, donate used shoes in good condition. The shoes must be wearable (no holes or cracks) and have laces if applicable. If you have shoes to donate, please call the parish office.

Operation Rice Bowl

During Lent, practice almsgiving through Operation Rice Bowl and benefit those served by Catholic Relief Service throughout the world. Rice bowls will be available at the church entrances. Return the Rice Bowl with your monetary donations at Holy Thursday Mass.

Parishioners remembered in prayer

The parishioners of St. Augustine will be remembered in the prayers and the works of the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts at Regina Pacis Convent March 11-17, 2018. If you have intentions you would like the Sisters to remember, please let the Sisters know by phone, mail or email.

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The readings in Lent make God's call to us clear: "Return to me with your whole heart." In Lent, the Church calls us to prayer, fasting, almsgiving and penance. Prayer deepens our relationship with God. Fasting helps us to be more aware of those in need and reminds us to be selfless. Almsgiving is a way of practicing generosity and reminds us that all that we have is a gift and is meant to be shared. Through penance and the Sacrament of Reconciliation we can change sinful patterns.

Daily Mass: Monday-Friday 7 a.m. & 5 p.m.; Saturday 7 a.m.

Liturgy of the Hours: 6:30 a.m. Monday-Saturday

Stations of the Cross: 5:30 p.m. Fridays, 7 p.m. in Tongan.

Build prayer into your daily life through online resources: Sacredspace.ie, Prayingeachday.org, ebriefary.com, apostleshipofprayer.org, lectio.americanbible.org

Parish Mission: Feb. 26-27, 6 p.m. in the Church

Parish Reconciliation Service: March 5, 6 p.m. in the Church

East Honolulu Penance services

Lenten Penance services in East Honolulu parishes will be at:

St. Patrick Church.....	7 p.m. Feb. 28
St. Augustine Church.....	6 p.m. March 5
Mary, Star of the Sea.....	6:15 p.m. March 13
Sacred Heart Church.....	7:30 p.m. March 14
Holy Trinity Church.....	7 p.m. March 19
Newman Center/Holy Spirit.....	7 p.m. March 19
Sts. Peter & Paul.....	6 p.m. March 21

Lent food drive for the homeless

Our Lady of Kea'au on the Waianae Coast weekly serves hundreds of hot meals to homeless individuals and families. The parish of St. Augustine will be collecting nonperishable food items and toiletries for Our Lady of Kea'au through Palm Sunday.

Drop off your nonperishable, unopened food items (particularly canned meats and canned meals such as spaghetti and canned vegetables and fruit) and unopened toiletries in marked boxes in the church. Please do not bring toilet paper.

Stations, soup on Fridays in Lent

The Knights of Columbus are providing a soup supper after the 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross. Please join us in the Damien Courtyard for food and fellowship immediately following the Stations of the Cross.

