



# Sts. Peter and Paul Church

## Transfiguration of the Lord

### August 6, 2023



[Jesus] was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.

MATTHEW 17:2

#### MASS SCHEDULE

##### WEEKDAY

Monday – Friday  
7:00 a.m. & noon

##### WEEKEND

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
12:30 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

##### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays after 7:00 a.m. mass until 11:45 a.m.

##### RECONCILIATION

Fridays: 10:15–11:30 a.m.  
Saturdays: 3:00–4:15 p.m.  
Or by appointment

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#### SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

**Anointing of the Sick and Funerals:** Please call parish office.

**Infant Baptism:** Parents are required to meet with Father before scheduling a baptism. Please call the office or send email to request a registration form. (For adults call and leave a message for RCIA coordinator, 808-941-0675 ext. 25)

**Marriage:** The proper and required prep for Marriage is extensive. Please talk to a priest or deacon before setting a date.

CLERGY: Father Khanh Pham-Nguyen, Pastor  
Dcn. Richard Port (emeritus) ♦ Dcn. Berley Araceley ♦ Dcn. Joel Narusawa  
Dcn. Angken Xymoon (on leave)

# Good News!

August 6, 2023

## Transfiguration of the Lord (A)

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 / 2 Peter 1:16-19 / Matthew 17:1-9

### *The Gift of Mystery*

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In life there are moments that some call transcendence, when the divine shines through the human and the veil that seems to cloak another world falls ever so briefly to reveal that there are not two worlds but only one wrapped in mystery. That is what took place on a mountaintop when Peter, James, and John realized that this Jesus with whom they talked and walked and shared meals, this friend, this very ordinary one, was so much more, was extraordinary, was “of God.” While real, it seemed better not to tell anyone about what they had seen.

Are there also moments in our lives when the human glows with the divine, when we come to realize more clearly than ever before that there is another power at play in life than you yourself? Most assuredly. While we are powerless to create such experiences of transcendence, more than 100 years ago the psychologist William James described such moments when they do occur. He identified four qualities in such experiences: 1) they seem closer to being emotional than intellectual or cognitive; 2) they tend to bring us new understandings of life and of what is, akin to insights, though they cannot be found in a book or be taught; 3) they tend to be very brief, a few seconds for most people; and 4) there is a sense of being sustained by a superior power. This was the apostles’ experience of the transfiguration, the feast we celebrate today. ●

#### *Reflect*

*Have you had an experience of the transcendent that changed you?*

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#### **Monday**

August 7

Weekday

Nm 11:4b-15

Mt 14:13-21

#### **Tuesday**

August 8

St. Dominic, Priest

Nm 12:1-13

Mt 14:22-36 or

15:1-2, 10-14

#### **Wednesday**

August 9

Weekday

Nm 13:1-2,

25-14:1,

26-29a, 34-35

Mt 15:21-28

#### **Thursday**

August 10

St. Lawrence,

Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10

Jn 12:24-26

#### **Friday**

August 11

St. Clare, Virgin

Dt 4:32-40

Mt 16:24-28

#### **Saturday**

August 12

Weekday

Dt 6:4-13

Mt 17:14-20

#### **Sunday**

August 13

Nineteenth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9a,

11-13a

Rom 9:1-5

Mt 14:22-33

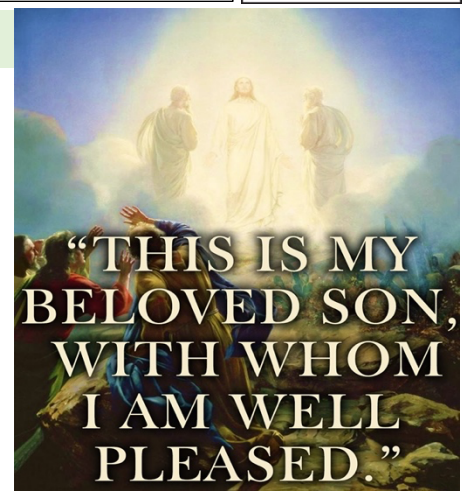
### *Feasts & Celebrations*

**August 6 – Transfiguration of the Lord.** Christ appeared in glory in the company of Moses and Elijah, discussing the Passion (Luke 9:20-31), and a voice was heard to say, “*This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him*” (Matthew 17:5).

**August 14 – St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe (1941).** A Polish Franciscan, St. Maximilian was imprisoned at Auschwitz. When the jailers chose ten people to execute, he substituted himself for a man with a family. He was honored as a “martyr of charity” by Pope John Paul II.

**August 23 – St. Rose of Lima (1617).** Born in colonial Peru, Rose worked constantly to help her poverty-stricken family. She became a lay Dominican, and cared for homeless children, the elderly, and the sick in her house.

**August 29 – Passion of St. John the Baptist (1<sup>st</sup> century).** St. John the Baptist courageously spoke the truth to the leaders of his time, making him powerful enemies. He was arrested by Herod and martyred (Mark 6:17-29).





# LITURGY & PRAYER

Date		Intentions	Celebrant
<b>Sat Aug 5</b>	5:00 PM	Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul	Fr. Khanh
<b>Sunday August 6</b>	7:00 AM	+ Teresa Nguyen Thi Sang Aaliyah Johnson (SI) Rusty Spray (H)	Fr. Khanh
	9:00 AM	+ Nicholas Arato + Von Petrossian	Fr. Khanh
	11:00 AM	Ka Kin Choi (H) + Ralph Dennison Galeria + Paulino & John Secretaria	Fr. Khanh
	12:30 PM	Gloria Masunaga (H) + Thelma Fernandez + Emi Rodrigues Souls in Purgatory	Fr. Khanh
	6:00 PM	+ Conception & Christopher Asuncion Souls in Purgatory	Fr. Greg
<b>Monday August 7</b>	7:00 AM	+ Teresa Nguyen Thi Sang	Fr. Khanh
	12 NOON	+ Guise & Anna	Fr. Khanh
<b>Tuesday August 8</b>	7:00 AM	Barbara Kennedy (H)	Fr. Greg
	12 NOON	+ Ruth Tavares-Toma	Fr. Greg
<b>Wednesday August 9</b>	7:00 AM	Louis Ching (H)	Fr. Khanh
	12 NOON	+ Dabrowski family	Fr. Greg
<b>Thursday August 10</b>	7:00 AM	+ Thelma Fernandez	Fr. Khanh
	12 NOON	+ Ricardo Marcos + Thelma Fernandez	Fr. Khanh
<b>Friday August 11</b>	7:00 AM	+ Frank Grudzias	Fr. Khanh
	12 NOON	+ Kathleen Sweeney	Fr. Khanh
<b>Sat Aug 12</b>	5:00 PM	Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul	Fr. Khanh
<b>Sunday August 13</b>	7:00 AM	+ Felisitas Meisas	Fr. Greg
	9:00 AM	+ Nick & Naty Arato + Terry & Tony Nuievo + Maria San Nicolas Taitano	Fr. Khanh
	11:00 AM	Brian & Eleanor Fune (Th) + Ralph Dennison Galeria + Martin & Bernanda De Guzman + Felicisima & Diomediaz Aguanta	Fr. Khanh
	12:30 PM	+ Frank & Ethel Souza + Alexander Hirota + Ralph Dennison Galeria Souls in Purgatory	Fr. Greg
	6:00 PM	Souls in Purgatory	Fr. Khanh

*We pray for the repose of the souls of*

*+ Yuriiko Enomoto*

*+ Liberata Orallo*



## Holy Father's Intentions

### For World Youth Day

**We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.**



## PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

*We join together to pray for our brothers and sisters*

*Cleotilde M. Bamba*

*Peter Behrens*

*Vicky Chee*

*Matilda Correa*

*Avon Czerwinski*

*Blanche DeConte*

*Harold DeCosta*

*Brian Dill*

*Elena Elliott*

*Marius Fischer*

*Robert Heisler*

*Tuna Hunkin*

*Christoph Jucewicz*

*Jack Jucewicz*

*Kimberly Mann*

*Sandy Mann*

*Gloria Masunaga*

*Doreen Shimabuku*

*Joseph Shimabuku*

*Laurie Sparks*

*Erlinda Surban*

*Theresa Yu*



## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (August 7—13, 2023)

**Monday: 6:30 pm—Charismatic Prayer Group-Courtyard**

**Tuesday: 9:30 am—Funeral**

**Wednesday: 1:00 pm—Legion of Mary-Courtyard**

**3:30 pm—Centering Prayer-Reception Room**

**6:00 pm—Parish Scripture Group-Reception Room**

**Friday: 7:30-11:50 am—Eucharistic Adoration-Church**

**Saturday: 10:00-11:00 am—Olakino Distribution-Parking Lot**

**Sunday: 5:00 pm—OICA Second Session-Reception Room**

# STEWARDSHIP

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION



*"...then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.'"*  
—Matthew 17:5

When Peter, James and John heard this they immediately fell prostrate to the ground and they "were very much afraid." We, too, may respond the same way when we hear God's voice. How many times do you become fearful when invited to participate more fully in the life of the Church? Or, when someone says something negative about the Church, are you afraid to respond? Remember, we too, are beloved sons and daughters of God; Jesus is there to help us, but we need to listen.



### Olakino Produce Distribution Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>

Distribution time is 10:00am-11:00am (or until food runs out). All are welcome to receive fresh produce. If you would like to sign up as a volunteer, please see our website.



### Catholic Care Project collection of nonperishable food items

August 12 & 13 – Please place your items in the marked bins in the courtyard. Please call the office if you are in need of supplies. Mahalo!

*Acceptable items:*

- Canned goods (meats, soups, veggies, fruits)
- Rice (individual microwave or 2 lb. bags)
- Instant oatmeal/cereal (individual packs)
- Non-fat powdered milk
- Soft breakfast or fruit bars
- Applesauce, fruit, jello, or pudding cups

**\*NO glass bottles or expired goods\***



### SHAPING THE FUTURE FUNDRAISER

We are selling Zippy's tickets to help pay the loans for the Amana Building and upkeep the property. You may purchase tickets after Mass. Mahalo for your continued support and donations.

## TREASURE

*Mahalo for your generous contributions and faithful Stewardship contributions.*

*Totals for July 29—30, 2023:*

<b>Sunday collection &amp; Stewardship</b>	<b>\$ 7,212.36</b>
Building Fund	128.00
Mass Intention	500.00
Donations	10.00
Outreach	20.00
Seminarian Ed.	25.00
Peter's Pence	20.00
Typhoon Mawar Guam Relief	10.00
Olakino Produce Program	20.00
Holy Day	50.00
Candles	<u>684.82</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$8,680.18</b>

*Our online giving is available on our website.*

*The collection total for July 24—28, 2023 online giving is:*  
**\$ 592.44**

Stewardship	400.00
Building Fund	110.00
Mass Intentions	30.00
Catholic Care Project	10.00
Olakino Produce Program	20.00
Shaping the Future Campaign	15.00
Help offset fee	7.44

*Mahalo for your generous donations to Catholic Charities Hawaii!*

### Update on Guam Donations

The container shipped via Matson had arrived in Guam on July 25th. After clearing through Customs, the container was unloaded by Guam's local Catholic Social Services on July 31. They are super grateful for all the generous donations and prayers from our community. Thank you!





# Eucharistic Revival & Evangelization



## Eucharistic Saints

by Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J.

*Every saint of the Catholic Church has been deeply devoted to the Blessed Sacrament. In fact, there is no sanctity without the Eucharist.*

### St. Thomas Aquinas

For the first thousand years of Christian history there was no serious challenge to the Real Presence. Then Berengarius of Tours (999-1088) attacked the Church's doctrine by claiming that Christ could not be simultaneously in heaven and in the Blessed Sacrament. He was condemned by the pope and required to profess his faith in the Real Presence. This Eucharistic creed was quoted verbatim by Pope Paul VI during the Second Vatican Council to meet the crisis of Eucharistic faith that has tormented the Church in our day.

By the thirteenth century, Eucharistic errors became so rampant that a special feast was instituted, called Corpus Christi. The pope ordered Thomas Aquinas to compose the hymns for the Divine Office of this feast. Among these hymns was the *Lauda Sion Salvatorem*, which is worth quoting at some length because it is such a treasure of our faith.

*Christ's followers know by faith that bread is changed into His flesh and wine into His blood. Man cannot understand this, cannot perceive it; but a lively faith affirms that the change, which is outside the natural course of things, takes place. Under the different species, which are now signs only and not their own reality, there lie hidden wonderful realities. His body is our food, His blood our drink. And yet Christ remains entire under each species. The communicant receives the complete Christ - uncut, unbroken, and undivided. Whether one receives or a thousand, the one receives as much as the thousand. Nor is Christ diminished by being received. The good and the wicked alike receive Him, but with the unlike destiny of life or death. To the wicked it is death, but life to the good. See how different is the result, though each receives the same. Last of all, if the sacrament is broken, have no doubt. Remember there is as much in a fragment as in an unbroken host. There is no division of the reality, but only a breaking of the sign; nor does the breaking diminish the condition or size of the One hidden under the sign.*

There is an ocean of doctrinal implications in the words we have just quoted from St. Thomas. What should be emphasized, however, is the unquestioning reality of Christ's complete, which means total, presence in every particle of the consecrated Host and in every drop of the consecrated Chalice.

Over the centuries since the *Lauda Sion* was composed, this teaching of Aquinas has been the unshaken foundation of what Catholics believe takes place at the double consecration in the Sacrifice of the Mass.

Also to be stressed is the careful distinction that St. Thomas makes between the objective reality of Christ's presence and the subjective state of soul of those who receive Holy Communion. Those in the state of grace and those estranged from God both receive the same Jesus Christ. But the first grow in God's friendship and the second deepen their sinful guilt. In today's world, when so many people receive Communion and so few receive the sacrament of Penance, this disjunction is crucial. Pope John Paul II on his first pilgrimage to the United States pleaded with the American bishops to promote the frequent reception of the sacrament of Confession for the obvious reasons spelled out by St. Thomas Aquinas.

*The Real Presence Association, 1998*

## Jesus drew near...



STS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH

An evening of  
**EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL**

**AUGUST 18TH, 2023  
5:30 - 8:00PM**

**771 AMANA ST. BUILDING  
& 800 KAHEKA ST.  
HONOLULU, HI**

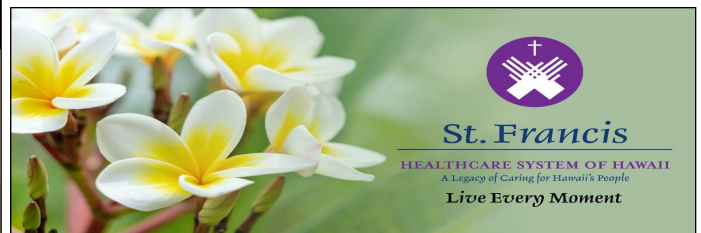
Guest Speaker • Personal Testimonies • Praise & Worship  
• Candlelight Procession • Adoration • Fellowship

Guest Speaker:  
**Sr. Marykitty Kottuppallil, MSMHC**

*Sr. Marykitty is from Kerala, India where she worked as a formator, forming young girls to be sisters. She became a Religious sister in 1988 at the age of 21. After 12 years, she was sent out to her first mission in Italy then to Hawaii in 2008. She is a part of the Missionary Sisters of Mary Help of Christians (MSMHC) and loves being able to do the work of evangelization through the ministry of hospice and parish work.*



**Behold, I make all  
things NEW**



### August 2023 Caregiver Education and Wellness Class

Visit <https://www.stfrancishawaii.org/s/courses> to register for FREE classes to receive information on caregiving, enjoy wellness activities with your loved ones, and connect with St. Francis community.

# Dear Padre,

***For the past year or so I have been trying to pray on a regular basis, but I am constantly distracted. My mind wanders so easily. Do you have any suggestions?***

Distractions in prayer are an inescapable part of the human condition and the result of our imagination. Even great saints experienced distractions in prayer, and some of their suggestions may help. When St. Thérèse of Lisieux struggled with prayer, she would recite an Our Father or a Hail Mary or read from the Gospels. Praying an act of faith or returning to God's presence and love can turn our focus away from other concerns, but even then, distractions may still arise.

When we become aware of them, we should calmly renew our focus and continue our prayer. Saint Teresa of Ávila offers this guidance: "We should not be distressed by reason of our thoughts, nor allow ourselves to be worried by them....The thing is inevitable, therefore do not let it disturb or grieve you" (*The Interior Castle*). No matter how often distractions return or how long they last, they are not sinful. Rather, they are opportunities to show God that we are sincere about praying.

Saint Alphonsus, another great teacher of prayer, reminds us that prayer is necessary, beneficial, and always possible. Hang in there, he says, because the devil would like nothing better than for you to stop praying. ●

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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
August 7	August 8	August 9	August 10	August 11	August 12	August 13
Weekday	St. Dominic, Priest	Weekday	St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr	St. Clare, Virgin	Weekday	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Nm 11:4b-15 Mt 14:13-21	Nm 12:1-13 Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14	Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35 Mt 15:21-28	2 Cor 9:6-10 Jn 12:24-26	Dt 4:32-40 Mt 16:24-28	Dt 6:4-13 Mt 17:14-20	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***We have not seen with our own eyes the face of Jesus shining like the sun. However, we too were given the Word of Salvation, faith was given to us, and we have experienced the joy of meeting Jesus in different ways. Jesus also says to us: "Rise, and have no fear" (Matthew 17:7).***

**ANGELUS, MARCH 8, 2020**