

Saint Augustine Catholic Church

Oakland, California

• The Transfiguration of the Lord •

August 6th, 2023

The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ

The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ is a pivotal event in the New Testament that offers a profound glimpse into the divine nature of the Son of God. It is recounted in the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—and represents a significant moment in the ministry of Jesus. This extraordinary event took place on a mountain, where Jesus was transfigured before three of his closest disciples, Peter, James, and John.

The event took place during Jesus' earthly ministry, around a week after He had revealed to his disciples that He would suffer, be killed, and rise again. Jesus invited the three disciples to witness this mysterious event as a means of strengthening their faith and understanding of His divine nature. Upon reaching the mountain, Jesus began to radiate a brilliant, celestial light, and His appearance changed dramatically. His clothes became dazzling white, signifying His heavenly glory.



As the disciples beheld this transfiguration, two significant figures from the Old Testament appeared alongside Jesus: Moses and Elijah. Moses represented the Law, symbolizing the teachings and commandments of God, while Elijah represented the Prophets, signifying the fulfillment of divine prophecies. Their presence emphasized Jesus' continuity with the Old Testament and His fulfillment of the law and the prophecies.

During this momentous occasion, a voice from heaven resounded, affirming Jesus as the beloved Son of God. The voice urged the disciples to listen to Him, indicating that Jesus' teachings were to be heeded above all others. This heavenly proclamation authenticated Jesus' identity as the Messiah and reinforced the significance of His mission on Earth.

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Weekend Mass schedule	• Weekday Eucharist •	• Sacrament of Reconciliation •
Saturday: 5:00 pm Vigil Mass	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8:30 a.m	Saturday at 4 p.m.
Mass: Sunday, 10:00 am & 6:00pm	Communion Service: Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.	Also upon Request

“ We are called by Christ to love Him, to follow Him and to bring Him to the world.”

The Transfiguration serves as a crucial turning point in the Gospels, leading up to Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. It offered a glimpse of the glory that awaited Him after His death and resurrection. The event also provided encouragement and assurance to Jesus' disciples, who would face immense challenges in the days to come.

Furthermore, the Transfiguration illustrates the unity of the Trinity—God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit. The divine presence and acknowledgment of Jesus' role as the Son of God demonstrated the inseparable bond within the Godhead, reinforcing the doctrine of the Holy Trinity.

The event holds deep spiritual significance, not only for Jesus' disciples but also for Christians throughout history. It offers profound insights into the nature of Christ—fully human and fully divine—and His role as the mediator between God and humanity. The Transfiguration reminds believers of Jesus' unique and unparalleled position as the Son of God and the ultimate sacrifice for the redemption of mankind.

Additionally, the Transfiguration emphasizes the importance of spiritual transformation for believers. Just as Jesus was transfigured, Christians are called to undergo a spiritual metamorphosis—being transformed from within through faith, obedience, and continuous communion with God.

In conclusion, the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ is a pivotal event that illuminates His divine nature, validates His identity as the Messiah, and underscores the unity of the Trinity. This extraordinary occurrence holds deep spiritual significance and serves as an emblem of hope, assurance, and transformation for Christians worldwide. As we reflect on this remarkable event, may we draw strength from the transfigured Christ, who revealed His heavenly glory to His disciples and continues to illuminate the path of faith for all believers.

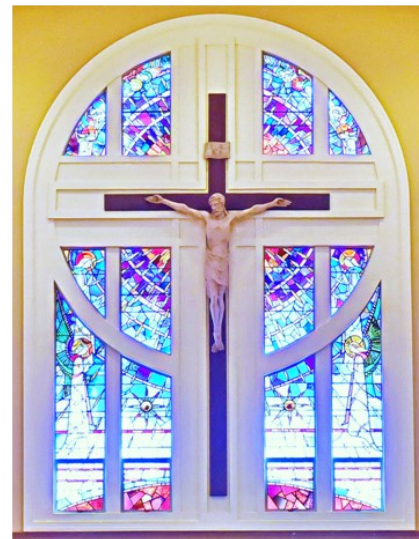
Fr. Augustine Joseph

Fr. Augustine will be on a spiritual retreat from August 7th through August 11th. He will remember and pray for the parishioners. Please remember to keep him in your prayers.

Holy Day of Obligation: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15th

Holy Masses: 8:30 am and 7 pm



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PARISH NEWS

Welcome

If you recently moved into the neighborhood and have been attending our parish, we would love to invite you to pick up a registration form located on the table in the back of the church next to the hospitality table. You may drop it off in the collection basket at your convenience.

Important Websites and TV Channels

EWTN—Masses televised daily.

AT&T UVerse—Channel 562—No HD.

Comcast: 33 (SD), 291 (SD), 1668 (HD)

Vatican website: Vatican.va

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: usccb.org

Bishop Barron: wordonfire.org

Donations

For anyone who would like to donate to our parish via PayPal, please go to the website and click the Donate link.

If you would like to mail a check, you may send it to 400 Alcatraz Ave. Oakland, CA 94609 —

If you would like to drop it off at the rectory, you may put it in the slot by the rectory front door. It is located on the bottom left side wall. Please do not leave an envelope in the mailbox.

July 30th plate Collection—\$986. Thank you for your generosity.

Question of the Week

For Adults: When and where have you seen God's glory?

For Children: When and where have you seen God do amazing things?

The Transfiguration

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" Matthew 17:5 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 17:1-9



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SIX	PETER	CLOTHES	VOICE	JOHN
LOVE	MOSES	GOOD	WHITE	ELIJAH
JAMES	DAYS	APPEARED	MOUNTAIN	HIGH

Adult Catechesis & Formation News

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) catechesis has just begun. If you are seeking initiation into the Catholic Church, or if you are just curious about the basic tenets of Catholic Christian doctrines and practices you can join RCIA Inquiry sessions after Sunday 10 AM Holy Mass in the Rectory (no strings attached). If you have questions about the RCIA process, you can email the RCIA team or leave a voice message at: rciastaugustineinfo@gmail.com or 510.653.8631.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

8:30 am Holy Mass
Monday through Friday

4 pm Reconciliation
Saturdays

5:00 pm Vigil Mass
Saturdays

10:00 am Sunday Holy Mass

6:00 pm Sunday Holy Mass

7:00 pm Weekday Rosary on
Zoom

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:

Sam Wolfe, Sharon Smetzler-Dow, Barbara Frumentti, Peter Frumentti, Courteney Overfield, Danica Truchlikova, Laura Patterson and Daniel Coats

And those who have died:

Khalid Haddad, Anthony Fasanella, Richard Conness, Tony Custodio, all the victims of the Coronavirus, and all the souls in Purgatory who have no one to pray for them.

Mass Intentions

10 am Sunday Holy Mass
Maria Truchlikova (+) and blessings for the entire family

6 pm Holy Mass
Parishioners & Benefactors

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Dear Parents of St. Augustine:

I hope you all have been enjoying your summer and free time. I am contacting you in regards to the upcoming Faith Formation year. We will resume Faith Formation and CLW September 10th at 9 am in our cafeteria as always.

Please review the dates and subjects we will be learning this year in class. We have 3-4 candidates needing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion this year. Please let me know if you would like to join Faith Formation but do not need to receive the sacraments this year. All children must be the age of 7 years old and have completed sacrament preparation and attend 80% of classes in order to receive the sacraments in 2024.

Please respond to the Faith Formation email address (katefaithformationstaugustine@gmail.com) to confirm your children's participation in the next class registration and fill out the attached form. Please respond by July 30th so I can ensure I have a total headcount to order supplies and materials accordingly.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

I am also requesting additional parent volunteers for both Faith Formation and Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) for proper adult/child ration. This can be a rotating commitment and flexible per your schedule. Kristina Lopez has been kind enough to offer up availability along with our previous catechism teachers Ms. Natasha and Ms. Trang from time to time but we could use more volunteers to help our children.

I have missed you all and look forward to resuming class.

Ms. Kate Dole
St. Augustine Parish Faith Formation Coordinator