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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SACRAMENTS

Confession, First Communion and Confirmation

Make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Baptism

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements.

Confessions

Saturday 5:30-6:30 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

Marriage

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

Visits to the Sick

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday Vigil

7:00pm Spanish (organ & cantor)

Sunday

8:00am English (organ & cantor)
9:30am Spanish (organ & cantor)
11:30am English (organ & cantor)
1:30pm Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays

Monday - Friday

8:30am Spanish 12:00pm English

Thursday & Saturday

7:45am Vietnamese

2 PRAYER AND WORSHIP

AUGUST 24, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 25

8:30 a.m. Olinda Salcedo, Fernando Hernandez, Dolores Hernandez, Idalia Tolentino (D), Olympia Abreu Cepeda, Luis Gonzalo Rosario (D)

12:00 p.m. Thanksgiving to God Almighty, to the Holy Spirit, and to the Divine Mercy (D), Evaughn S. Newyear & Gregory Newyear (D)

Tuesday, August 12

8:30 a.m. Iris Belen R. (D)
12:00 pm All Souls

Wednesday, August 13

8:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m. Jacinta Fabian (D)

Thursday, August 14

8:30 a.m. Rosalina caban Herrera (D)

12:00p.m.

Friday, August 15

8:30 a.m. Jose Peguero Montero (D), Maria Mercado (D)

12:00 p.m. All Souls

Saturday, August 16

7:45 a.m.

7:00 p.m. Vifirida Dolores Peña (D), Ramon Mateo (D), Yani Paulino (D), Melida Peralta (D), Maria Soledad Soto Martinez (D)

Sunday, August 17

8:00 a.m. People of SNT

9:30: a.m. Maria Irene, Maribel, & Michael Hernandez (L), Maria Jose Bonilla Sanchez (L) - sanación, Diana Elizabeth Vivanco Sanchez (L) - sanación

11:30 am

1:30 pm Maria (D)

READINGS

First Reading:

I know their works and their thoughts, and I come to gather nations of every language; they shall come and see my glory. (Is 66:18)

Psalm:

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. (Ps 117)

Second Reading:

So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet,

that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed. (Heb 12:12-13)

Gospel:

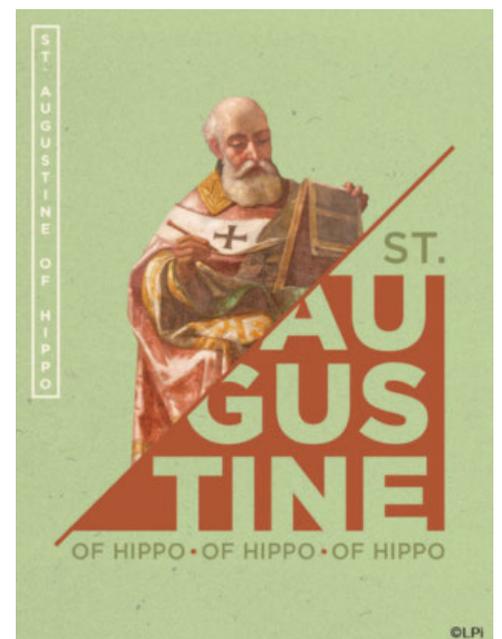
For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." (Lk 13:30)

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Readings for the week of August 24, 2025

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30
Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk 6:17-29
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14



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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 13:22-30

I've been hiking Camelback Mountain in Phoenix, Arizona most of my life. It is a vigorous forty-five minutes to the top. Near the peak, the end suddenly appears much further away, and steeper. At that moment, a descending hiker often offers encouragement: "Keep going! The peak is right there. It's not as far as it looks. You can do it!" It usually works. After another five minute push, you summit and enjoy a glorious panorama of the Sonoran Desert in the Valley of the Sun.

When Jesus is asked about how many people are saved, he says: "**Strive to enter through the narrow gate**" (Luke 13:24). How many? Strive! Focus on your journey. What does heavenly census taking have to do with you or me? How would it help a hiker on a mountain to ask the others coming down, "How many people are going to make it to the top?" A normal response would be something like: "How is that a relevant question? Carry on!"

Jesus links one virtue directly to salvation: perseverance (cf. Matt 24:13; *hypomone* in Greek). Strive! Endure! Keep going! The one absolutely necessary virtue is perseverance, to not give up on our journey. The mountain we struggle to climb is often our own weakness, failures, and sins. Persevere in prayer. Keep celebrating the sacraments. Embrace daily duties. With God's grace, you are strong enough to keep going. Perhaps the peak is not as far away as you might fear. Keep going!

— *Father John Muir*

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Augustinian Week**Monday August 25**

Hand in Hand with St. Augustine
A Model of Life
For Our Times

7:00PM through the Rectory

Wednesday August 27

Transitus of St. Augustine

7:00PM in the Church

Thursday August 28

Feast of St. Augustine
Celebration of Pope Leo XIV

7:00PM in the Church

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate," Jesus tells us. "Many will attempt...but will not be strong enough." So let us never be so foolish that we rely on our own strength. Narrow does not mean unpassable — not if we ask for help.

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