As we move towards the table to celebrate the Eucharist, try not to focus on the rainy days and the minor inconveniences that you may feel from time to time during this Lenten season. Instead focus on what comes after the rains – the beautiful rainbow and the feeling of being reconciled and closer to your family, closer to your friends, closer to your community here at St. Augustine, and most importantly, the feeling of being reconciled and closer with God our Father. For example, this tent has been an inconvenience to us all. But soon this temporary tent will be gone and erased from our memories. Soon we will gather together in a house that was built with love and with the sacrifice of each and every one of you. And soon, we will sing a new church into being – a church built on a solid foundation where the cornerstone is comprised of the minor inconveniences, the minor sacrifices, and the abundance of love that we have for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us journey together, locked arm in arm, as we build this new church next to us. Let us endure the cold, the rain and the inconveniences knowing that our new church is just around the corner – the church where our children, and our grandchildren will gather together to praise and glorify God. These inconveniences are a small sacrifice, brothers and sisters that we will remember as part of our Lenten journey this year. Soon all of this will be a memory that we will look back on fondly; the tent, the rain, the cold weather, because it was a time when we endured a few inconveniences in order to build a church for Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Savior. —Deacon Nes Fernandez, March 12, 2017.