

St. Augustine by-the-sea

With the servant leadership of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary since 1854



**If
today you
hear God's
voice**

**harden not
your hearts**



Daily Mass

7 a.m., 5 p.m. Monday-Friday
7 a.m. Saturday

Sunday Liturgy

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

Fr. Lane Akiona, ss.cc. *Pastor*
Fr. Lusius Nimu, ss.cc. *Parochial vicar*
Deacon Andy Calunod

*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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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. Saturday.

Baptism: Call the parish office for information.

Marriage: Email staugustineweddingcoordinator@gmail.com before making arrangements.

Confirmation: Call the parish office for information.

Funerals: Call the parish office when finalizing 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 Initiation 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.

Soup kitchen

Coordinator: Carmen Brewer

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 no later than 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, Jan. 29—Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Liturgical color: Green

6 a.m. Mass

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Samuel Akiona, Donald MacDonald

10 a.m. Mass—S/I John & Geraldine Brennan (50th wedding anniversary); R/S Gentile Family and Cristiano Family

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Henry & Jeyne Ayala

Monday, Jan. 30

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Emily Farias (birthday)

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Henry & Jeyne Ayala; S/I Bishop John Corriveau

5:45 p.m. Pastoral Council meeting, Damien meeting room

Tuesday, Jan. 31—St. John Bosco

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

9 a.m. Finance Council meeting

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Henry & Jeyne Ayala

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

Wednesday, Feb. 1

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Purie Cortez

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Henry & Jeyne Ayala

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

7 p.m. Tongan Choir, Annex Building

Thursday, Feb. 2—The Presentation of the Lord

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Henry & Jeyne Ayala

7 p.m. Baptism class, SAC

Friday, Feb. 3—Sts. Blaise and Ansgar

First Friday

Liturgical color: Green/Red/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Jose & Lucila Costin

Benediction and adoration

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Henry & Jeyne Ayala

Saturday, Feb. 4

First Saturday

Liturgical color: Green/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

7:30 a.m. Church cleaning, Tongan Society, Assistant Catechist's Mystery

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

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Henry & Jeyne Ayala



Breaking open the Word

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection

This Sunday we hear about the teachings of Jesus and how people were amazed on how he taught.

Jesus' Word made the difference. His Word is life and love at His command. And he speaks and acts on what is to be done at the moment or later, rooted in righteousness. While the scribes and scholars used recorded documents for the credibility of their words, Jesus did not.

Let us fast-forward to today. We have heard and read the Scriptures many times. How do we understand Jesus' teachings? Are we in great awe like the people in Jesus' time? Do we believe more readily in Jesus today? Strange as it seems, the more intellectual we have become, the further we move away from Him.

It is like we are in a euphoric trance, caught up in our need for immediate personal satisfaction and gain. If God has a place in our life, then we must follow His teachings. We need to put into action what we believe so that others may also believe. The gift we seek is an eternal one. And if we believe in life after death, there is only one treasure that would have any meaning at all —The Kingdom of God.

Deacon Andy Calunod

Readings

First reading —Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you."

Responsorial psalm — Psalm 95 If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second reading — 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties.

Gospel — Mark 1:21-28 The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching.

Weekday

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2: 14-18; Lk 2:22-40

Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Mk 8:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday's readings

Jb 7:1-4,6-7; Ps 147; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

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Stewardship

Collection, week ending Jan. 22: \$10,843.51

Disbursements, week ending Jan. 22: \$6,471.97

Responsible stewardship

God gives me everything. Cheerfully, I give Him back my fair share.

10 percent to God through my parish:

My weekly income is:	To God through my parish:	My weekly income is:	To God through my parish:
\$40.....	\$4	\$250.....	\$25
\$60.....	\$6	\$300.....	\$30
\$80.....	\$8	\$350.....	\$35
\$100.....	\$10	\$400.....	\$40
\$120.....	\$12	\$450.....	\$45
\$140.....	\$14	\$500.....	\$50
\$160.....	\$16	\$750.....	\$75
\$180.....	\$18	\$1,000.....	\$100
\$200.....	\$20	\$1,500.....	\$150

Service to others

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Honolulu: The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Honolulu is to help children become responsible adults by matching them in professionally supported one-to-one relationships with volunteer mentors who create a positive, lasting impact simply by sharing their friendship, guidance and support. Contact Manny De Vera at 521-3811 ext. 1228.

Preserving our Earth

Energy saving tips:

— Do your laundry efficiently by using the warm or cold water setting for washing your clothes. Always use cold water to rinse clothes.

—Line dry clothes whenever you can.

—When you need to use the dryer, run full loads, use the moisture-sensing setting, and clean the clothes dryer lint trap after each use.

—Conserve energy by running your dishwasher only when it is fully loaded, and turn off the dry cycle and air dry dishes instead.



AT ST. AUGUSTINE

Second collection for Soup Kitchen

The second collection this weekend will benefit the St. Augustine Soup Kitchen, which serves a hot lunch five days a week to those in need.

In December, the Soup Kitchen served a total of 1,310 meals.

Through your generosity, you are our partners in helping those who would otherwise go hungry.

Rectory roof work begins Jan. 30

Work on the rectory roof will begin on Monday, Jan. 30, and will continue for two weeks. Past maintenance work was not done properly so the whole roof must be replaced. Sections of the parking lot area will be off limits when the work is being done. Please respect and honor all signs during this time.

Presentation on Mary

Brother Dennis Schmitz SM will give his presentation on Mary and images of Mary through history and around the world for the RCIA class on Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the Damien Meeting Room.

This is always a popular and informative presentation, and anyone who is interested is welcome to join us.

St. Augustine Closet

The thrift shop run by the Altar Rosary Society reopens on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. after a two-month break.

You'll find motorized wheelchairs, a women's bicycle, TVs, various household items, adult and children's clothing, shoes, books, toys, knickknacks, costume jewelry, religious articles and much more.

The thrift shop is in the Damien Courtyard at the back of the church. All proceeds go to the Damien and Marianne of Moloka'i Heritage Center.

Last November, a check for \$1,500.00 was presented to the Heritage Center.

FAITH FORMATION

Spiritual renewal and prayer

St. Augustine parish's monthly spiritual renewal program will have its next gathering at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20, in the Damien Meeting Room. We are reflecting on the book, "A Tree Full of Angels" by Macrina Wiederkehr. Wiederkehr's book is a personalized invitation to listen for God in the here and now — to look at the little things in life and see how they can bring us closer to God. The book may be purchased through the parish office or at the class.

Our time together is led by Fr. Ken Templin SM. All are welcome to join us.

Naming opportunities for Heritage Center

For \$25,000, a naming opportunity is available for the new Damien and Marianne stained glass at the Heritage Center. If you wish to make a donation toward this stained glass project, please contact Fr. Lane or Fr. Lusius.

Another naming opportunity will be available for two mosaics being made now of Damien and Marianne. More information will be forthcoming. These mosaics will be \$5,000 each.

Both of these art pieces will be transferred to the new Damien and Marianne Museum in the future.

Fundraising opportunity for Heritage Center

The iDcard is an annual membership to an exclusive network of discounts at hundreds of locations, bars/nightclubs, retailers, and attractions. The iDcard can be used over and over again unlike coupons or online group deals. It's simple, buy an iDcard and being saving today. Check it out online at www.islediscount.com. The cost of the iDcard is \$20 with 50 percent given back to the church in support of the Heritage Center.

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### **"Absolute Faith"**

### **Damien and Marianne of Moloka'i Heritage Center**

**9 a.m.-3 p.m.**

**Monday-Thursday**

**9 a.m.-Noon**

**Friday & Saturday**

**The Heritage Center is in front of the  
Church in the ABC Building on the  
second floor**

**A lift is available for those with special  
needs. For arrangements for groups of  
20 or more, call 922-3121**

**No admission fee,  
free-will offerings appreciated**

## **IN OUR DIOCESE**

### **St. Theresa anniversary luau**

The Co-Cathedral and St. Theresa School celebrate their 80th anniversary on Feb. 18 with Mass at 10 a.m. followed by a luau. Luau tickets are \$25 each and are on sale at the Co-Cathedral office or school office. For more information, call 536-4703.

### **Living spiritually ageless**

Dr. Richard P. Johnson, founding president of the Spiritual Strengths Healing Institute in St. Louis, will present a workshop on living “spiritually ageless” in the second half of life at the Mystical Rose Oratory at Chaminade on March 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The workshop is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. For more information, call Bro. Dennis Schmitz at 735-4801 or go to [marianisthawaii.org](http://marianisthawaii.org).

Dr. Johnson will also give the Mackey Lecture at 4 p.m. March 11 at the Mystical Rose Oratory. In this free lecture, he will describe how to tap into the God-splendor in us and how to use this grace in our quest for union with God and peace in our life.

### **Helping those who are homeless**

On January 16, the Hawaii Public Housing Authority launched the “I Have a Dream” Campaign in which volunteers will help renovate nearly 150 units by the end of February. Based on this effort, approximately 600 low-income and homeless persons will secure housing by the end of March. The Diocese of Honolulu’s Office for Social Ministry and Affordable Housing has been pursuing such projects as opportunities for parishioners to share their gifts and talents to increase and preserve low-income affordable housing. Many of these units could be returned to our affordable housing inventory utilizing community volunteers. Some common volunteer duties include painting, heavy cleaning, light repair, grounds keeping, and related functions. If you can help, contact Kent Anderson at 808-203-6718 or [kentanderson@rcchawaii.org](mailto:kentanderson@rcchawaii.org).

### **St. John the Baptist School**

St. John the Baptist Catholic School, a parish elementary school, co-educational, from Pre-K through Grade 8 is now accepting applications. The school, at 2340 Omilo Lane was founded in 1959 by the Maryknoll Sisters and has been run by the Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary since 1976. The tuition is \$4,750.00 a year. For more information, call the school at 841-5551.

### **Marriage Encounter**

Sometimes stress can have a negative effect on marriage. Get away from all those worldly anxieties and take time to just focus on each other by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends: April 27-29, Sept. 14-16, Oct. 12-14. For more information go to [www.lovemoredeeply.org](http://www.lovemoredeeply.org) or call Jose & Mary Elizabeth Alvior at (808) 391-2045.

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## **Our Saints, models for our lives**

### **St. Ansgar**

St. Ansgar (September 8, 801 – February 3, 865) is known as the “apostle of the north” (Scandinavia). He became a Benedictine at Corbie, France, where he had been educated. Three years later, when the king of Denmark became a convert, Ansgar went to that country for three years of missionary work, without noticeable success. Sweden asked for Christian missionaries, and he went there, suffering capture by pirates and other hardships on the way. Less than two years later he was recalled, to become abbot of New Corbie (Corvey) and bishop of Hamburg. The pope made him legate for the Scandinavian missions. Funds for the northern apostolate stopped with Emperor Louis’ death. After 13 years in Hamburg, Ansgar saw it burned to the ground by invading Northmen; Sweden and Denmark returned to paganism.

He directed new apostolic activities in the North, traveling to Denmark and being instrumental in the conversion of another king. By the strange device of casting lots, the king of Sweden allowed the Christian missionaries to return.

Ansgar’s biographers remark that he was an extraordinary preacher, a humble and ascetical priest.

### **St. Blaise**

We know more about the devotion to St. Blaise by Christians around the world than we know about the saint himself. His feast is observed as a holy day in some Eastern Churches. The Council of Oxford, in 1222, prohibited servile labor in England on Blaise’s feast day. The Germans and Slavs hold him in special honor and for decades many United States Catholics have sought the annual St. Blaise blessing for their throats

We know that Bishop Blaise was martyred in his episcopal city of Sebastea, Armenia, in 316. The legendary Acts of St. Blaise were written 400 years later. According to them, Blaise was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people. Although the Edict of Toleration (311), granting freedom of worship in the Roman Empire, was already five years old, persecution still raged in Armenia. Blaise was apparently forced to flee to the back country. There he lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer, but made friends with the wild animals. One day a group of hunters seeking wild animals for the amphitheater stumbled upon Blaise’s cave. They were first surprised and then frightened. The bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions and bears.

As the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, the legend has it, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise’s command the child was able to cough up the bone.

Agricolaus, governor of Cappadocia, tried to persuade Blaise to sacrifice to pagan idols. The first time Blaise refused, he was beaten. The next time he was suspended from a tree and his flesh torn with iron combs or rakes. (English wool combers, who used similar iron combs, took Blaise as their patron.) Finally he was beheaded.

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