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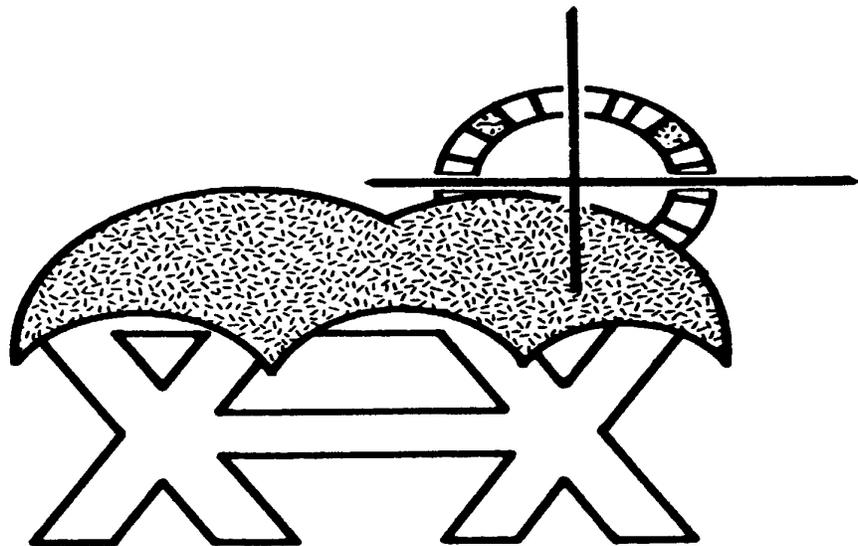
Sunday Liturgy
5 p.m. Saturday
6, 8, 10 a.m., 5 p.m. Sunday

Daily Liturgy
7 a.m. Monday-Saturday
5 p.m. Monday-Thursday

Damien and Marianne
of Moloka'i
Heritage Center
Open daily, featuring displays
of the work of St. Damien and
St. Marianne



St. Augustine by-the-sea Church



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*My eyes have seen your salvation, which
you have prepared in the sight of all the
peoples*

-Luke 2:30-31

*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.

Aunty Carmen's Kitchen

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 by 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. 4--The Epiphany of the Lord

Liturgical color: White

6 a.m. Mass

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8 a.m. Mass—S/I Frederick Constante (healing); R/S Fr. Joseph Priestly,

Jerry Galang, Robert Mothershead

9 a.m. Religious education, Annex Building

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Daniel Perera (birthday)

5 p.m. Mass

Monday, Jan. 5--St. John Neumann

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, Jan. 6--St. Andre Bessette

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

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

Wednesday, Jan. 7--St. Raymond of Penyafort

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

6:45 p.m. RCIA, Damien Meeting Room

7 p.m. Tongan Choir practice, Annex Building

Thursday, Jan. 8

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

3 p.m. Wedding rehearsal

5 p.m. Mass

5:30 p.m. Wedding rehearsal

Friday, Jan. 9

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Saturday, Jan. 10

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Church cleaning: Tongan Society, President's Mystery

9 a.m. Wedding

11:30 a.m. Wedding

5 p.m. Mass

Breaking open the Word

The Epiphany of the Lord

We all have journeys in our lives. Some are easy, some are daunting. Sometimes, we know the end goal. Sometimes we do not know where the journey will take us.

On this feast of the Epiphany, we hear the familiar story of the three Magi who traveled from afar to see the Child Jesus. We know nothing of what the journey entailed from the gospel accounts but that is not what is important in the gospel – we know they sought the Child who offered salvation. “And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

Not only do we not know what the Magi encountered in their journey to see the Child, we know nothing of their return home, only that in a dream they were warned not to return to Herod, who wanted to harm the Child.

Did this journey transform them? Clearly it did, as do so many of the journeys in our own lives.

The Scripture scholar Fr. Raymond Brown said of the Magi’s journey: “In these Magi Matthew sees an anticipation of Jesus’ promise, ‘I tell you, many will come from east and west and will eat with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.’” (Matthew 8:11)

The readings of Epiphany offer us an opportunity to reflect on the most important journey in our lives, our faith journey, the journey to God, a journey all of us are called to. “Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.” (Isaiah 60:1)

God shines in our lives every day. Do we see our journey in that perspective? This new year is a good time to reflect on how this journey should be lived.

*“The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!
The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!”* (Numbers 6:24-26)

Anne Harpham

Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6 Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you.

Psalms 72 Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Matthew 2:1-12 Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews.

Weekday

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22--4:6; Ps 2; Mt 4:12-7, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19--5:4; Ps 72; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149; Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday’s readings

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-38; Mk 1:7-11



Third Week of Christmas

The Gospels this week are from all four gospel writers, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. We read of Jesus traveling through Galilee "teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people." He feeds loaves and fishes to the hungry and exhorts his disciples, “Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid!” when they are caught in a storm at sea. When he reads from the scriptures at the synagogue, he proclaims, “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.” He meets a leper: “Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean.” Jesus heals him. John tells his followers he is not the Christ. "He must increase; I must decrease."
Creighton University Online Ministries

Daily Prayer this week

This week is a time with two special Sundays book-ending the week. Both celebrations offer an "epiphany," an understanding and insight into the essence of who Jesus really is. When the wise men visit the poorest of families and find the baby Jesus, they have a clearer idea of what kind of king he will be. At the Baptism of the Lord the following Sunday, Jesus is baptized and the skies open and the voice of God proclaims, "This is my beloved Son." More than just a prophet, this special relationship with God is made manifest in that moment. How can we make this week a special one as the Christmas season draws to a close? In some parts of the world daylight is plentiful right now, but for many of us the days are shorter and the dark of night surrounds us more hours each day. This could be the week to reflect on that darkness and the light that Jesus brings into our hearts.

Each morning as our feet touch the floor next to our beds, we can open our hands briefly in the darkness and ask God to show us the light in our lives. Gratitude is a wonderful way to pray and to recognize the light we sometimes don't notice in our lives. Maybe in this final week of Christmas, we can light a candle at dinner and remember a special blessing we have been given or something we are grateful for in our lives.

Dear Lord,

You came to your disciples when they felt alone on the stormy waters and comforted them with your presence. Be with me today and let my heart be touched by the love you so lavishly give to me. Let me remember to turn to you in my fears and darkness and know that you will heal me.

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Hale O Na Ali'i O Hawai'i

Hale O Na Ali'i O Hawai'i and Prince Quentin Kawanakoa will be at St. Augustine on Sunday, Jan. 4, at the 10 a.m. Mass. Please welcome them to our parish community. Hale O Na Ali'i O Hawai'i is a royal benevolent society with its roots in the Hale Naua II of King Kalakaua. The main object of the society is to foster friendly relations among its members through monthly meetings and annual conventions; to help each other in times of need, sickness, and in death; and, to perpetuate the Hawaiian language and culture.

Faith sharing Jan. 19

St. Augustine's Faith Formation class meets at 6 p.m. Jan. 19 for prayer, reflection and faith sharing. We are using the book, "The God Who Won't Let Go," by Fr. Peter Van Breeman SJ.

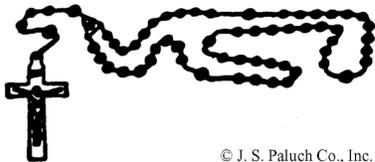
Van Breeman reminds us that nothing can sever the relationship of God's love for us and each of us is invited to experience God's love and base our very life upon that foundation. Copies of the book are available at the class and in the parish office. All are welcome to join us.

Family Promise in January

St. Augustine Parish will be assisting Holy Trinity Parish in its Family Promise ministry again in January. Families who are seeking permanent housing will be staying at Holy Trinity Jan. 11-18. St. Augustine Parish will be hosting dinner on Saturday, Jan. 17 and we are seeking parishioners to volunteer to help with this important ministry to homeless families.

If you would like to help, please call Carrie at 808-222-6683. You will be asked to provide one dish (salad, entrée, vegetable, starch or dessert) for approximately four families.

You will be helping homeless families with young children who are working hard to get back on their feet and find permanent housing.



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Pray the Rosary

The Volunteers of the Heritage Center, Altar Rosary Society & the Knights of Columbus would like to invite everyone on Sunday mornings at 7:15 a.m. to join them in praying the rosary. If you have any special intention requests you would like us to pray for please drop by the Center in the week and fill out an intention slip. Also, if you are interested in leading the rosary on the 1st, 2nd or 5th Sundays of any given month please contact Sister Cheryl at (808)922-3121, training will be provided.

January 2015 anniversaries

Congratulations to Fr. Ed who will celebrate his 25th anniversary of priesthood ordination on January 20th. May God continue to bless him in his ministry to serve God's faithful people here at St. Augustine.

Fr. Ed has been parochial vicar at St. Augustine since December 2013 and also is treasurer for the USA Province of the Sacred Hearts Congregation.

Fr. Ed, who was born and raised in Aspen, Colorado, graduated from the University of Colorado in 1975 and obtained his Master's of International Management from the American Graduate School for International Management in 1978. After a life-changing auto accident in 1979, Fr. Ed returned to active participation in the Catholic Church and eventually began to think about a possible vocation. He was accepted to the Sacred Hearts Congregation novitiate in August 1984 and completed his degree in theology from 1985 to 1988.

During that time, he did pastoral work with the Missionary of Charity Brothers in their Center for People with AIDS and with the East Bay Sanctuary Covenant Community, an advocate group for Latin American refugees. In the summers he worked with St. Francis Hospice in Honolulu.

Fr. Ed made his final commitment to religious life in the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts in April 1989, was ordained a deacon at St. Mary's in Aspen, Colorado in July 1989, and ordained to the priesthood at St. Patrick Church in Honolulu in January 1990.

From 1988 to 2002, Fr. Ed worked at St. Patrick Church in Kaimuki, St. Ann Church in Kaneohe and St. Francis Medical Center – Liliha. He also served in several administrative positions in the Province, Treasurer, Vicar Provincial and Superior of St. Patrick Monastery.

In August 2002, Fr. Ed was named Secretary General Director of Communications, and General Archivist for the international Congregation. He was General Treasurer for the Congregation from 2007 to 2012.

Congratulations also to Fr. Lane who will be celebrating his 34th anniversary of priesthood ordination on January 24th.

2015 envelopes and calendars

Stewardship envelopes for those who give to St. Augustine using the weekly envelope system are available in the sacristy, for those who contribute \$250 or more each year. If you do not use envelopes and would like to begin, please call the parish office during office hours. The 2015 calendars are also available in the sacristy.

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, Jan. 7, at 6:45 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.

“Absolute Faith”

Damien and Marianne of Moloka'i Heritage Center

“Absolute Faith” intertwines the stories of Father Damien, Mother Marianne and the people of Kalaupapa using historic and contemporary photographs, quotations, poetry and song. There are many never-seen-before portraits from the early 1900s that offer a rare and compelling glimpse of life in the land of exile.

The Heritage Center is in front of the church in the ABC Building on the second floor. It is open daily. A lift is available for those with special needs. For arrangements for groups of 20 or more, call 922-3121

Damien & Marianne

Inspirations of love and ministry

We are seeking to commission bronze outdoor statues of St. Damien and St. Marianne by Maui artist Gary Thomas for the meditation garden at the planned Damien and Marianne Museum. The statues can be seen here.

Fr. Damien's life has long been an inspiration to Thomas and he wanted to portray Damien as he was in life, ministering to and interacting with his people, carrying his *mana* into the world. Thomas wanted to portray him as the vibrant man he was most of his life.



For Thomas, his Damien sculpture fulfills Matthew 10:42 (“And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.”)

The sculpture of Mother Marianne depicts her maternal and tender side. She filled the void of motherhood for the orphans at Kalaupapa while instructing them in the wisdom of God's Word, said Thomas. For Thomas, St. Marianne lived the words of Luke 9:46 “Whoever welcomes a little child in my name welcomes me...”



We are seeking donations to help us obtain the statues, which will be placed in a meditation garden in the new Damien and Marianne Museum. To donate or for more information, please see Fr. Lane.

Thomas also has maquettes of both statues for sale at \$4,000 apiece. A portion of the sales price will go toward support of the statues for the meditation garden.

THE STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

My parish is composed of people like me.

I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

It will be holy, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will be prayerful, if I pray.

It will make generous gifts to many causes,
if I am a generous giver.

It will bring others into its worship,
if I invite and bring them.

It will be a parish of loyalty and love,
of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity,
and mercy,

if I, who make it what it is, am filled with
these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God,
I now dedicate myself to the task of being
all the things that I want my parish to be.

Amen

Stewardship of treasure

Collection for Dec. 28: \$10,921.28

Christmas collection: \$21,892.23

Second collection, Christmas: \$6,772.43

Our daily and Sunday collections

As good stewards, we are grateful to God for his many blessings. In gratitude we share with those who are in need. The collection at Sunday and daily Mass is part of our liturgy, and is a sign of our willingness to give all that we have to the Lord for the church and the poor. It is also expressive of what the Eucharist means in our relationship with others. In the early Church, everyone brought up what they had brought, eggs, produce or chickens or grain, or bread or wine. Some was used for the celebration and the rest was used for the benefit of the Church so that all were taken care of and no one was in need. Today, we share what we have with money. Our collection—daily and Sunday—gives tangible support to our faith in action and to our thankfulness to our Creator.