

St. Augustine by-the-sea Church

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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

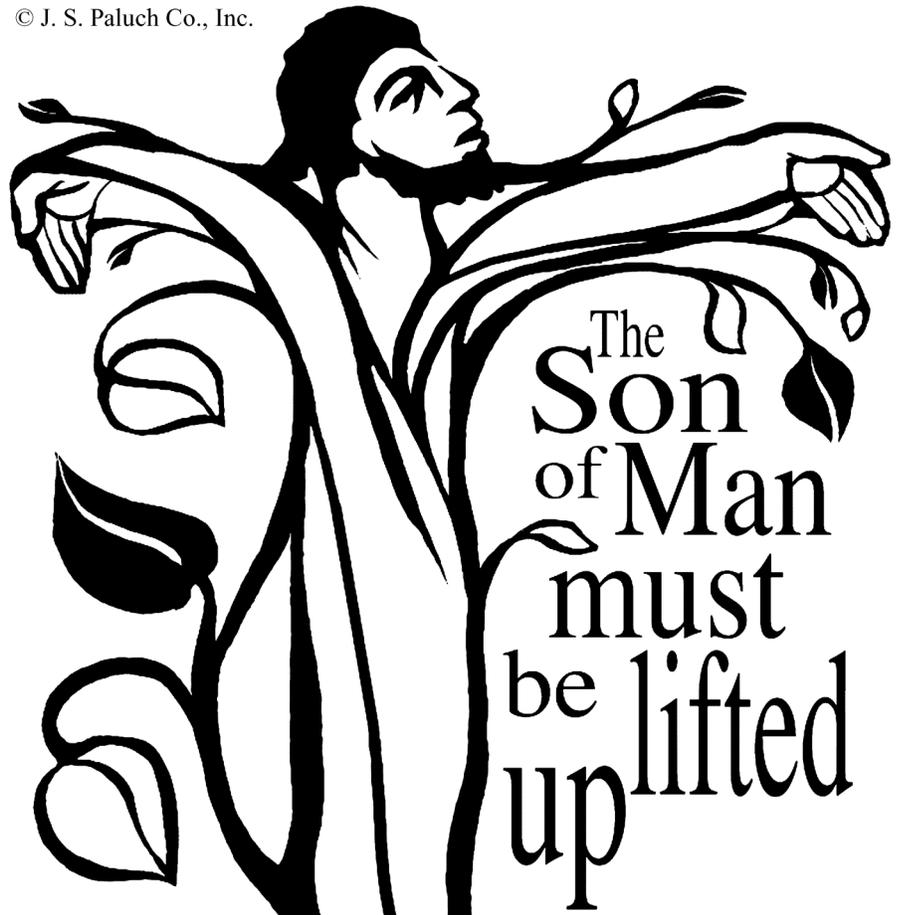
Damien and Marianne of Moloka'i

Heritage Center

Open daily, featuring displays
of the work of St. Damien and
St. Marianne



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*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.

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This week at St. Augustine

Sunday, Mar. 1—Second Sunday of Lent

Liturgical color: Violet

6 a.m. Mass

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8 a.m. Mass—S/I Purie Cortez (thanksgiving); R/S Mike Smith; R/S Jerry Galang

9 a.m. Religious education, Annex Building

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Sage & the Kong Kee Family; R/S Hedel & Herman Pelletier

5 p.m. Mass

Monday, Mar. 2

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, Mar. 3—St. Katherine Drexel

Liturgical color: Violet

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, Mar. 4—St. Casimir

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Purie Cortez (thanksgiving); S/I Rene Paragoso (birthday)

5 p.m. Mass

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

Thursday, Mar. 5

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Martin Retotal (birthday)

5 p.m. Mass

Friday, Mar. 6—First Friday

Day of Abstinence

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Juanito & Julieta Dela Cruz (50th anniversary)

Cedrik & Maria Pamela Villagomez (20th anniversary); Fr. Lusius Nimu (birthday)

5 p.m. Mass

5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

7 p.m. Tongan Stations of the Cross

Saturday, Mar. 7—Saints Perpetua and Felicity

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Church cleaning: Tongan Society A/Catechists Mystery

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Sage & the Kong Kee Family

Breaking open the Word

Second Sunday of Lent

Reflection

Gift giving on the surface can appear as a nice gesture, “oh wasn’t that nice,” versus a true sacrifice, which is usually given and felt deeply by both the giver and the receiver. One is a knee-jerk reaction which we saw in the previous chapters in Sara’s reaction of laughter to God, while the other is felt at a depth beyond mere words, thus Abraham’s sacrifice.

The readings today invite us to go deep and contemplate our relationship with our God who has given us life and all good things. Most of us are thought to be ordinary gift givers and the person receiving it is the primary beneficiary as long as the gift is good enough. When someone gives something as a sacrifice, in the giving they receive something of great value and the gift-giver is the primary beneficiary. And so it was for the Saints of Hawaii, Father Damien & Mother Marianne, who are models of gift-givers who freed up themselves to live a life of sacrifice with such love and devotion to God and service to their fellow sisters and brothers that more than 175 years later we are still inspired to share their story. However, I submit to you that this Lent we not only look to the saints in terms of their accomplishments as a way of being but reflect deeply on the virtues that they model to us as an insight into the relationship they built with God.

So may your prayers, fasting and almsgiving this Lent not be temporary or just another phase of liturgical obligation, but be a genuine effort of focusing on the virtues we each need to put not only into practice but live continually in love and gratitude to God and others with great sacrifice. May Saints Damien & Marianne intercede for us.

Sr. Cheryl Wint, osf

Readings

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

Psalms 116 I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

Romans 8:31b-34 If God is for us, who can be against us?

Mark 9:2-10 Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white.

Weekday

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer:17, 5-10; Ps 1; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday’s readings

Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19; 1Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Second Week of Lent

The second week begins with Jesus telling us: “*Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful... For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.*” All week we will be taught by Jesus about the simple lessons of being his followers. “*Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.*” Jesus predicts his passion again. Again, they misunderstand, and so he says, “*whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant.*” Jesus tells the Pharisees a parable about a poor man and a rich man. The rich man asks Abraham to warn his brothers about the consequences of this behavior. Abraham answers: “*If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.*” Then Jesus tells the scribes and religious leaders the parable about the farmer whose servants were abused by his tenants. Finally, they killed his own son. Jesus concludes, “the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.” While tax collectors and sinners are being drawn to Jesus the Pharisees complain, “*This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.*” So Jesus tells them the wonderful parable of the Prodigal Son.

Daily Prayer This Week

During this second week of Lent we continue to try to make use of more reflective time each day. It is good to begin by being reminded that God is rich in mercy to us and that we should therefore be merciful to others. It is great to remember that exalting ourselves is dangerous and that there will be consequences for our mistreatment of the poor. We are like tenants of our Father's gifts to us. We can ask ourselves if we use them gratefully and return the fruits that our Lord desires, or do we reject the prophetic words that come to us? Do we reject Jesus himself?

This can all be part of the background of our busy, daily life. Each morning, when our feet hit the floor, if only for a few moments, we can ask for a simple grace. At first, it might only be, “Dear Lord, help me today.” As we prepare for the day we might specify our prayer more: “Dear Lord, give me the grace to recognize my impatience, anger and judgment today. Help to soften my heart to hear your love. I need your healing, Lord.” Or we might get even more concrete, “Lord, Pat is such a struggle for me. Help me to remember how much you love me when I see Pat today. And, when I’m tempted to be impatient or angry, just help me pause and give that over to you, in gratitude for your love.”

Each of us will be able to grow in our ability to have brief conversations with our Lord. Whether driving or shopping, doing laundry or paying bills, working in our office or walking down the hall to the bathroom, we can use brief “background” moments to connect with our Lord. These moments of “contemplation in action” will give a character and shape to our day. Lent becomes a living reality for us when our days are spent with the Lord, listening to his love for us, calling us to gratitude and freedom.

Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's Online Ministries web site: <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html> Used with permission.

Faith sharing March 16

St. Augustine's Faith Formation class meets at 6 p.m. **March 16** 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. All are welcome to join us.

Healing Mass March 14

On Saturday, March 14 at Star of the Sea Church, there will be a healing mass with anointing of the sick and laying on of hands. Praise & Worship music is at 9:30 a.m. and mass is at 10 a.m. There will be a potluck fellowship after mass.

Pa'ina Makahiki 31

Join Kumu Hula Leimomi Ho and her students of Keali'ika'apunihonua Ke'ena A'o Hula as they celebrate the 31st anniversary of their hula school, on Saturday, March 7 from 12 p.m.—3 p.m. at Hale Kealoha, 120 Hekili St. Kailua (Pali Lanes).

The event is a fund raiser for their Na Wahine (women) who will be participating at the 2015 Merrie Monarch Hula Festival in Hilo from April 8-11. Come and enjoy a Hawaiian feast with live Hawaiian music and entertainment. Tickets are \$50 and will be available after the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. masses. Or, you may contact Ka'uahne Aiu at 808-221-2053.

Remembered in prayer

The parishioners of St. Augustine will be remembered in prayer by the Sacred Hearts Sisters at Regina Pacis convent March 15-21. Let the sisters know of any special intentions at reginasscc@cs.org, 737-5822 or 1120 Fifth Avenue, Honolulu 96816.

St. Francis School Golf Tournament

St. Francis School will be holding its 2015 Annual Golf Tournament "Swing FORE a Saint" on Thursday, March 19 at Waialeale Golf Course. Registration starts at 10 a.m. This event raises money for their Tuition Assistance Program. For further information contact the Development Office at 808-988-4111 ext. 723 or e-mail: development@stfrancis-oahu.org.

At St. Augustine

Mar. 6	Stations of the Cross—5:30 p.m. Tongan Stations of the Cross—7 p.m.
Mar. 13	Stations of the Cross—5:30 p.m. Tongan Stations of the Cross—7 p.m.
Mar. 14/15	2nd Collection for Catholic Relief Services
Mar. 16	Lenten Reflection, The Saints—6:45 p.m. Church



During Lent, the Church calls us to prayer, fasting, almsgiving and penance. Prayer deepens our relationship with God. Fasting helps us to be more aware of our sisters and brothers in need and reminds us to be selfless. Almsgiving is a way of practicing generosity and reminds us that all that we have is a gift and it is meant to be shared. Through penance and the Sacrament of Reconciliation we can change sinful patterns.

Prayer

Daily Mass: Monday-Friday, 7 am and 5 pm.; Saturday: 7 am

Liturgy of the Hours: 6:30 a.m. Monday-Saturday

Stations of the Cross: 5:30 pm Fridays, 7 pm in Tongan.

Prayer in daily life: Sacredspace.ie, Prayingeachday.org, ebreviary.com, apostleshipofprayer.org,

Apps: Magnificat, Divine Office, iMissal

Weekly On Line Retreat: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/LentOnlineRetreat>

Pray the Rosary

Join the volunteers of the Heritage Center, Altar Rosary Society and the Knights of Columbus in prayer the Rosary on Sunday mornings at 7:15 a.m. in the Church. Special prayer intention slips may be filled out at the Center.

Lenten Reflection Series

The parish Lenten reflections continue with a presentation on **The Saints on Monday, March 16**, by Fr. George Cerniglia, SM at 6:45 p.m. in the Church. All are welcome.

Lenten food drive for Waianae homeless

In collaboration with the Sisters of St. Francis at Our Lady of Kea'au, Waianae, we will collect non-perishable food items and toiletries for the homeless in the Kea'au area on the Waianae Coast through Palm Sunday. The food will provide sustenance for our brothers and sisters on Oahu's west side who struggle with homelessness and with hunger. Please do not bring expired, opened or used items or frozen and fresh food.

Operation Rice Bowl

Practice almsgiving through Operation Rice Bowl and benefit those served by Catholic Relief Service throughout the world. Rice bowls are available at the church entrances. Return the Rice Bowl with your monetary donations at Holy Thursday Mass.

Lenten Penance Services

A communal Lenten Penance service with individual confessions will be offered at St. Augustine on Monday, March 23, at 6 p.m.

“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.

Stewards of the Church

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve on another as good stewards of God's varied grace.” 1 Pt. 4:10

Stewards of God's gifts are not passive beneficiaries. We cooperate with God in our own redemption and in the redemption of others.

We are also obliged to be stewards of the Church - collaborators in cooperators in the continuing redemptive work of Jesus Christ, which is the Church's essential mission. The mission—proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying—is our task. It is the personal responsibility of each one of us as Church.

All members of the Church have their own roles to play in carrying out its mission:

- Parents who nurture their children in the light of faith;
- Parishioners, who work in concrete ways to make their parishes true communities of faith and vibrant sources of service to the larger community;
- All Catholics, who give generous support—time, money, prayers and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs and the universal Church.

Stewardship of treasure

Collection for the week ended Feb. 22, 2015 : \$10,428.55

Children's' Offertory: \$86.50

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.

