

St. Augustine by-the-sea Church

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Pastor

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Deacon Andy Calunod

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Pastoral associate

Sr. Cheryl Wint, ofc

Pastoral associate

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-Friday

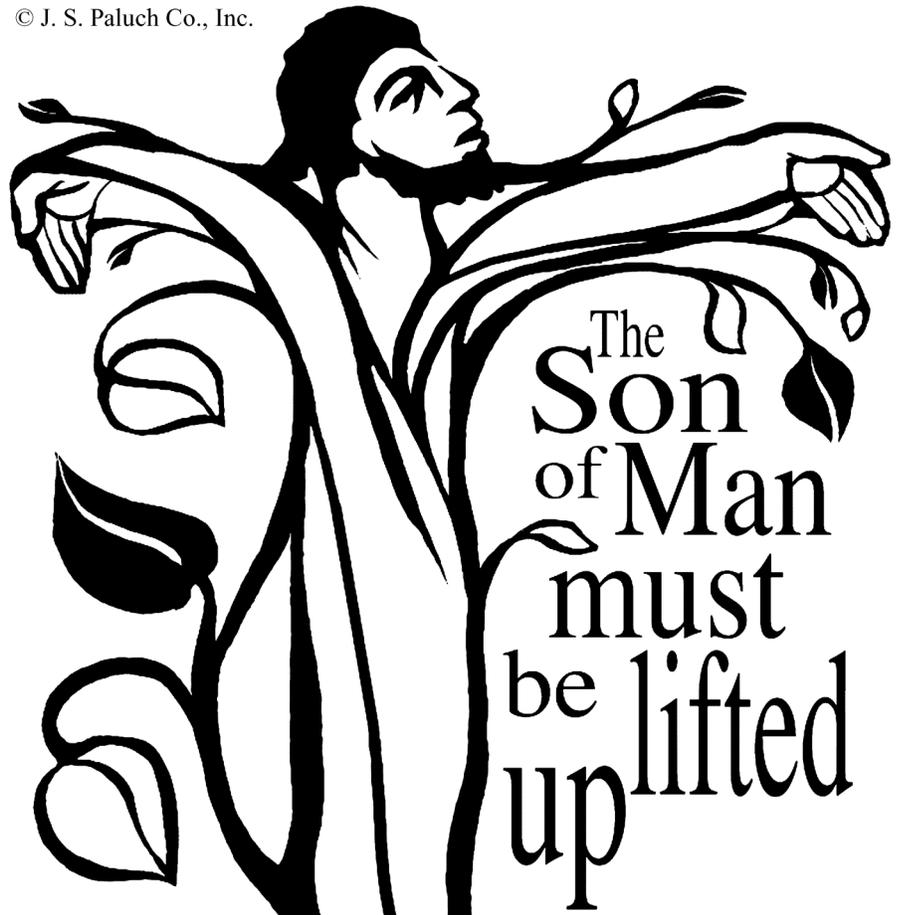
Damien and Marianne of Moloka'i

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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of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary
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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, Mar. 8—Third Sunday of Lent

Liturgical color: Violet

6 a.m. Mass

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8 a.m. Mass—S/I Fr. Gavin Quinn, O.Carm. (50th anniversary of ordination); R/S Ellamae Reyes; Jerry Galang

9 a.m. Religious education, Annex Building

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Sage & the Kong Kee Family; R/S Kaethe & Walter Schmidt

5 p.m. Mass

Monday, Mar. 9—St. Francis of Rome

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass

6 p.m. Knights of Columbus, Damien Meeting Room

Tuesday, Mar. 10

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. 11

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Colin Reyes (birthday)

5 p.m. Mass

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

Thursday, Mar. 12

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

Friday, Mar. 13

Day of Abstinence

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

7 p.m. Tongan Stations of the Cross

Saturday, Mar. 14

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Church cleaning: Altar Rosary Society

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



Breaking open the Word

Third Sunday of Lent

Reflection

The journey in this life has many “dos” and “don’ts.” And isn’t it such a coincidence that the dos are what we don’t like to do and the don’ts are what we like to do. It is the human side of us that causes us to behave as such.

In the temple, Jesus witnessed the human side of us that was taking place: trading, bartering, selling, and other actions for the sake of profit. He also knew the evil that accompanied this activity—greed, power, selfishness, possessiveness—and wanted no part of it in the temple. No doubt the people were upset with His actions and wanted to know His authority for doing it. But the people did not understand that good and evil do not occupy the same place at the same time. If they did, they refused to recognize or admit it. A good example of do and don’t.

Jesus’ action would be best described as a dramatic cleansing of the temple, a prophetic sign of God to purify and cleanse us as we journey back to Him. We may find this path uncomfortable and not an easy one to overcome. But we cannot successfully journey by ourselves without God’s help. Jesus knew this. To help us along the way, Jesus shared with us the “dos” and “don’ts” to help us grow our faith and move closer God.

The choice is left for us to decide and act upon, do believe or don’t believe.

Deacon Andy Calunod

Readings

Exodus 20:1-17 The law was given through Moses.

Psalms 19 Lord you have the words of everlasting life.

1 Corinthians 1:22-25 We proclaim Christ crucified; the foolishness of God is greater than human wisdom.

John 2: 13-25 Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

Weekday

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 2:25, 34-43; Ps 25; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer:7, 23-28; Ps 95; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51; Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday’s readings

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Third Week of Lent

For the Third Sunday of Lent we read the Ten Commandments and witness Jesus driving the money changers out of the temple. He says, “*Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.*” John’s Gospel tells us the point: “*Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.*”

Jesus challenges the people in his hometown of Nazareth to look at him in a new way - “*No prophet is accepted in his own native place.*” In a fury, they drive him out of the temple. Peter asks Jesus the limits of forgiveness. Jesus says that we must forgive again and again. He tells the parable about the servant, who though forgiven himself, does not forgive his fellow servants. Jesus has come to fulfill the law and the words of the prophets, not abolish them. When someone claimed that Jesus must be using Satan’s power to heal, Jesus responds “*Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste and house will fall against house.*” When asked to name the “greatest” commandment, Jesus names two, thus putting together the necessity of loving God with our entire being and loving our neighbor as our very selves. The week ends as Jesus tells a powerful story of the Pharisee and the tax collector praying in the temple. “*I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.*”

Daily Prayer This Week

This is a pivotal week of Lent. We can solidify the patterns we have begun or we can make a new start, if we haven’t started yet. If we have begun to recognize what needs realigning in our lives and have begun to fast and abstain from some things that get in the way of our relationship with the Lord, then we are engaging in a struggle; uncovering resistance and experiencing our personal sinfulness.

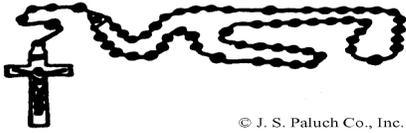
This is preparing us for a deeper conversion, a readiness for reconciliation with God and the graces that will allow us to be a source of reconciliation with others. This is when we begin to see and experience how much God loves us at a new and more personal level. These graces prepare us to keep our eyes focused on Jesus in the weeks ahead - to learn from him, to fall in love with him more deeply and to be drawn to imitate him more completely.

This is a week about God’s love for us and our call to love others the same way. It is a week to keep our daily focus on naming a desire each morning, then pausing to thank the Lord for this day and to ask for the grace to let our mind and heart be renewed in the concrete circumstances of our day. Our consciousness request for the Lord’s help will help us make the choice we desire to make, to let go of what we need to let go of, to add what we need to add. This will take us deeper and deeper into self-awareness and a sense of our need for a Savior, who is right there to embrace us and give us the graces we ask for.

Faith sharing March 16

St. Augustine's Faith Formation class meets at 6 p.m. **March 16** in the Damien Meeting Room 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.



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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.

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.

Learning Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina or "Divine Reading" is an ancient Benedictine practice of reading, meditating, and praying on Scripture to increase faith and draw closer to God. During Lent, come learn and practice Lectio Divina with Father David Lupo, ss.cc. Bring your Bible.

When: Saturday, March 14, 2015, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: St. Damien House, St. Anthony Retreat Center, 3351 Kalihi St., Honolulu, HI 96819

Lunch will be provided. Donations are welcome. Registration is required.

Call 845-4353 or visit www.saintanthonyretreat.org for more information.

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.



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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

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 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 service

A communal Lenten Penance services 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 Creation

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

The Bible contains a profound message about the stewardship of material creation: God created the world, but entrusts it to human beings. Caring for and cultivating the world involves the following:

- Joyful appreciation for the God-given beauty and wonder of nature;
- Protection and preservation of the environment, which would be the stewardship of ecological concern;
- Development of this world through noble human effort—physical labor, the trades and professions, the arts and sciences. We call such effort “work”.

Work is a fulfilling human vocation. The Second Vatican Council points out that, through work, we build up not only our world but the Kingdom of God, already present among us. Work is a partnership with God—our share in a divine human collaboration. It occupies a central place in our lives as Christian stewards.

Stewardship of treasure

Collection for the week ended Mar. 1, 2015 : \$10,601.76

Second collection: \$6,108.20

Children's' Offertory: \$72.50

Envelopes available in parish office

If you have not picked up your 2015 weekly collection envelopes yet, you may get them in the parish office during office hours.

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.

Aunty Carmen's Kitchen served 1,302

St. Augustine's ministry to the homeless and others who are hungry, Aunty Carmen's Kitchen, served 1,302 hot lunches in February. Your financial support for this outreach is one way we are living examples of the Gospel. “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me...” (Matthew 25:35).