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St. Augustine by-the-sea Church

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



*You have made us for yourself,
Lord, and our hearts are restless
until they rest in you*

-- St. Augustine of Hippo

Be my rock
of
refuge



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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, Feb. 7--Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical color: Green

6 a.m. Mass—R/SA Henry Zak, Jerry Semkin

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8 a.m. Mass—S/I Purie Cortez (thanksgiving), Virginia Clark (93rd birthday); R/S Zeb Rich

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Dr. Orlando Sanidad (healing), Sage and the Kong Kee Family, Virginia Clark (93rd birthday); R/S Margaret & Hubert Kletzka

5 p.m. Mass

Monday, Feb. 8--St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita

Liturgical color: Green/White

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, Feb. 9

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—In Honor of the Holy Name of Jesus

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Dolly Rich; R/S Zeb Rich

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

6 p.m. Mardi Gras party, parking lot (tickets required)

Wednesday, Feb. 10--Ash Wednesday

Day of Fast and Abstinence

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Elaine Fazzio (birthday)

5 p.m. Mass

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

8 p.m. Tongan Choir, annex building, upstairs

Thursday, Feb. 11--Thursday after Ash Wednesday, Our Lary of Lourdes

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

Friday, Feb. 12--Friday after Ash Wednesday

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

6 p.m. Soup supper following Stations of the Cross

7 p.m. Tongan Stations of the Cross

Saturday, Feb. 13--Saturday after Ash Wednesday

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 and the Kong Kee Family

Breaking open the Word

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection

*I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard My people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save*

*I, who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?*

*Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart
(Here I Am, Lord by Dan Schutte –1981)*

The much-loved hymn, *Here I Am Lord*, by Dan Schutte, is based on Isaiah 6 and the song's refrain is from the last verse of today's first reading: "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said; 'send me!'"

The song is written as a dialogue between God and us. The stanzas are God speaking, the refrain you and I.

Schutte was a young Jesuit when he wrote the song and he writes that the song "tells of the God who overshadows us, giving power to our stumbling words and the simple work of our hands, and making them into something that can be a grace for people. The power God gives is far beyond what we could have planned or created."

In all three readings today there is a pattern — Isaiah, Paul and Peter all feeling unworthy and then — lo and behold — commissioned by God as part of his amazing plan.

Who will bear God's light if it is not us? And if we feel unworthy or unprepared, well look at Isaiah, Paul and Peter. Isaiah, who despaired of his wickedness and "unclean lips" had his sin purged by a burning ember and hears God calling him. Paul, who persecuted Christians, was called by God to spread the Gospel message. And Peter fell to his knees in amazement, only to hear Jesus tell him: "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."

*I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?*

Who, indeed, if not you and I. For each of us is called, within our own lives and our own gifts, to answer the call of our baptism. Whom shall I send? Look around, it is all of us.

Anne Harpham

Readings

First Reading — In a vision Isaiah is called to be a messenger for the LORD of hosts. Isaiah responds, "Send me!" (Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8)

Psalm — In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — Paul reminds us of the gospel he preached through which we are saved, if we believe it (1 Corinthians 15:1-11).

Gospel — Jesus directs Simon to take his boat into deep water for a miraculous catch of fish. Simon and his partners leave all to follow Jesus (Luke 5:1-11).

Weekday

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86; Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday's reading

Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Daily Prayer as Lent begins

During the first four days of Lent, it will be a great help to set aside some time, even if it means getting up earlier each morning, to read about what Lent can mean and to let that soak into our hearts. The key is not to be somber or severe in any way, but to know that this is a time of great grace so that we can be attentive to it.

The first thing to remember is that these 40 days are a **gift** to us. We are not trying to save ourselves by our Lenten practices. God has already saved us. We are only trying to let God get our attention and to give grace a chance to work in us.

These days are critically important for choosing to establish some Lenten patterns. Depending upon our age or health, we will want to do some fasting and abstinence, in regard to food. But, each of us can choose what else we can fast and abstain from during Lent. What practices of mine get in the way of my being open to hearing God's Word and responding freely? That's what needs transforming. Giving up needing to be right, fasting from my impatience, totally abstaining from escapist fantasies will open our hearts to God's grace. None of that takes extra time. It just takes desire. Adding new acts of kindness, gratitude and love each day for family and friends will open our hearts to the greater acts of charity and generosity for the poor.

Finally, Lent is the perfect time to choose to grow in gratitude. Every night, before going to bed, let us be faithful to giving thanks to the Lord who has given us so many blessings and offers us new graces each and every day.

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History of Lent

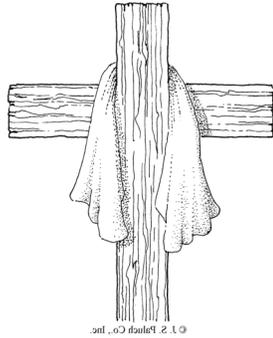
Lent is a special time of prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works in preparation of the celebration of Easter. The word *Lent* is from the Anglo-Saxon words *lencten*, meaning "Spring," and *lenctentid*, which literally means not only "Springtime" but also was the word for "March," the month in which the majority of Lent falls.

Since the earliest times of the Church, there is evidence of some kind of Lenten preparation for Easter. For instance, St. Irenaeus (d. 203) wrote to Pope St. Victor I, commenting on the celebration of Easter and the differences between practices in the East and the West: "The dispute is not only about the day, but also about the actual character of the fast. Some think that they ought to fast for one day, some for two, others for still more; some make their 'day' last 40 hours on end. Such variation in the observance did not originate in our own day, but very much earlier, in the time of our forefathers" (Eusebius, *History of the Church*, V, 24). When Rufinus translated this passage from Greek into Latin, the punctuation made between "40" and "hours" made the meaning to appear to be "40 days, twenty-four hours a day." The importance of the passage, nevertheless, remains that since the time of "our forefathers" -- always an expression for the apostles -- a 40-day period of Lenten preparation existed. However, the actual practices and duration of Lent were still not homogenous throughout the Church.

Lent becomes more regularized after the legalization of Christianity in A.D. 313. The Council of Nicea (325), in its disciplinary canons, noted that two provincial synods should be held each year, "one before the 40 days of Lent." Finally, Pope St. Leo (d. 461) preached that the faithful must "fulfill with their fasts the Apostolic institution of the 40 days," again noting the apostolic origins of Lent. One can safely conclude that by the end of the fourth century, the 40-day period of Easter preparation known as Lent existed, and that prayer and fasting constituted its primary spiritual exercises.

Of course, the number "40" has always had special spiritual significance regarding preparation. On Mount Sinai, preparing to receive the Ten Commandments, "Moses stayed there with the Lord for 40 days and 40 nights, without eating any food or drinking any water" (Ex 34:28). Elijah walked "40 days and 40 nights" to the mountain of the Lord, Mount Horeb (another name for Sinai) (1 Kgs 19:8). Most importantly, Jesus fasted and prayed for "40 days and 40 nights" in the desert before He began His public ministry (Mt 4:2).

Adapted from an article on the History of Lent by Fr. William Saunders. Next week: The history of the practice of fasting during Lent.



LENT

Lent begins on Wednesday and the readings make God's call to us clear: "Return to me with your whole heart." 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 is meant to be shared. Through penance and the Sacrament of Reconciliation we can change sinful patterns. The Church offers many opportunities to grow during Lent:

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.

Parish Mission: Feb. 22-24

Build prayer into your daily life through online resources: Sacredspace.ie, Prayingeachday.org, ebreviary.com, apostleshipofprayer.org, lectio.americanbible.org

2016 Lenten Regulations

FASTING

- Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday (February 10) and Good Friday (March 25).
- To *fast* means to consume one full meal a day at most, although taking of other, smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes is permitted. Food and drink between meals (excepting water and medicine) is not permitted on fast days.

ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

- Catholics aged 14 and up are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.
- To abstain means refraining from eating beef, veal, pork, or poultry at least, although eggs, milk products, or meat broths or condiments made from animal fat are OK.

EASTER DUTY

- All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept is to be fulfilled during the Easter Season unless it is fulfilled, for a just cause, at some other time during the year. This period is extended to include all the weeks of Lent and the Easter Season up to Trinity Sunday (May 22).

LENTEN PRACTICES

- The faithful are encouraged during Lent to attend daily Mass, receive Holy Communion, participate in penance services, and receive sacramental absolution; to take part in public and private exercises of piety, give generously to works of religion and charity, perform acts of kindness toward the sick, aged, and the poor; to practice voluntary self-denial, especially regarding food, drink, and worldly amusements; and to pray more fervently, particularly for the intentions of the Holy Father.

Welcome to Fr. Benny Kosasih, ss.cc.

Please welcome Fr. Benny to our parish as the new Parochial Vicar. Fr. Benny is from the Sacred Hearts Province of Indonesia and has been in Hawaii since 2006. Fr. Lusius Nimu, ss.cc. is also from that same Province. Fr. Benny was formerly at St. Ann's in Kaneohe.

2015 contribution statements

Stewardship statements were sent out recently for your tax filings. Please contact the parish office if there is a discrepancy or inaccuracy in our reporting of your stewardship for 2015.

Mahalo nui loa to all who shared generously to support the works and ministries of our parish community. Blessings always for being "Stewards of Joy". For those who have not yet picked up your 2016 stewardship envelopes, they will be in the sacristy until the end of February.

Parish Lenten Mission Feb. 22-24

The parish Lenten Mission will be held Feb. 22-24 at 6 p.m. each evening. There will be a Penance service Feb. 24.

Join us for Stations, soup on Fridays

The Knights of Columbus are providing a light soup supper on Fridays in Lent after the 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross. Please join us in the Damien Meeting Room for food and fellowship immediately following the Stations of the Cross.

Lenten food drive for the homeless

Every Tuesday, the outreach ministry of Our Lady of Kea'au on the Waianae Coast serves more than 300 hot meals to homeless individuals and families. This includes those who live on the beach as well as those in the emergency shelter in Waianae.

In addition, Our Lady of Kea'au provides food packages to those who come to their door seeking help. The need is great and is growing.

As a part of our outreach ministry the parish of St. Augustine will be collecting nonperishable food items and toiletries for the Outreach Ministry at Our Lady of Kea'au from Ash Wednesday through Palm Sunday. This annual Lenten food drive brings home to us the very real needs of so many of our brothers and sisters. We have supported the Franciscan Sisters who operate this outreach ministry for several years. Drop off your nonperishable food items (particularly canned meats and canned meals such as spaghetti and canned vegetables and fruit) and unopened toiletries in marked boxes in the church.

Mardi Gras Feb. 9

Join us for our annual Mardi Gras celebration to usher in the Lenten Season. Begins Tuesday, February 9 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the mauka parking lot. The theme, "Masquerade" means come in costume and win a prize for 1st, 2nd or 3rd place. Only 120 tickets will be available for \$10.00 per person. Sorry, no children's price. Aunty Carmen's Kitchen will cater the event. Get your ticket early---no tickets will be sold at the door.

Sidewalk remodeling

The City and County will soon continue the remodeling of the Kalakaua Avenue sidewalk. With the remodeling of the sidewalk, the driveway onto Kalakaua will no longer be used as an exit. Thus, parking will be a greater challenge when this takes place.

We are looking at other options, such as parking offsite, valet parking, etc. This will be a major detriment for attendance on weekends until the new parking structure is built. We have requested that the section in front of the church be done at the end of the project.

Pray that we all have patience and understanding.

Hospitality Sunday this weekend

We celebrate Hospitality Sunday this weekend. Join us on **Feb. 7** for pastry, coffee and juice after all Sunday morning Masses. Get to know your fellow parishioners, meet new friends and enjoy fellowship after Mass.

Collection for repair, maintenance

The second collection this weekend will be for the parish repair and maintenance fund. Thank you for your generosity.

Stewardship of treasure

Collection for the week ended Jan. 31: \$8,928.21

Aunty Carmen's Kitchen collection: \$5,784.92

Children's collection: \$40.00

How does Laudato Si speak to all of us in the parish?

The St. Augustine faith sharing group has been reading and reflecting on Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, "Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home." In this encyclical, the Pope asks all of us to look deeply at our consumer-driven society and throw-away culture and the results of our actions – or in-action.

As part of its ongoing reflection, the faith-sharing group seeks to reach out to all of the parish to ask parishioners to share in the ongoing reflection.

The group was struck by Pope Francis' citation of a question raised by the Catholic bishops of New Zealand: "What does the commandment 'Thou shalt not kill' mean when 'twenty percent of the world's population consumes resources at a rate that robs the poor nations and future generations of what they need to survive?'"

What are our responsibilities as Catholics in response to the question posed by the New Zealand bishops? How can we improve our treatment of others, animals, and mother earth as a whole? Does it call us to lifestyle changes individually, as a state, as a nation?

St. Augustine's faith sharing group meets next on **Monday, Feb. 15 at 6 p.m.** in the Damien Meeting Room.