

St. Augustine Church by-the-sea

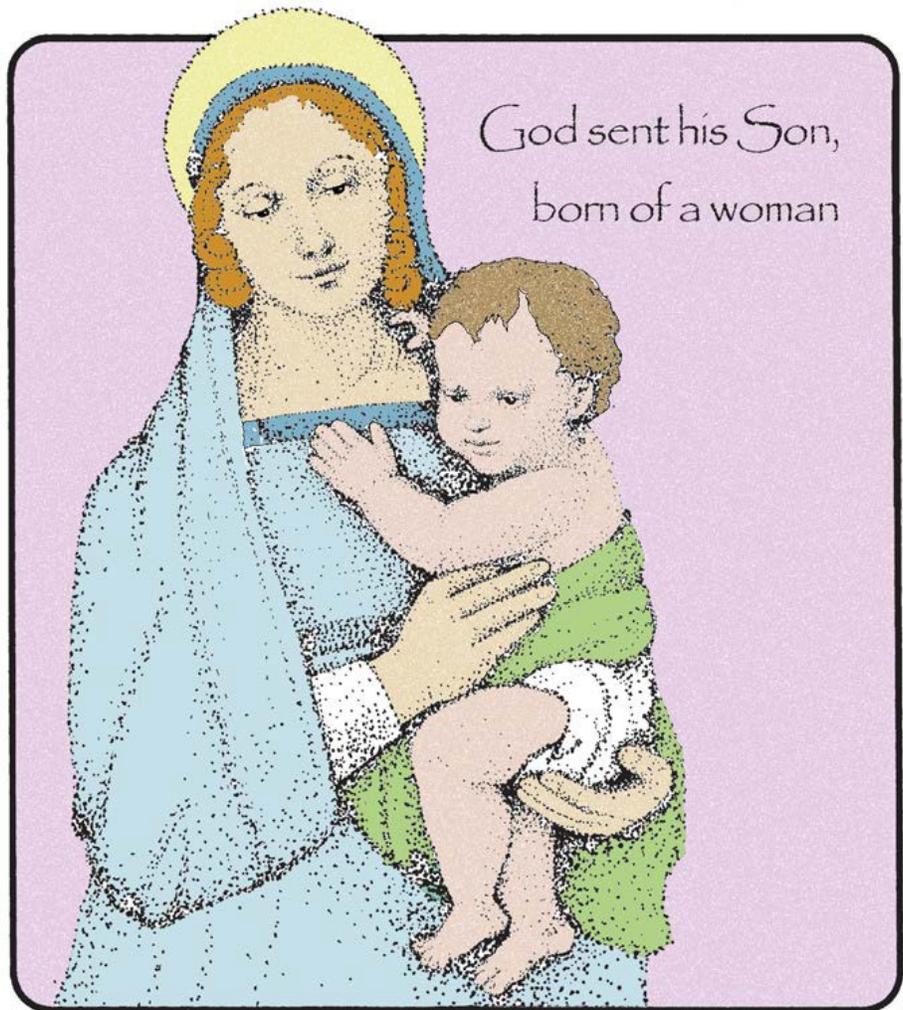
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Sunday Liturgy

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



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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

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

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Keith Cabiles and Margaret Stafford

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.

Aunt 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. 7 — The Epiphany of the Lord

Liturgical color: White

6 a.m. Mass—For the intention of the Blessed Mother

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Pua Bow

10 a.m. Mass—Armando & Victoreta Juachon

5 p.m. Mass —S/I Purie Cortez (thanksgiving)

Monday, Jan. 8—The Baptism of the Lord

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Lennel & Retchel Tupas (10th anniversary)

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

6 p.m. Wake for Fetukutuku Penisimani Lakalaka

7:30 p.m. Prayer service for Fetukutuku Penisimani Lakalaka

Tuesday, Jan. 9

First week in Ordinary Time

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

8:30 a.m. Final viewing for Fetukutuku Penisimani Lakalaka

10 a.m. Funeral Mass for Fetukutuku Penisimani Lakalaka

9 a.m. Rosary making, Damien Meeting Room

5 p.m. Mass

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

Wednesday, Jan. 10

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Purie Cortez (thanksgiving)

5 p.m. Mass

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

Thursday, Jan. 11

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Berna Telefoni (birthday)

5 p.m. Mass

6 p.m. Scripture reflection, Annex Building

Friday, Jan. 12

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Donald Kunstman

Saturday, Jan. 13—St. Hilary

Liturgical color: Green/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

Church cleaning: Altar Rosary Society and Knights of Columbus

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Bosco & Anna Suh

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Linda Greco and family

Breaking open the Word

The Epiphany of the Lord

On Epiphany Sunday, we celebrate the light that shines in the darkness. The star in the night sky is a symbol of Christmas and Epiphany. But it must be noticed in order to be followed. If the wise men hadn't bothered to look up, they might have never known that there were signs signaling them to a miraculous discovery.

Epiphany is about God being revealed in our lives, an "aha" moment when our eyes are opened, our spirits are touched, and we discover something that might have been there all along but wasn't apparent to us.

Epiphany is an invitation to look, really look, for God. Epiphany reminds us that God wants us to discover him. God may place signs in the sky, but we have to notice.

We can learn a lot from this ancient travel story about the Magi. The wise men dared to follow God's invitation — and it made all the difference. The Magi also took a step farther by giving the Christ Child the best gifts they had to offer.

Where is God inviting each one of us to go? That's the question for today!! What is God urging us to notice in our lives and in the lives around us? Where is God beckoning us — in our own lives and in the life of our parish?

God wants to be found by us. God does not hide. This is the joyful news of Epiphany: God's light shines in the darkness. Let us be open to the epiphanies in our lives and have the courage to seek God in new and wonderful ways. And like the wise men let's give Jesus the most precious gifts we have to offer. Let's give our best self to God. Let's give him our life and our heart in new ways.

Deacon Efrain Andrews

Readings

Sunday

First Reading — You shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — The magi were overjoyed at seeing the star (Matthew 2:1-12).

Weekday

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21; Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Daily Prayer

In this first week of Ordinary Time, we might find ourselves feeling a little let-down after the Christmas season. This is where we can ask for the grace to let the stories of the gospels come alive in our hearts.

The vivid narratives of this week's gospel are packed with stories of Jesus' entering into the lives of real people and touching them in extraordinary ways. These are not far away stories, but ones that have a real meaning for us.

This is a week of invitation from Jesus to us, with two invitations for us to ponder in our hearts this week. Jesus encounters Levi, a Jewish tax collector. Because of his profession, he was probably wealthy but he had humiliated his family and made himself a pariah to most of those around him. Jesus' response to this "outcast" was to invite him to be one of his closest disciples - and to dine at his house.

In our own lives we may find a loneliness or separation from people in our family or others in our lives. We have parts of our lives that are dark and embarrassing and seem unchangeable. It is into this very darkness and discomfort that Jesus extends the same invitation to us - "Follow me." This personal call to us is from Jesus who already knows us and our failings and yet asks us to be with him. We can hear this invitation more clearly if we can be touched with awareness of our own failings and understand more deeply how much we need a savior in our lives. It is then that our hearts open to accept this invitation.

This week Jesus invites us to follow him, as friends and disciples. This is a good week for us to contemplate with Jesus what we are looking for and how much we want to turn and follow him. We can pray to Jesus for the strength to leave the patterns and habits of our lives that so often turn us away from him and ask for the grace to make a new beginning in our lives. If we can sit with our hands open in humility, we can accept that we can't do this on our own, but know in our hearts that with the help of God, nothing is impossible.

Creighton University Online Ministries

Living Stewardship

Today's Gospel reading reveals the story of the Magi who come from the east to pay homage to Jesus, the newborn king. The story of the Magi teaches Christian stewards three Christmas truths: God, in the person of Jesus Christ, is present and active in the world, and good stewards strive daily to follow his star. Second, each of us, no matter our circumstances or station in life, has a gift to bring to the Lord. And finally, our life's journey always leads to Christ, even when at times we do not know where the road is taking us.

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. Bring your Bible and learn and practice Lectio Divina with Sr. Marie Lemert, ss.cc. and Malulani Kamanu on Saturday, Jan. 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Anthony Retreat Center. Open to women and men 18 years and older. Lunch provided. Free will offering.

Registration required by Jan. 16. Call 845-0065.

Hawaiian societies at St. Augustine

Jan. 7, 2018

On Jan. 7, Hale O Na Alli will be honoring Princess Wahikaahaula, their foundress, along with the other Hawaiian Royal Orders at the 10 a.m. Mass.

It has become a tradition for them to come to St. Augustine Church since many of the Royal family (the Kawananakoas) have been baptized at St. Augustine.

Our koa baptismal font was given as a gift by members of the Kawananakoa family in 1903.

Please welcome the Royal Orders and Hawaiian Societies to our parish community.

Services for Peni Lakalaka

Services for Fetukutuku Penisimani Lakalaka, will be Jan. 8 and 9 at St. Augustine Church. The wake service will be at 6 p.m. Jan. 8 with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. The final viewing will be at 8:30 a.m. Jan. 9 and the Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Jan. 9. Please remember Akata Malia Lakalaka the wife of Peni, and her ohana in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

St. Augustine Closet open Jan. 13

The Altar Rosary Society Closet will open on **Saturday, Jan. 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** in the Damien Meeting Room.

If you're looking for a treasure and something old or somewhat new, you won't want to miss it.



The Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities cordially invite you to St. Marianne Cope's 180th Birthday Anniversary Celebration Tuesday Jan. 23 with Mass at 6 p.m. with Bishop Larry Silva presiding at St. Francis School, The Almeida Center, 2707 Pamoia Rd. Dinner and entertainment will follow. RSVP by Jan. 15 to Sr. William Marie Eleneki, 382-2600.

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November collection statistics:

Regular collection: up 9%

Mass attendance: down 4%

Average donor gift per person: up 13%

Weekly Scripture discussions

Our weekly Scripture Reflections are held at 6 p.m. Thursdays in the Annex Building. They are open to all who are interested in deepening their knowledge of and appreciation for Scripture through reflection, discussion and study of the readings for Sunday. Please bring a Bible with you or a copy of the readings for the following Sunday. Come and learn more about Scripture.

Shoe drive

We are assisting St. Michael's parish in Waialua in their drive to collect 25,000 pairs of shoes in a fundraising effort. If you want to help, donate used shoes in good condition. The shoes must be wearable (no holes or cracks) and have laces if applicable. No roller skates, rollerblades or ice skates. If you have shoes to donate, please call the parish office.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Jan. 18-25

At least once a year, Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (John 17.21). Hearts are touched and Christians come together to pray for their unity in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Traditionally the week of prayer is celebrated between 18-25 January, between the feasts of St Peter and St Paul. The theme for the week of prayer in 2018, "Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power," is inspired by Exodus 15:6.

Eternal God,

You belong to no culture and land but are Lord of all,
you call us to welcome the stranger in our midst.

Help us by your Spirit,
to live as brothers and sisters,
welcoming all in your name,
and living in the justice of your kingdom.

This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

*The right hand of God
is planting in our land,
planting seeds of freedom, hope and love;
in these many-peopled lands,
let his children all join hands,
and be one with the right hand of God.*

Reflection books for lay ministers

"Living Liturgy" reflection booklets for eucharistic ministers are available in the sacristy. This resource helps Eucharistic ministers prepare for their role during liturgy as well as visits to the sick or homebound. The booklet includes reflections on the gospel and a brief theology of the ministry.

Mele Kalikimaka a me Hau'oli Makahiki Hou! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

In this most joyous time of year we are truly grateful for all that we have received. In 2017, St. Augustine Church was blessed by your generous stewardship of time, talent and treasure. Thanks to your support, we were able to fulfill our mission of outreach to those in need in our community.

The St. Augustine faith community is grateful for your continued presence, kokua and support. Our parish is a worshipping body celebrating our faith in Word and Eucharist, in the education of our children and in our many outreach programs to those who need our help.

We are also dedicated to the mission of preserving the legacy of our two Island saints and telling their story. St. Damien and St. Marianne Cope, who witnessed their faith in the leprosy settlement at Kalaupapa more than 100 years ago, provide our broken world a model of compassion, love and acceptance.

Our “Christmas wish” this year is to begin construction on our long-planned Damien and Marianne Educational Center. The center will tell the story of Kalaupapa and Sts. Damien and Marianne in static and inter-active displays and historic memorabilia, and will feature a chapel for reflection and a Memorial Garden.

There will also be a retail shop featuring local, Hawaiian items. The center will be on Kalakaua Avenue adjacent to St. Augustine Church, readily accessible to visitors and local residents alike.

Your kokua will help us in our mission to build the Damien and Marianne Educational Center to bring our saints’ story to the world. I personally invite you to join our parish family in this ministry and make a gift to help us proclaim their message of love, compassion, acceptance and courage.

May your Christmas Season be filled with blessings and joy and be assured of the prayers of our parish family.

Aloha me ke pumehana,
Fr. Lane K. Akiona ss.cc.