

# St. Augustine

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## Sunday Liturgy

5 p.m. Saturday

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

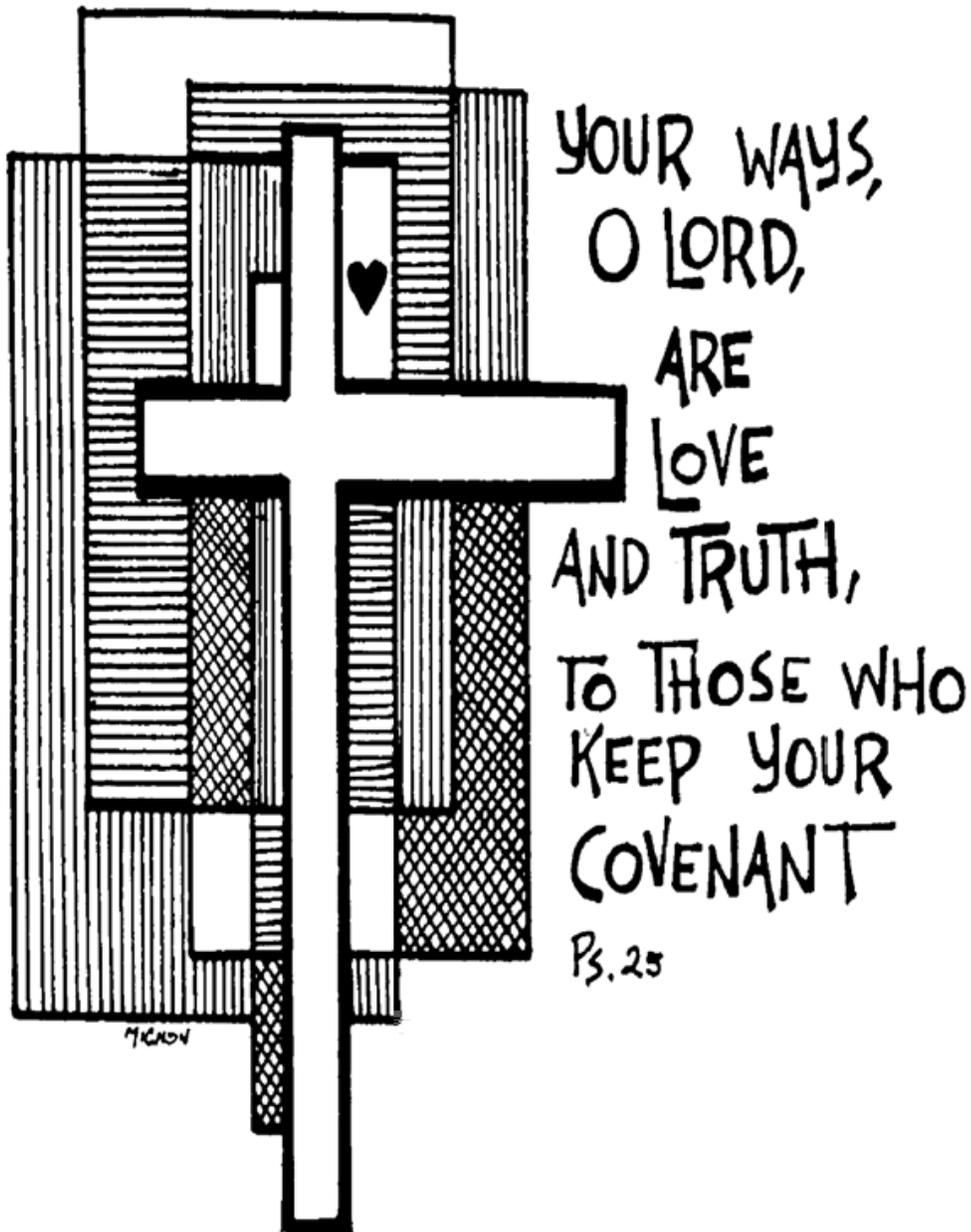
## Daily Liturgy

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*

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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](mailto: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. 18—First Sunday in Lent**

Liturgical color: Violet

6 a.m. Mass—R/S Earl Kindley

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Pua Bow

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Kong Kee Family

5 p.m. Mass —R/S Kevin Lynch

### **Monday, Feb. 19**

Presidents Day

**PARISH OFFICE AND AUNTY CARMEN'S KITCHEN CLOSED**

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

### **Tuesday, Feb. 20**

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Eucario Castro

9 a.m. Rosary making, Damien Meeting Room

5 p.m. Mass

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

6 p.m. Marriage Preparation, church

### **Wednesday, Feb. 21--St. Peter Damian**

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

4 p.m. Holy Hour reflection, church

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Elizabeth Cruz (birthday)

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

7 p.m. Tongan Choir practice, Annex Building

### **Thursday, Feb. 22--The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

### **Friday, Feb. 23--St. Polycarp**

*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, Damien Courtyard

7 p.m. Tongan Stations of the Cross

### **Saturday, Feb. 24**

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

Church & grounds cleaning: Altar Rosary Society & Knights of Columbus

7 a.m. Mass

9 a.m.—2 p.m. Knights of Columbus car wash

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Dick Green

# Breaking open the Word

## *First Sunday in Lent*

*This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand.*

*Repent, and believe in the gospel*

Today's gospel is very short compared to its parallel in Mathew's version which contains more details about Jesus' 40-day retreat in the desert. In today's gospel, Mark simply uses the retreat into the desert to highlight the beginning of Jesus' public ministry to proclaim the kingdom of God.

Jesus says, "The kingdom of God is at hand." Throughout the Gospels, Jesus talks about the kingdom of God. I think we can never think and talk enough about it. What does the kingdom of God mean for you? How do you imagine God's kingdom? What do you think it will be like? Do you want the kingdom of God to be at hand?

For Jesus, the kingdom of God means God is at the center of life, which means we are filled with God's love, that we walk in the light and love of God, which means we love everyone, we serve everyone, forgive everyone, live in perfect nonviolence and peace with everyone.

So the kingdom of God is basically an expression of the transformation of our lives such that God becomes the center of our lives just as it happened in the life of Jesus himself.

Peace in the world starts from our internal peace within ourselves. The end of world violence can begin when we recognize the source of violence within ourselves. Discrimination in the world can come to an end when we don't feel more superior to others. The fulfillment of the kingdom of God is not solely God's act detached from our action, but most of all it is our participation to let God as peace, love and truth lead our way of life.

We are true disciples of Jesus if we repent and embrace His message of the gospel by making Jesus' way of life as ours. Only then do we really participate in bringing the kingdom of God into its fulfillment.

*Fr. Benny Kosasih ss.cc.*

## **Readings**

### **Sunday**

**First Reading** — God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood (Genesis 9:8-15).

**Psalms** — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

**Gospel** — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:12-15).

### **Weekday**

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23; Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119; Mt 5:43-48

### **Next Sunday**

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

## Daily Prayer

This first week of Lent is the time we are given to begin our Lenten patterns, to re-align our priorities, and to make use of more reflective time each day. It is a time to fast and abstain from those things that hinder our relationship with the Lord, and to consider being more generous to the poor.

As we make this beginning, we are offered some beautiful instruction about what is expected of us. The readings this week describe a very Jesus-like love. We can examine our care for the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick or imprisoned. We can reflect upon who in our lives needs us and whether we love them as we want to be loved. And we can look at the deeper things, like our anger or how we treat others, and our response to those who are our "enemies." What is most important this first week, beyond a sharper examination of our consciences, is to see this as a time for God's grace to work in us. So, it is a time to ask for the graces we are starting to see we need.

Each morning this week we can ask our Lord to help us focus this day on the neediest people around us. We can ask to begin new patterns this week by practicing special charity and love, where I haven't been so generous or kind before. The key is to ask and to be very specific. Then, throughout the day, we can keep talking with our Lord, in the background about these graces we ask for and the concrete circumstances we find ourselves in. It is in the particular events of our day that we will become attentive to our need for our Lord's presence and grace, as well as our need to choose a new pattern.

*Creighton University Online Ministries*

## Living Stewardship

In today's Gospel, Jesus urges his listeners to believe in the Good News and to repent. The steward is called to repent: to acquire an openness to begin anew, to change existing attitudes and habits, and to act with faith in the Gospel. In this season of Lent, now is the time to ask ourselves whether or not we truly believe in the Gospel; and if we do, to what extent are we willing to change our prevailing habits and be more faithful to the Gospel.

## Weekly Scripture discussions

Our weekly Scripture Reflections are held at 6 p.m. **Thursdays** in the Annex Building. They are open to all who 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..

## Services for Elizabeth Aderman

Funeral services for parishioner Elizabeth Ann Aderman will be on **Tuesday, Feb. 20** at Mililani Downtown Mortuary. Visitation will be at 9 a.m., service at 10 a.m. Inurnment will be at 1 p.m. at Mililani Memorial Park.

## Memorial service for Charlotte Ornellas

There will be a Memorial Mass for longtime parishioner Charlotte Ornellas at 5 p.m. Saturday, March 3, here at St. Augustine.

## Flu epidemic and our response

Because of the large increase in of flu cases in Hawaii and the severity of the disease, we are suspending the communal chalice at communion, hand-shaking at the Sign of Peace and have removed holy water at the entrances to the church. We are doing this for the health, safety and protection of our parishioners and the visitors who worship with us.

At the Sign of Peace, a smile and a heartfelt "Peace be with you" should suffice.

If you are sick, we ask that you stay home. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those who are ill, especially with a contagious disease.

We pray for the health and recovery of all who are ill and not with us today. Mahalo for your understanding.

## Housekeeper needed

A parishioner with special needs requires housekeeping help for three hours once a week. For more information and if you would like to help, please call the parish office.

## Knights car wash

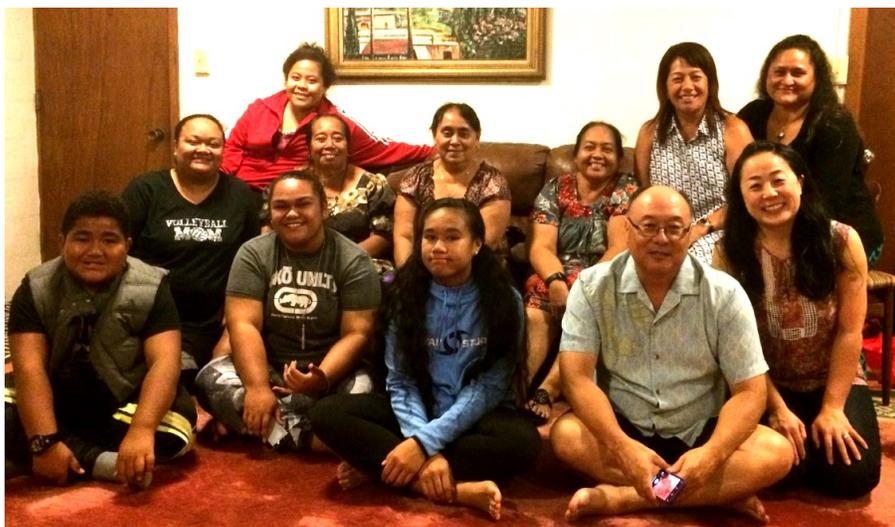
The Knights of Columbus are having a car wash **Saturday, Feb. 24**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the church parking lot. Wash: cars \$8 / trucks, SUVs \$10. THE PLUS includes vacuum & tire treatment: cars \$12 / trucks, SUVs \$14. THE DUKE adds clean interior front windshield, Armor All interior treatment, windshield washer fluid top off: cars \$15 / trucks/SUVs \$18. Tickets available after Mass.

## Wheelchair Sunday

The Knights of Columbus and The American Wheelchair Mission will be here at all Masses this weekend for Wheelchair Sunday to explain how you can help the poorest of the poor in Vietnam gain mobility and freedom.

## Augustine Education Fund

The second collection **Feb. 24 and 25** will be for the Augustine Education Fund, which provides tuition assistance to families with students in Catholic schools in Hawaii.



St. Augustine parishioners at Holy Trinity's Makai House the night of St. Augustine Parish's Family Promise dinner. The dinner was Jan 28.



Members of the Altar Rosary Society gather at 9 a.m. Tuesdays to make rosaries. The ladies sell the rosaries after Sunday masses.



## A prayer for Lent

**J**esus, this Lent I am yearning to wear a Zacchaeus heart.

I am wanting to hear you call my name just as you did his.

I am anxious to know that you are inviting yourself to my home.

I am humbled, amazed, excited, and astounded, just as he was.

But that is where the desire to wear a Zacchaeus heart stops, because I know what happens when you visit someone's house.

Conversations occur. Choices are presented. Changes happen.

That's because you look for more than dust when you come to visit and you talk about things more vital than the weather.

You move into the heart's dimension. You gaze deeply.

You don't just dwell. You interact. You activate.

You dwell so lovingly that the truth cannot be resisted.

**T**his Lent help me to welcome you and yearn for your love.

Give me a Zacchaeus heart that turns around and sees the truth.

I need the gaze of your love to remind me of my truest self.

I, too, need the strong call to make amends and start anew.

Hurry, Jesus, come and stay at my house today.

*From Out of the Ordinary: Prayers, Poems, and Reflections for Every Season by Joyce Rupp*



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The readings in Lent make God's call to us clear: "Return to me with your whole heart." In 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 those 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:

**Daily Mass:** Monday-Friday 7 a.m. & 5 p.m.; Saturday 7 a.m.

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

**Stations of the Cross:** 5:30 p.m. Fridays, 7 p.m. in Tongan.

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

**Parish Mission:** Feb. 26-27, 6 p.m. in the Church

**Parish Reconciliation Service:** March 5, 6 p.m. in the Church

## 2018 Lenten Regulations

### FASTING

☐ Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14) and Good Friday (March 30).

☐ 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 (except 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 egg and milk products are acceptable. The consumption of fish and shellfish is permitted, though the penitential character of the abstinence should be kept in mind..

### 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 27).

### LENTEN PRACTICES

☐ The faithful are encouraged to attend daily Mass, receive Communion, 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.

## Lent food drive for the homeless

Our Lady of Kea'au on the Waianae Coast weekly serves hundreds of hot meals to homeless individuals and families. The parish of St. Augustine will be collecting nonperishable food items and toiletries for Our Lady of Kea'au through Palm Sunday.

Drop off your nonperishable, unopened 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. Please do not bring toilet paper.

## Stations, soup on Fridays in Lent

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

## Operation Rice Bowl

During Lent, practice almsgiving through Operation Rice Bowl and benefit those served by Catholic Relief Service throughout the world. Rice bowls will be available at the church entrances. Return the Rice Bowl with your monetary donations at Holy Thursday Mass.

## Parish Lenten Mission Feb. 26 & 27

### *I shall prepare my heart'*

Dallas Carter, diocesan catechist for the Diocese of Honolulu, will give our parish Lenten mission Feb. 26 and 27 at 6 p.m. in the church. The theme is: Renewing our soul and building virtue during Lent.

Dallas has a degree in theology from Franciscan University and a master's from Chaminade University.

## East Honolulu Penance services

Lenten Penance services in East Honolulu parishes will be at:

St. Patrick Church.....	7 p.m. Feb. 28
St. Augustine Church.....	6 p.m. March 5
Mary, Star of the Sea.....	6:15 p.m. March 13
Sacred Heart Church.....	7:30 p.m. March 14
Holy Trinity Church.....	7 p.m. March 19
Newman Center/Holy Spirit.....	7 p.m. March 19
Sts. Peter & Paul.....	6 p.m. March 21

## Holy Hour Feb. 21

The Altar Rosary Society will have a Holy Hour Reflection at 4 p.m. Wednesday February 21. All are welcome to this spiritual reflection during this Lenten season.

## 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. If you have shoes to donate, please call the parish office.