

St. Augustine by-the-sea



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

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Pastor

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Parochial vicar

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Sunday Liturgy

5 p.m. Saturday

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

Daily Mass

7 a.m., 5 p.m. Monday-Friday

7 a.m. Saturday

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

Alleluia! He is Risen!

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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.

Soup kitchen

Coordinator: Carmen Brewer

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, April 21 --Fourth Sunday of Easter

Liturgical color: White

6 a.m. Mass—R/S Lester Chin

8 a.m. Mass—S/I Ladies of the Altar Rosary Society, both living and deceased

10 a.m. Mass—S/I The Conrad and Ablen Families, Sage and the Kong Kee Family

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Tangitangi Sevelo

Monday, April 22

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I The Conrad and Ablen Families

5 p.m. Communion Prayer Service

Tuesday, April 23

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I The Conrad and Ablen Families

5 p.m. Mass

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

Wednesday, April 24

Administrative Professionals Day

OFFICE AND HERITAGE CENTER CLOSED

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I The Conrad and Ablen Families

3 p.m. Wedding rehearsal

5 p.m. Communion Prayer Service

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

7 p.m. Tongan Choir, Annex Building

Thursday, April 25

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I The Conrad and Ablen Families, Annette Brown (birthday)

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Sophie & Michael Kopetsky, Florence Walker

Friday, April 26

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I The Conrad and Ablen Families

2 p.m. Wedding

5 p.m. Mass

Saturday, April 27

Liturgical color: White

7 a.m. Mass—S/I The Conrad and Ablen Families

7:30 a.m. Church cleaning, Tongan Society, President's Mystery

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Constante & Maria Azares (27th anniversary), Sage and the Kong Kee Family

Breaking open the Word

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Reflection

Longing for wholeness and goodness is at the very center of who we are. The ways for achieving them are up for grabs. Some people choose to focus on themselves, amassing as much money or wealth as they can since these seem to promise them security and pleasure. Some people control other people, thinking power can make them whole. Still others withdraw within themselves, trying to shut out the evil and sadness and loss of hope which surround us.

And some get it right: the only true way to wholeness and goodness is to follow Jesus along the path of self-sacrifice, willingly to be a lamb for the sake of others.

We hardly need to look for opportunities to give ourselves over for the sake of others; they abound in our daily living. Easter further reminds us that when we sacrifice ourselves for others, we are never alone; the Good Shepherd is always with us, holding us tightly in his hand.

This is what Good Shepherd Sunday is all about: it's all about a God who so deeply cares for us that the only Son became the Lamb who was slain. This is why whatever we may endure in following Jesus as faithful disciples is worth the cost — because God cares for us as our Good Shepherd and "leads us to springs of life-giving water." Jesus is Risen! He is the hope of the world.

Fr. Lane K. Akiona ss.cc.

Readings

First reading — **Acts 13:13, 43-52** The word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region.

Responsorial psalm -- **Psalms 100** We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second reading — **Revelation 7:9, 14b-17** I had a vision of a great multitude.

Gospel — **John 10:27-30** My sheep hear my voice; I know them and give them eternal life.

Weekday

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24--13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 6:15-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday's readings

Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

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Helping homeless families in our midst

Through the generosity of several parishioners and organizations, St. Augustine is participating with the Family Promise program at Holy Trinity Parish April 14 through April 27. Our parish is providing dinners April 20 and April 27 and provided household supplies. Earlier this month, our Tongan youth cleaned the house where the families are staying and the Tongan Community is leading a music fest after dinner on April 20. Family Promise is a program that provides a way for churches to work together to help homeless families. Holy Trinity Parish in Kuliouou is one of network of Hawaii congregations participating in Family Promise by providing overnight lodging and meals for three to five families for two weeks every quarter. Please call the parish office if you would like to participate in future months. The next opportunities will be in July and October. There are many ways to help: providing meals, helping to clean, helping with laundry and providing household supplies.

Second collection for Heritage Center

Today's second collection will benefit the Damien and Marianne Heritage Center, which tells the story of the work of St. Damien and St. Marianne at Kalawao and Kalaupapa. Visitors to the Center from Hawaii, from the Mainland and from around the world learn of their selfless service, their heroism for humanity and of the many people they served.

Vocations as a sign of hope

The Vatican has set the 50th World Day of Prayer for Vocations for April 21, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, commonly known as Good Shepherd Sunday. The theme for this year's celebration is "Vocations as a sign of hope founded in faith." The theme underscores the hope that vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life bring to the entire Church.

Celebrate Mary in May

On Wednesday, May 1, we will celebrate Mary's month of May with a crowning of Mary at the 5 p.m. Mass, followed by a light supper. If you want to bring flowers or lei, feel free to do so during the month. Pray that Mary may intercede for all of us.

Mass for the Feast of St. Damien

Bishop Larry Silva will preside at Mass for the Feast Day of St. Damien on Friday, May 10, at 6 p.m. at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace. There will be validated parking at Century Square garage.

'Moonstruck' at Cinema Divina

The movie "Moonstruck" will be shown at 6:30 p.m. Monday April 25 at Pauline Books and Media as part of their Cinema Divina series. There will be potluck at 6 p.m.

Stewardship

Collection, week ending April 14: \$8,564.86

Disbursements week ending April 14: \$20,036.61



April 10, 2013

REGARDING IMMIGRATION REFORM

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Peace be with you!

My ancestors came to Hawaii among the first wave of Portuguese immigrants in the late 1800s to work on island plantations. Around the same time, hundreds of newcomers also came from China, Japan, the Philippines and other countries. The descendents of these groups, and later others, melded to become one of the most beautiful ethnically-blended societies on earth.

Thanks in large part to the Hawaiian people, who were hospitable nearly to the point of their own ruin, Hawaii gave birth to a vibrant new cultural blend, a preview of a future global village. While Hawaii's immigration story has not been totally free of prejudice and discrimination, as a whole it has been raised by the aloha spirit into an achievement of which we can be proud.

Today our country faces a serious immigration dilemma. The system is a mess. An estimated 12 million undocumented immigrants live an unsettled existence, while legal immigrants have to endure years separated from their families. Young men and women who were brought illegally into our country as children by their parents now live in a legal limbo. And some states have resorted to taking anti-immigration enforcement into their own hands. Hawaii, though isolated by the vast Pacific Ocean, is also affected by our broken immigration system. Not only do we have undocumented residents among us, but many of our legal permanent residents often have to wait years, even decades, before their spouses, children and siblings are permitted to join them. This excessive hardship on our families could be easily fixed with more sensible laws.

Contrary to what many people think, undocumented immigrants pay taxes and contribute to the economy. At the same time, they are not permitted to take advantage of welfare or other public assistance and are less likely than legal citizens to commit crimes.

Except for Native Hawaiians and Native Americans, we are all immigrants or the descendants of immigrants. Today's newcomers are no different from us. They too want to work, raise and educate their families and enjoy a better life.

We did not become a great country by keeping people out, but rather by opening wide our doors. Our richness, energy and strength flow from diversity, new growth, progress, accommodation, and our welcoming, pioneering spirit.

I join the rest of the bishops in the United States in urging Congress to enact generous immigration reform that provides a fair pathway to citizenship, ends employer exploitation and keeps families together. I am not afraid of the word "amnesty" because it means forgiveness and compassion, values all Americans should promote. At the same time, I support appropriate requirements for citizenship.

In the end, we are all instructed by Jesus — who with his parents once lived as a refugee in Egypt — to "welcome the stranger."

How can you help welcome the stranger? Visit the Justice for Immigrants website at justiceforimmigrants.org to learn more about the position of our U.S. bishops and how to contact your federal officials with an electronic postcard. Or call your U.S. Senators at 202-224-3121 and U.S. Representatives at 202-225-3121 and urge them to support comprehensive immigration reform.

God bless you and all the people of our land!
Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Larry Silva
Bishop of Honolulu

Faith Formation

Save the Date!

The annual Diocesan Faith Formation Conference on Oahu will be held June 20-22 at St. Joseph in Waipahu.

The Year of Faith Conference is FOR EVERYONE! - parish staff, pastoral/finance council members, Catholic school faculty and staff, catechists, ministry volunteers, and parishioners of all ages, and all walks of life. Sessions include: Evangelization, Youth and Young Adults, RCIA, Catholic Social Teaching, Developing Parish Leaders and Volunteers and many more! Catechist credit opportunities also provided! Registration will open the first week of May.

Thurs. June 20 Youth Night

Fri. June 21, 1:30 - 4:30pm, 6-9pm

Sat. June 22, 8:30am - 1pm

BILAC set for Sept. 26-28, 2013

Marianist BILAC (Big Island Liturgy and Arts Conference) with its roots in the Hawaiian Culture and the Catholic Marianist Tradition is an annual conference in Honolulu sponsored by the Marianist Center of Hawaii, Chaminade University and Saint Louis School and is committed to providing communitarian-based experiences of prayer, the liturgical arts and spiritual growth. This year it is scheduled for Sept. 26-28 at the Chaminade/Saint Louis campus. Presenters include Marty Haugen, Sr. Anne Smollin CSJ, Bishop Remi DeRoo, and Fr. Michael Joncas. More conference details are at: www.marianisthawaii.org. Click on the BILAC 2013 link at the top left of the page.

Faith Formation class

Spend some time opening yourself to the power of God in St. Augustine's Faith Formation class. We gather for prayer, reflection and faith sharing, using Joyce Rupp's book "Fresh Bread and Other Gifts of Spiritual Nourishment."

"Surrender yourself a bit more to God's power working through you," writes Joyce Rupp "...by ourselves we can do nothing, but with a surrendered heart we can do all things through the one who gives us strength."

Our next gathering will be at 7 p.m. Monday, May 20 in the Damien Meeting Room. Our time together is led by Fr. Ken Templin SM. All are welcome to join us. Copies of the book are available for sale at the parish office. Please bring a Bible to class with you.



"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.

**No admission fee,
free-will offerings appreciated**

To learn more

The Heritage Center offers for sale several books about Sts. Damien and Marianne, including:

"Holy Man - Father Damien of Moloka'i" by Gavan Dawes

"Pilgrim & Exile - Mother Marianne of Moloka'i" by Sister Mary Laurence Hanley OSF & O.A. Bushnell

"Damien The Making of a Saint," published by Mutual Printing