

St. Augustine by-the-sea



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

Fr. Lane K. Akiona, ss.cc.

Pastor

Fr. Lusius Nimu, ss.cc.

Parochial vicar

Deacon Andy Calunod

Sr. Cheryl Wint, osf

Pastoral associate

Sunday Liturgy

5 p.m. Saturday

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

Daily Mass

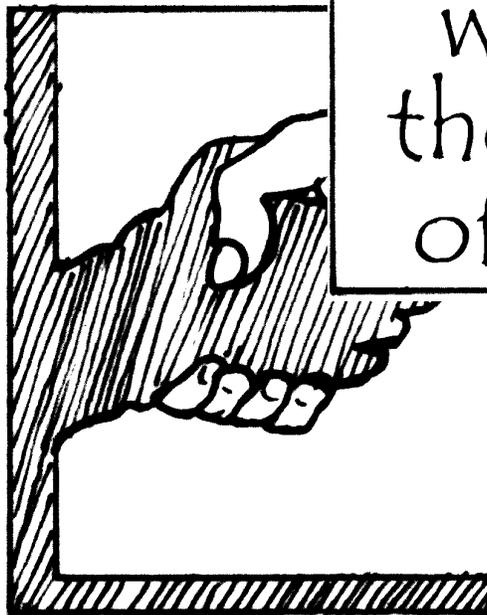
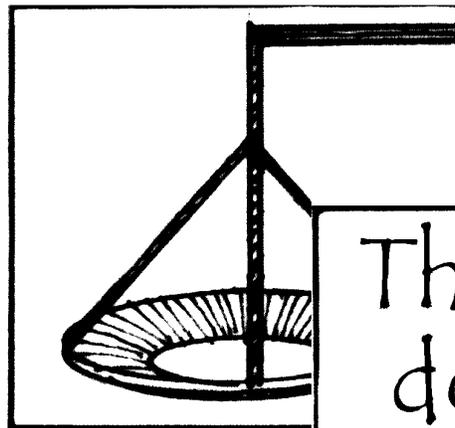
7 a.m., 5 p.m. Monday-Friday

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



The one who
does justice
will live in
the presence
of the Lord

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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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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.

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This week at St. Augustine

Sunday, Sept. 1—Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical color: Green

6 a.m. Mass

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

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Sage and the Kong Kee Family

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Tangitangi Sevelo; S/I Louhuni Tuihalafatai (birthday)

Monday, Sept. 2

PARISH OFFICE, SOUP KITCHEN, HERITAGE CENTER CLOSED

Labor Day

Liturgical color: Green/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Ausasala Shafer (birthday)

No 5 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, Sept. 3—St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Louhuni & Pulileka Tuihalafatai (32nd anniversary),

Don and Betty Backlund

5 p.m. Mass

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

Wednesday, Sept. 4

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Purie Cortez (thanksgiving), Jess & Barbara Fuentes (60th anniversary)

5 p.m. Mass

6 p.m. Choir practice, SAC

Thursday, Sept. 5

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Ed Talao

5 p.m. Mass

Friday, Sept. 6

First Friday

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Benediction and Adoration

5 p.m. Mass

Saturday, Sept. 7—Blessed Virgin Mary

First Saturday

Liturgical color: Green/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

7:30 a.m. Church cleaning, Altar Rosary Society

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Augustine Closet, Damien Room

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



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Breaking open the Word

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection

Today's readings present us with paradoxes. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are (Sirach). Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted (Luke).

We think we know what pride is, what humility is. But do we? Both have subtle ways of fooling us. We can easily think of pride as being boastful about ourselves or our accomplishments or possessions. But spiritual writers tell us there is pride also in refusing to recognize our interconnectedness with others and that all that we have comes to us by grace more than ourselves. We tend to think of humility as belittling our accomplishments or stepping back or being passive. Yet true humility is far from passive but rather is an active virtue and the knowledge that all we have comes from God and that we are to share it with others in generosity, gratitude and joy.

Jesus is not telling us to make a show of racing for the least of the seats at the table of life. He is telling us to live within true humility – the active kind of humility and faith in which we live in the sure knowledge our gifts and blessings are from God and we in turn share them with others in generosity and joy and motivated by a true love for our neighbors. It's a lifelong endeavor.

Anne Harpham

Readings

First reading — **Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29** Conduct your affairs with humility.

Responsorial psalm — **Psalm 68** God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Second reading — **Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24a** You have approached the city of the living God.

Gospel — **Luke 14:1, 7-14** Those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Weekday

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30

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Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday's readings

Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

22nd Week of Ordinary Time

Paul's **First Letter to the Thessalonians** concludes on Tuesday. Wednesday, we begin a week of readings from the **Letter to the Colossians**, with its gracious salutation and encouragement. The readers are exhorted to see Christ as the "head of the body" noting that all is created "in and through him."

We now move from Matthew to **Luke's Gospel**, which we will read on weekdays from now until Advent begins. We will feel the special way the evangelist will highlight healing, mercy, the poor, women, prayer, the Spirit and a gospel for a new, all inclusive, Israel. Jesus teaches in the synagogue and reads from Isaiah: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Jesus heals a man with demons. He heals Simon's mother-in-law, and all the sick they brought him. "I must proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God, because for this purpose I have been sent." He calls out to three discouraged fishermen to lower their nets, to show them his power. Peter is overwhelmed and protests he is unworthy. "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." At Jesus' persistence, Peter, James and John leave their nets to follow Jesus. The week ends with Jesus' tangling with the Pharisees who challenge the fasting of his disciples. "Can you make the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them?" He deflects the criticism by telling them "no one pours new wine into old wineskins." When his critics note that his disciples were "unlawful" by picking heads of grains to eat, he tells them, "The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath." *Creighton University Online Ministries*

LITURGICAL BITS AND BYTES

Labor Day

Labor Day is usually a reminder to us all that it's time to buckle down again and get to work. Summer is at an end and the school year has begun once more. The holiday is a reminder to us that there is dignity in the work we do. There are a number of church teachings that speak of the worth of labor and laborers. Sometimes we lose sight of the value of work because we don't take the time to step back and refuel our tired spirits. That is the purpose of "Sabbath rest." One of the commandments is "Keep holy the Sabbath" A good question to reflect on: "What do I do to recreate my spirit?" and "How do I keep Sunday the Lord's Day?" *Copyright © 2010 Resource Publications, Inc. All rights reserved.*

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The readings today center on mindfulness, awareness of where we stand in God's plan. The mountain of Sinai carries a message of the majesty and distance of God, while Jesus' presence as host of the banquet speaks of intimacy and mystery.

Altar means "high place," yet it is also a table. The former liturgy of the Latin Rite began with the priest bowing at the foot of the altar's three steps, chanting *Introibo ad altare Dei*, or "I will go to the altar of God," followed by the altar servers' response, "The God who gives joy to my youth." Many parishioners can recall and recite this scene by heart. As with so many things in liturgy, there are layers of meaning in our worship. The altar table evokes memories of the high places once reserved for encounter with the holy, and the intimacy of the table where hospitality draws us to share food and drink.

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Aloha, Fr. Lusius

We bid farewell and aloha to Fr. Lusius in September. Fr. Lusius has been a part of our parish family since 2007 and will be greatly missed. But he goes with our prayers and thanks to his new assignment as director and formator of a student studying for the priesthood in San Antonio, Texas.

There will be a farewell reception for Fr. Lusius at 11:30 a.m. **Sunday, Sept. 8** in the Damien Courtyard.

Mahalo nui loa!

Mahalo nui loa! These summer months have been such a blessing to my discernment to the ordained priesthood. Thank you for your kind words and gifts during this short assignment. Please be assured of my prayers and I ask you to pray for me as well. I invite you to write to me when you have a chance:

Alfred Guerrero
320 Middlefield Road
Menlo Park, CA 94025

~*Alfred Guerrero*
Seminarian in summer residence

St. Augustine Closet open Sept. 7

The thrift shop run by the Altar Rosary Society will be open **Saturday, Sept. 7** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. You'll find various household items, adult and children's clothing, shoes, books, toys, knickknacks and much more at the closet. The thrift shop is in the Damien Courtyard. Come and see!!

Religious education begins Sept. 15

All children from second grade through high school who are not in Catholic school must be enrolled in a regular faith formation program. St. Augustine's 2013-14 religious education classes begin **Sunday, Sept 15**. Register your children by calling the parish office, 923-7024.

RCIA begins Sept. 18

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) was established by the Church for individuals to wish to become Catholic. St. Augustine's next RCIA classes begin **Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Damien Meeting Room. RCIA is for any adult who has never been baptized, or who has been baptized in another Christian church who wishes to become Catholic, and any adult baptized in the Catholic Church who wishes to complete initiation (Confirmation, First Eucharist). You may call the parish office for more information, or attend the initial informational session on Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Damien statue by Maui artist

We are seeking to commission a bronze outdoor statue of St. Damien by Maui artist Gary Thomas. The statue, is a depiction of Father Damien, who gave of himself to care for those banished to Molokai because they had Hansen's Disease. We are seeking donations to help us obtain the statue, which will be placed in a meditation garden. To donate or for more information please see Fr. Lane.

Pope tells Catholics: 'Be a little poorer'

Pope Francis has offered the Church a breath of fresh because he has restated time-honored truths in down-to-earth ways. Much of his statements have focused on the issue of the poor and our relationship to them. A June 7 Vatican press release revealed one such statement by the Holy Father: "Poverty in the world is a scandal. In a world where there is so much wealth, so many resources to feed everyone, it is unfathomable that there are so many hungry children, that there are so many children without an education, so many poor persons. We all have to think if we can become a little poorer, all of us have to do this. How can I become a little poorer in order to be more like Jesus, who was the poor Teacher?"

Christian stewards recognize Jesus' teaching in that statement: For whom much is given, much is expected. This is can be a hard gospel teaching to embrace. The Pope also reminds us that "You can't speak of poverty without having experience with the poor."

As we discern our own level of generosity toward the poor, we must come face to face with them, and not in some vague manner. Perhaps a day spent with refugees resettling in your community, or at a daycare serving low-income children, or helping people select groceries at a food bank will bring poverty home to us and help in our discernment.

~*International Catholic Stewardship Council*

Kick-off fundraiser for museum

A kick-off fundraiser is planned for **November 8** here at St. Augustine, to support the NEW Damien and Marianne of Moloka'i Museum. It will be the first of many fundraisers to support our efforts in building this new museum. Limited tickets will be on sale. More information will be forthcoming. Keep the date open, some exciting things will happen.

At St. Augustine

Aug. 31/Sept.1	2nd collection for Building and Maintenance Fund
Sept. 8	11:30 a.m. farewell reception for Fr. Lusius
Sept. 15	Religious education begins 2013-14 year
Sept. 16:	Faith sharing group, Damien Meeting Room
Sept. 18	RCIA begins. 6:30 p.m. Damien Meeting Room
Sept. 29	2nd collection for Soup Kitchen
Nov. 8	Museum fundraiser

Nurturing Faith

Daily Prayer

Our pattern of finding intimacy with our Lord in the unique context of our busy, complicated days begins with a morning moment of focus, the earlier the better. Soon after we wake up, we can pause briefly to give a faith filled shape to our day. We can begin our day with the Lord, begin our day in a relationship.

This week, we might ask Jesus to confront the demons that seem to dominate the upcoming week. We might experience discouragement in our work, with our spouses or parents or in our jobs or ministries. We can take those discouragements and use them as an opportunity to ask the Lord to show us his power there. And, when we are tempted to feel unworthy or to be humbled by the task ahead, we can let Jesus call us again to follow him. Perhaps this week we will feel the call to a real renewal, to not just keep trying to pour new wine into our old wineskins but to ask the Lord to make us new, and ready for the new calls, new graces he is offering us. With the smallest of efforts, we can find a few moments every evening to look back on these days of connecting with our Lord, and to express our gratitude for his presence and the new freedom and graces we are receiving.

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Faith Sharing group

St. Augustine's Faith Formation class meets the third Monday of each month for prayer, reflection and faith sharing. We are using Henri Nouwen's book "Here and Now: Living in the Spirit." Our next gathering will be at **7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16** in the Damien Meeting Room. Copies of "Here and Now" may be purchased in the parish office.

BILAC set for Sept. 26-28, 2013

Marianist BILAC (Big Island Liturgy and Arts Conference) 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. More conference details are at: www.marianisthawaii.org. Click on the BILAC 2013 link at the top left of the page.

Day of recollection at St. Anthony

Hawaii is blessed to have two Catholic saints, who knew each other, as part of its rich history. This is a time of great celebration! You are invited to participate in a day of recollection, honoring St. Damien and St. Marianne, to be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on **Saturday, September 21**, at St. Anthony Retreat Center. Lunch will be served. A donation is requested. For more information, call Kimberly at 845-4353.

"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

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