

# 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*

**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

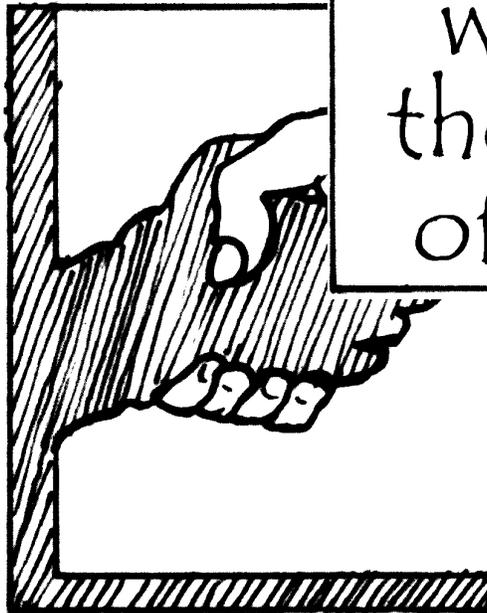
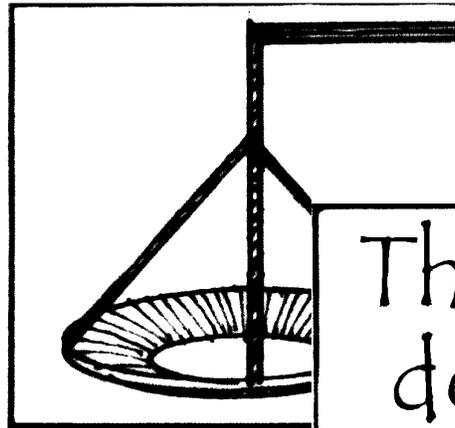
7 a.m., 5 p.m. Monday-Friday

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](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.

### **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. 8—Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Liturgical color: Green

6 a.m. Mass

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Zeb Rich

10 a.m. Mass—R/S Rosemary Walther, Mary Levandoski, Zenaida Vibar; S/I Sage and the Kong Kee Family

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Tangitangi Sevelo

### **Monday, Sept. 9—Saint Peter Claver, Priest**

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Katie & Jesse Farias (anniversary)

5 p.m. Mass

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

### **Tuesday, Sept. 10**

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Manuia Tavake-Shafer, Lovey Papali'i, Elaine Fazzio, Gary & Karen Schwartz (30th anniversary); R/S Peter Fazzio

5 p.m. Mass

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

### **Wednesday, Sept. 11**

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

6 p.m. Choir practice, SAC

### **Thursday, Sept. 12—The Most Holy Name of Mary**

Liturgical color: Green/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass

### **Friday, Sept. 13—Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

No 5 p.m. Mass

### **Saturday, Sept. 14—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Liturgical color: Red

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

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

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Mae Denis Gomes, Robert Paiva, Mario Castillo

# Breaking open the Word

## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Reflection

The radical cost of discipleship suggests that our yes is one that must be learned; we grow into it. As we make choices to live out our discipleship, we enter more deeply into its meaning and demands. At the same time as we are faithful disciples, we also continually receive from God the strength to follow Jesus no matter what the cost. Our yes to being followers of Jesus and taking up his mission is first ritualized at our baptism. Whether babies or adults makes no difference: that yes is always less than perfect. There is always room in our lives to grow deeper into Christ. Our ongoing baptismal yes is our ongoing assessment of the self-emptying stance of discipleship.

Jesus is constantly inviting us to listen to him. We spend our whole lives bringing our fullest attention to what he is saying. This gospel gives us no hint about what happens if we cannot follow through on these radical demands of discipleship. From the history of God's dealing with the chosen people, we know God is a God of mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. Jesus lays out the radical demands of discipleship. Our human weakness begs us to call on God's mercy and forgiveness when we cannot quite measure up. In all things, God will sustain us. God never goes back on the divine promise to give new Life to those who are faithful.

*Fr. Lane K. Akiona ss.cc.*

### Readings

**First reading** — **Wisdom 9:13-18b** You sent your holy spirit from on high and thus were the paths of those on earth made straight.

**Responsorial psalm** — **Psalms 90** In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

**Second reading** — **Philemon 9-10, 12-17** Paul asks Philemon to accept back his slave Onesimus as a brother.

**Gospel** — **Luke 14:25-33** Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?

### Weekday

**Monday:** Col 1:24--2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday:** Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday:** Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38

**Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

**Saturday:** Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

### Next Sunday's readings

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32

## 23rd Week of Ordinary Time

The first part of the week, the first readings are from the Letter to the Colossians. Paul is in prison, encouraging this community to put their trust in Christ, not mystical teachings and powers. He challenges them to live their baptism and to walk in the union they have with and in Jesus. Friday we begin reading Paul's First Letter to Timothy. On Saturday Paul boldly proclaims that he is the "foremost" among sinners and a sign of God's mercy.

In the first part of this week, following Luke's Gospel, Jesus heals a man with a withered hand, on the Sabbath, in front of his religious critics. Then Jesus goes up on a mountain to pray and comes down to name his twelve apostles - all of whom seem to be unknown or questionable at best. When people come to him from all over, he heals them. Jesus announces that the poor, the hungry, those who weep, and those hated or excluded or denounced because of him are the blessed. He warns those who are rich, filled, laughing and spoken well of, for their fates will be reversed. He cautions not to be quick to see the splinter in someone else's eye when we do not notice the "wooden beam" in our own eyes. Jesus says that we will be known by our fruit. It is only by building our lives upon him, as a firm foundation, can we hope to survive crises.

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## LITURGICAL BITS AND BYTES

### **Celebrating the Mass ~What is the Church?**

The Church is the people of God. The church is the church building, the house of the people of God. We have called the church the house of God. It has become that, because it is the place which has been made sacred through Eucharist worship. The work of the people, LITURGY, sanctifies the space as it makes Christ present through the word, through the eucharist, through the ministers, and through the Body of Christ assembled. The Church is a who, not a what.

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### **REFLECTION ON SCRIPTURE**

*The works of God are all of them good; every need when it comes he fills.*

Sirach 39:33

This verse draws our attention to the goodness of all that God creates and does; it also reminds us that God fills our needs as they arise.

Every day presents real opportunities to encounter the gift of God's goodness. They can be found in the world around us and in our relationships with others. Turning to God in prayer, we can trust that God will fill us with what we need.

*How can I become more aware of God's goodness today?*

*In what ways am I trusting God to guide my life and to provide what I need?*

God of all good things, let all that is within me give you praise. Help me to be aware of your goodness and all the ways you fill my needs. Amen.

-from Loyola Press 3-minute retreat

## Aloha, Fr. Lusius

Mahalo to all who helped to celebrate Fr. Lusius' farewell. He will now be relocating to Berkeley, California, not San Antonio, Texas. Please continue to pray for his new ministry.

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

## Act now for immigration reform

The U.S. Senate has passed comprehensive immigration reform legislation by a large margin. The U.S. House of Representatives is considering whether to address immigration reform legislation that can provide significant relief to potentially millions of people and their families. Now is a critical time to contact your House members and urge them to pass common sense immigration reform.

The U.S. Catholic Bishops, through the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), have urged Congress to pass immigration reform which provides a path to citizenship for undocumented persons living in the United States; preserves and strengthens family unity; provides legal avenues for low-skilled immigrants to come and work in the United States; and promotes efforts to address the root causes of migration.

To send a pre-written, instant e-mail to Congress go to [www.justiceforimmigrants.org](http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org). Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at 202-225-3121 and ask for your members' offices.

For more information, go to [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov)

## 2nd collection for Catholic University

The Catholic University of America, the national university of the U.S. Catholic Church, provides an academically rigorous education guided by the Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students. Our second collection next weekend will support Catholic University of America.

## India mission appeal

Sr. Rose Henry Reeves ss.cc., missionary to India, will be at the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses **Sept. 8**. Please support the work of our Sacred Hearts Sisters' mission in India.

## Soup kitchen served 1,001 in August

The St. Augustine Soup Kitchen served 1,001 hot meals in August to those in our midst who are homeless and those who are hungry. The monthly total of hot meals has been over 1,000 each month so far this year. The Soup Kitchen is one of our ministries to those in our community who lack adequate food and is supported by donations from parishioners and visitors.

## Stewardship

**Collection, week ending Aug. 25: \$7,258.38**

**2nd collection for Maryknoll Missions: \$1,331.74**

**Collection, week ending Sept. 1: \$7,327.29**

**2nd collection, Building & Maintenance Fund: \$5,251.30**

**Disbursements week ending Sept. 1: \$14,584.02**

**Parish assessment: \$10,650.00**

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# An Evening of Aloha

*Damien and Marianne Museum benefit*  
*Celebrating an evening of legacy,*  
*eats, merriment and fellowship*

Mark your calendar and plan to join us on Friday, Nov. 8, from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the inaugural fundraiser for the new Damien and Marianne Museum planned for the grounds of St. Augustine Parish.

The benefit will feature tastings provided by Tiki's Bar and Grill, Side Street Inn, Ono Cheese Steak, Taste, and Joliebee, as well as wine pairings. Tickets are \$75 per person, \$90 at the door. Complimentary valet parking will be provided. Tickets are available at the Damien and Marianne Heritage Center. Tickets are limited, so get your tickets early.

There will also be live entertainment and museum tours. The event is sponsored by the Damien & Marianne Foundation and a portion of the ticket price is tax deductible.

## 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**. Classes are held Sunday mornings after the 8 a.m. Mass.

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 who wish to become Catholic. It is also open to those who want to complete their sacraments of initiation (First Eucharist and Confirmation) or those who wish to learn more about their faith.

St. Augustine's 2013-14 RCIA program begins **Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Damien Meeting Room with an overview of the process.

You may call the parish office for more information, or attend the initial informational session on Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m.



# Nurturing Faith

## Daily prayer

When we place Jesus at the center of our lives, as Paul calls the Colossians to do in the readings this week, two marvelous graces are given us. We experience God's love for us in the mercy and forgiveness of Jesus. As grateful sinners, we then are able to forgive others.

As we begin each day this week, we can let these two graces be part of our reflection. We can ask our Lord to show us his love. We can fearlessly ask to understand who we are as sinners, in the concrete ways each of us falls short, gets distracted, becomes uncentered and makes very unfree choices. We can ask to be forgiven and healed. We can beg for the grace to forgive others.

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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." In this book of meditations Henri Nouwen tells us how God is close to us in our daily lives, much closer than we usually realize. He writes about joy in our sorrow, about friendship and family, about prayer, about forgiveness, compassion, discipleship, discipline, and conversion.

We gather for prayer, reflection and faith sharing in each class. Our next gathering will be at **7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16** in the Damien Meeting Room. Our time together is led by Fr. Ken Templin SM. All are welcome to join us. Copies of "Here and Now" may be purchased in the parish office.

## Peace Day celebration Sept. 20

The annual Peace Day Interfaith Celebration will be held at 7 p.m. **Friday, Sept. 20** at Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, 1727 Pali Highway. In 2007, Hawaii became the first state to recognize Peace Day. The United Nations General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples. The service will feature speakers and musical performances from a variety of religious and spiritual traditions. The event will be a moving and memorable celebration of peace. Masahiro Sasaki will be a featured speaker at the celebration. He is the brother of Sadako Sasaki, whose extraordinary life was recounted in the children's book "Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes." The Sasaki family will be visiting Hawaii from Hiroshima, Japan to help celebrate Peace Day and to dedicate an exhibit of one of Sadako Sasaki's paper cranes at the Valor of the Pacific at Pearl Harbor. The Peace Day Celebration is sponsored by the Pacific Buddhist Academy, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, Hongwanji Mission School, The Interfaith Alliance Hawaii, Hawaii Association of International Buddhists,

## "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**

## Damien statue by Maui artist

We are seeking to commission a bronze outdoor statue of St. Damien by Maui artist Gary Thomas. 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.

### At St. Augustine

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| <b>Sept. 8</b>   | 11:30 a.m. farewell reception for Fr. Lusius                                   |
| <b>Sept. 15</b>  | Religious education begins 2013-14 year<br>2nd collection: Catholic University |
| <b>Sept. 16:</b> | Faith sharing group, Damien Meeting Room                                       |
| <b>Sept. 18</b>  | RCIA begins. 6:30 p.m. Damien Meeting Room                                     |
| <b>Sept. 29</b>  | 2nd collection for Soup Kitchen  |
| <b>Sept. 30</b>  | 5:45 p.m. Pastoral Council meeting   |
| <b>Nov. 8</b>    | 'An Evening of Aloha,' a benefit for the Damien and Marianne Museum            |