

# 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*

**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

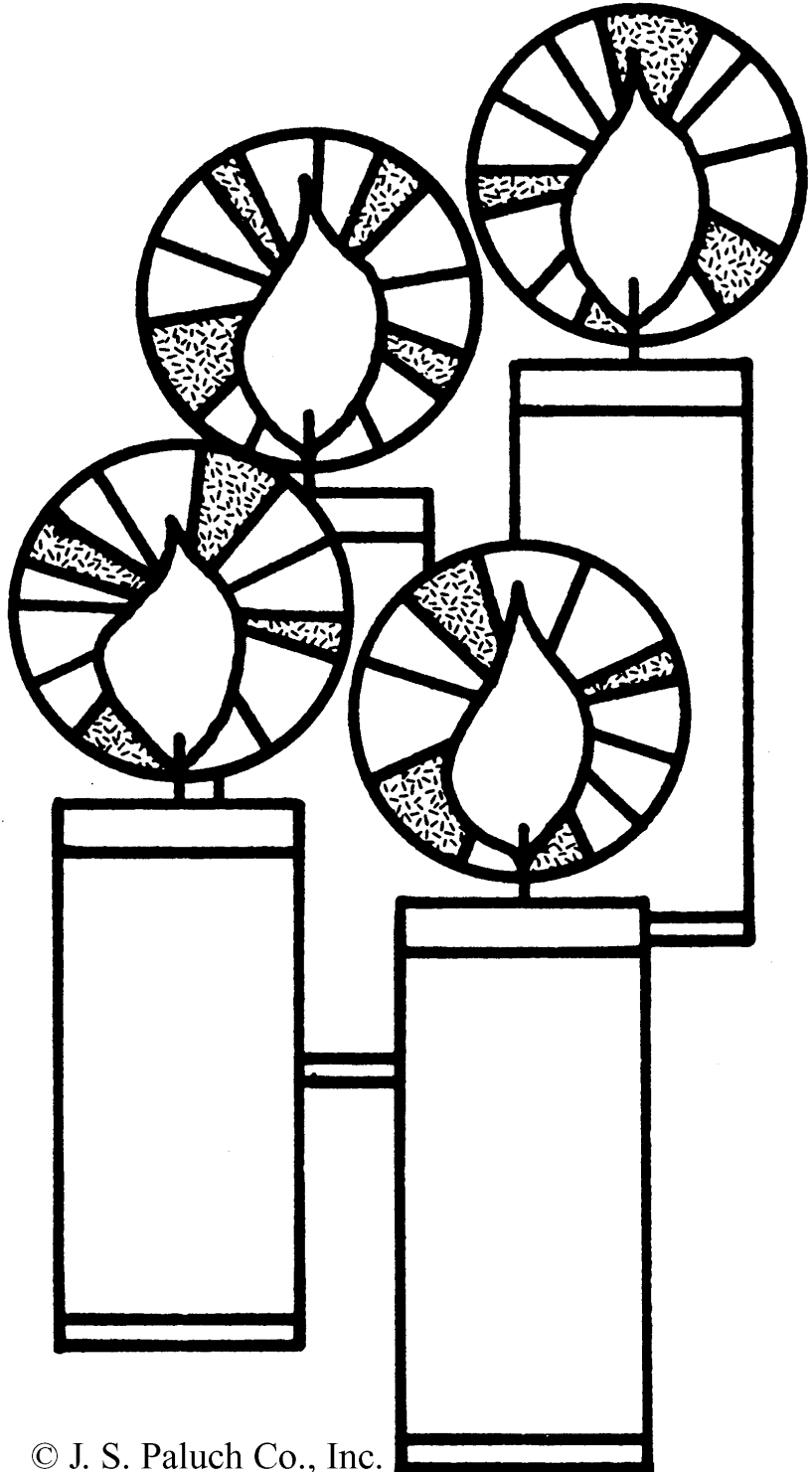
### Heritage Center

Open daily, featuring  
displays of the work of  
St. Damien and St. Marianne



*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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## **St. Augustine by-the-sea Parish**

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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.

## **This week at St. Augustine**

### **Sunday, Dec. 1— First Sunday in Advent**

Liturgical color: Violet

6 a.m. Mass—S/I Auntie Leilani Alama, Aunty Lokelani & Auntie Henrietta

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Peter Fazzio; S/I Purie Cortez (thanksgiving)

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

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Tangitangi Sevelo, Viliami Kama

### **Monday, Dec. 2**

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass — S/I Luisa Mahina Tavake Shafer (thanksgiving); R/S Jay Kleven

5 p.m. Mass

### **Tuesday, Dec. 3—Saint Francis Xavier, priest**

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass

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

### **Wednesday, Dec. 4—Saint John Damascene, priest and Doctor of the Church**

Liturgical color: Violet/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass— S/I Asomua Saili Jr. (birthday), Jocelyn & Douglas Reyes; R/S Mary Levandoski

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

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

### **Thursday, Dec. 5**

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Ausasala Palepale; S/I Carli Reyes (birthday)

5 p.m. Mass

### **Friday, Dec. 6—Saint Nicholas, bishop**

Liturgical color: Violet/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Mary Levandoski

9 a.m. Altar Rosary Society, Damien Meeting Room

5 p.m. Communion Prayer Service

7 p.m. Christmas concert, SAC

### **Saturday, Dec. 7—Saint Ambrose, bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Liturgical color: White

7 a.m. Mass

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

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

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



## Breaking open the Word

### First Sunday of Advent

#### Reflection

Are we ready for the coming of Our Lord?  
Or are we like the people of Noah's time, totally unaware of what was to come until it came. Our gospel today tells us that we must be ready. But what does it mean to be ready?

This event to take place speaks directly at each of us individually. And no one can earn the right for us to have a place in the Kingdom of God. If we do not believe and follow God's rules, we can almost be sure that we will not be one raised when he comes.

In his mercy, God wants us to be ready in every age. We are either with God or against him. There is no middle ground. No one knows when He will come. But surely it will catch people off guard when the time comes. Will you be one of them?

God offers each of us a personal invitation to accept His kingdom or reject it. The choice is ours alone to make. The choice you make and live by will determine if you are ready.

*Deacon Andy Calunod*

#### Readings

**First reading**—**Isaiah 2:1-5** All the peoples shall stream toward the Lord's house.

**Responsorial psalm**—**Psalms 122** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

**Second reading**—**Romans 13:11-14** It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light.

**Gospel**— **Matthew 24:37-44** Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect.

#### Weekday

**Monday:** Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday:** Is 25:8-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 10-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:** Is 29:17-24; Ps 27: 1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35—10:1

#### Next Sunday's readings

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

## The 2 parts of Advent

### Part 1: Dec. 1-16

While most liturgical seasons have the gospel as their main focus, during the first weeks of Advent the Church gives us daily readings from the prophet Isaiah. With the eyes of faith, these foretell the coming of the Messiah. Rather than a continuous gospel narrative familiar to us for most of the year, this part of Advent offers a wide variety of gospel readings that support the first reading of the day.

After almost two weeks of Isaiah readings, we hear the foretelling of a Messiah from other prophets from the Hebrew scriptures - in Sirach, Numbers, Zephaniah and returning to Isaiah. With each passing week, the prophets speak more clearly of the coming of a Savior.

So, in reading the first reading, for the first part of Advent, we listen to the anticipation, expectation, hope and promise. In listening to the second reading, we listen for the fulfillment or connection with the gospel.

### Part 2: December 17 - 24

In these last eight days before Christmas, the relationship between the readings changes. Now the gospel brings us to our celebration of Christmas. The gospels are taken from the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke.

Each of these days, the first reading is taken from the Hebrew scriptures, and chosen to match the gospel. In many cases we can imagine Matthew or Luke having the first reading open on their desks while they wrote the gospel.

So, we can read the gospel first and then read the first reading. The sense of anticipation and fulfillment builds as we read the story of the preparation for Jesus' first coming into this world for us.

*Creighton University Online Ministries*

## Liturgical Bits and Bytes

### The Advent wreath

The Advent wreath, like many of our customs at Christmas traces its origin to pre-Christian times when candles were lit during the winter to the "sun-god" asking for light. It was the Lutherans who started the Advent wreath as a Christian custom.

The word "advent" comes from the Latin term for arrival or "coming." It is the season when we await the coming of the Lord in time and at the end of time.

The Advent wreath usually has four candles, three purple and one pink to match the color of the vestments of the week. The candles are lit on the Sundays of Advent. The first candle, called the Prophets' Candle, is lit on the first Sunday of Advent, then the second candle, called the Bethlehem Candle, is lit on the second Sunday along with the first. On the third Sunday of Advent a pink candle, called the Shepherds' Candle, is lit representing "Rejoice" Sunday, and then the fourth candle, called the Angels' Candle, is lit on the last Sunday of Advent.



## 'Ave Maria' by Raiatea Helm

On the Feast of Immaculate Conception on December 8, Raiatea Helm, a local artist and fellow Molokaian, will introduce her Ave Maria Project to support the Office of Social Ministry at the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses. What a perfect gift for Christmas giving and it also helps the Office of Social Ministry in its ministry to those in need.

## Christmas concert Dec. 6

The joyful sounds of Christmas will ring out in chorus and dance at St. Augustine's on Friday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. Join us for this festive event, which will conclude with refreshments and fellowship.

## St. Augustine Closet Dec. 7

The St. Augustine Closet will open on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Damien Courtyard. The thrift shop has all your needs for Christmas, including Christmas cards, wrapping paper, used and gently used items for the whole family and more. Proceeds benefit the Damien and Marianne Heritage Center.

## Advent Parish Mission Dec. 9-11

~Live in such a way that those who know you but don't know God will come to know God because they knew you.

~When I forgive someone, I let a prisoner go free - and that prisoner is me! —Fr. Chuck Faso-isms

The St. Augustine Advent Parish Mission will be held Dec. 9-11 in the Church, beginning at 6 p.m. each evening. The retreat will be led by Fr. Charles Faso, ofm. Fr. Chuck has degrees in music education and liturgy and he has preached retreats and missions around the world. He has preached at previous parish missions at St. Augustine. Please welcome Fr. Chuck back.

There will be an Advent Penance Service on Dec. 11 at 6 p.m.

## Pauline Sisters book fair

The Pauline Sisters will be here to provide a last opportunity for Christmas shopping. They will provide books, Bibles, music, etc. The Sisters will be here the weekend of December 14 & 15. Support Catholic educational publishers to help us to grow in our FAITH.

## Faith sharing

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."

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

# Stewardship

## Our daily and Sunday collections

As good stewards, we are grateful to God for his many blessings. In gratitude we share with those who are in need. The collection at Sunday AND daily Mass is a part of our liturgy, not apart from it, and is a sign of our willingness to give all that we have to the Lord for the maintenance of the church and the care of the poor. It is also expressive of what the Eucharist means in terms of our relationship with others. In the early Church, everyone brought up what they had brought, eggs, or produce or chickens or grain, or bread or wine. Some was used for the celebration and the rest was used for the benefit of the Church so that all were taken care of and no one was in need. Today, we share what we have with money. Our collection—daily and Sunday—gives tangible support to our faith in action and to our thankfulness to our Creator.

**Collection, week ending Nov. 24: \$8,585.28**

**Disbursements, week ending Nov. 24: \$15,756.15**

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

## Typhoon Haiyan relief efforts

Our brothers and sisters in the Philippines are suffering greatly in the aftermath of Typhoon Haiyan. Catholic Relief Services is one of many international agencies responding to this disaster. Your donation to CRS can help the people of the Philippines rebuild and recover. To help in this effort, you may mail your check to Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 17090 Baltimore, MD 21297-0303 or you may donate online at [crs.org/typhoon-haiyan/](http://crs.org/typhoon-haiyan/)

## The Simple Wisdom of Pope Francis

The Simple Wisdom of Pope Francis Series, two brief books of homespun messages of Pope Francis, have been released by the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Communications Department. The first, on hope, is 66 pages; the second, on evangelization, is 73.

The books include papal remarks that have garnered worldwide media attention. Noted comments include:

Let us remember that whenever food is thrown out it is as if it were stolen from the table of the poor, from the hungry!"

To pray for those with whom we are angry is a beautiful step toward that law of love.

Never gossip about others, never! So much damage to the Church comes from division among Christians, from biases, from narrow interests.

Behave like Jesus. Always answer with love and with the power of truth.

The series of two books is available for \$11.95 plus shipping, in individual and bulk copies. More information can be found at [www.SimpleWisdomSeries.com](http://www.SimpleWisdomSeries.com)

## RCIA Rite of Acceptance

This year's RCIA class celebrates the Rite of Acceptance at the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Nov. 30. In this rite, the inquirers publicly declare their intention to continue their journey toward full initiation in the Catholic Church and the community accepts them, offering its support and witness during the journey.

In preparation for the rite, the class reflected on their journey and these questions, among others:

*Do you recognize a need for Jesus Christ in your life?*

*How can you welcome the word of God in your life?*

*How have you experienced God in this parish?*

*Are you willing to follow the way of life of Jesus?*

*What do you need to help you in your journey of faith?*



## “Absolute Faith” Damien and Marianne of Moloka'i Heritage Center



## Christmas & New Year's Masses

### Christmas Eve, Tuesday Dec. 24

No 7 a.m. Mass

6 p.m. Mass

9 p.m. Mass — Tongan Choir

11:30 p.m. Christmas music by Contemporary Choir

Midnight Mass — Contemporary Choir

### Christmas Day, Wednesday Dec. 25

6 a.m. Mass — Contemporary music

8 a.m. Mass — Contemporary Choir

10 a.m. Mass — Hawaiian Choir

5 p.m. Mass — Contemporary music

### New Year's Eve, Tuesday Dec. 31

7 a.m. Mass only

### New Year's Day, Wednesday Jan. 1

8 a.m. Mass only

*“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**

## At St. Augustine

<b>Nov. 30</b>	Rite of Acceptance/RCIA 5 p.m.
<b>Nov. 30/Dec. 1</b>	2nd collection for Building and Maintenance Fund
<b>Dec. 6</b>	7 p.m. Christmas Concert in the church
<b>Dec. 7</b>	St. Augustine Closet, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Damien Courtyard
<b>Dec. 9-11</b>	Advent Parish Mission, 6 p.m. in the church
<b>Dec. 11</b>	Advent Penance Service 6 p.m.
<b>Dec. 14/15</b>	2nd collection for Retirement Fund for Religious

## Damien statue by Maui artist

We are seeking to commission a bronze outdoor statue of St. Damien by Maui artist Gary Thomas. “Damien...Through the Spirit,” 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.

## Our musical termites

Termites have taken up residence in our organ and the damage is such that the organ must be replaced. The replacement cost is \$100,000. If you might be interested in helping purchase this new organ, please contact Fr. Lane. Mahalo.