

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

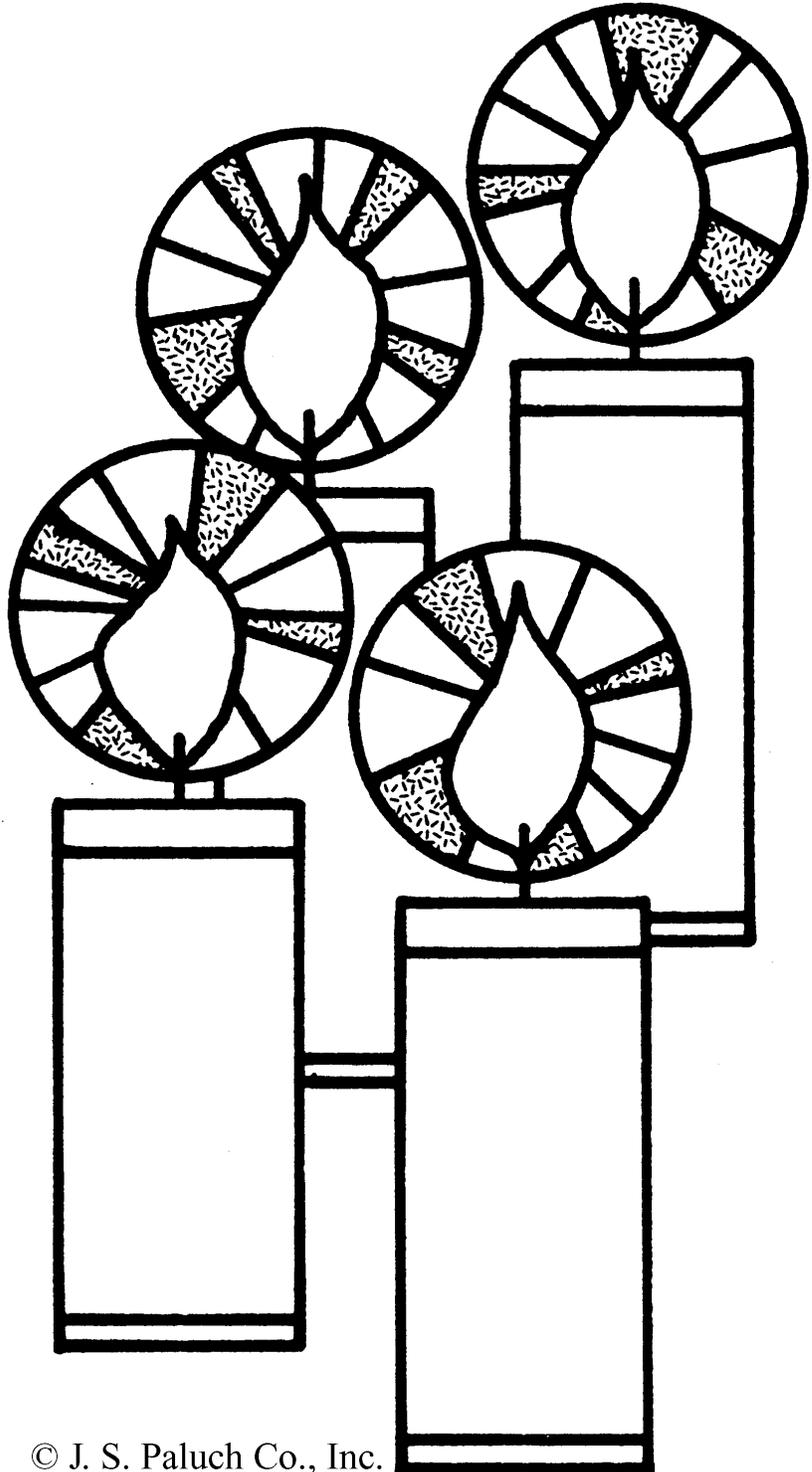
Open daily, featuring
displays of the work of

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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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, Dec. 15— Third Sunday in Advent

Liturgical color: Violet/Rose

6 a.m. Mass

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

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

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

Monday, Dec. 16

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass

7 p.m. Faith sharing, Damien Meeting Room

Tuesday, Dec. 17

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Mike McGee (birthday)

11:30 a.m. Wedding

5 p.m. Mass

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

Wednesday, Dec. 18

HERITAGE CENTER CLOSED/PARISH OFFICE CLOSSES AT 11 A.M.

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

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

Thursday, Dec. 19

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Sau & Puleivai Ngata (4th anniversary)

5 p.m. Mass

Friday, Dec. 20

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Sandra Lou Reyes

5 p.m. Communion Prayer Service

Saturday, Dec. 21—St. Peter Canisius, priest and Doctor of the Church

Liturgical color: Violet

7 a.m. Mass

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

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Elvin Boggs; S/I Sage and the Kong Kee Family



Breaking open the Word

Third Sunday of Advent

Reflection

In Advent we are invited to slow down, to take a breath, to look deeper into ourselves and the world around us, to recognize the Lord's presence in countless ways.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist sent his disciples to ask Jesus "are you the one who is to come." Jesus' response was to say to them: "Go and tell John what you see and hear..." In other words, the reality of who Jesus was could be seen in his ministry to the poor, the lame, the blind, the deaf, the lepers. Our Advent question can be whether our adherence to the Gospel can likewise be seen in who we are and what we do.

Today's second reading reminds us that Advent is also about patience, about waiting. "See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains." The farmer does all he can to ensure a fruitful harvest, yet he also knows he must rely on Divine Providence – on the life-nourishing rains and sun. That is the patience we are called to – to live out our challenges and our joys in the sureness of God's presence in our lives. "Make your hearts firm." James exhorts, "because the coming of the Lord is at hand."

Anne Harpham

Readings

First reading — **Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10** The barren deserts will rejoice and flower.

Responsorial psalm — **Psalms 146** Lord, come and save us.

Second reading — **James 5:7-10** Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain.

Gospel — **Matthew 11: 2-11** Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing.

Weekday

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a.; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday: Jer:23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 2-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Next Sunday's readings

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

O Antiphons

During the final week of Advent our attention is fixed on the messianic promises proclaimed by the ancient prophets of Israel. A distinctive feature of the Liturgy of the Hours in this week preceding the Christmas vigil is the antiphon sung at Vespers before and after the recitation of the Magnificat. The "O Antiphons" are also echoed in the daily lectionary as the verse for the gospel acclamation during this week. They add a mood of eager expectation to the liturgy that builds throughout these days and climaxes at Christmas.

Each O Antiphon begins with an invocation of the expected Messiah, followed by praise of him under one of his particular titles. Each ends with a petition for God's people, and the cry for him to "Come".

Today the O Antiphons are most familiar to us in the hymn "O come, O come Emmanuel". Each verse of the hymn parallels one of the antiphons.

December 17 – *O Wisdom of our God most high, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!*

December 18 – *O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!*

December 19 – *O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!*

December 20 – *O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!*

December 21 – *O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us Lord our God!*

December 22 – *O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust.*

Liturgical Bits and Bytes

Gaudete Sunday

Today is "Gaudete Sunday" or "Rejoice Sunday." Why? What is all the rejoicing about?

More than two hundred years ago a man named Isaac Watts wrote the words to a Christmas carol which, no doubt, you have heard every Christmas since you were born. The first verse reads: Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare him room

And heaven and nature sing.

Do you every wonder if that is really true? Is there joy in the world because Jesus was born? Yes! There is joy and happiness, celebration and song, excitement and honest-to-goodness merriment. There is hardly a nook or a cranny, hardly a country on the entire earth that doesn't have at least some Christian people who join in celebrating Jesus' birth. Almost as though the Liturgy can't wait to celebrate the presence of the Savior, the Word of God today tells us to rejoice.

How will you put that word into practice as we enter this second half of the Advent season?

Daughters of St. Paul book fair

The Daughters of St. Paul will hold a book fair at St. Augustine Dec. 14&15 after all the Masses. They will have a selection of religious books, CDs, and DVDs. This is a perfect opportunity for some Christmas shopping, or to expand your library of spiritual reading.

2nd collection for religious

The second collection this weekend will go to the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps religious communities across the country care for their aging members and plan for ongoing retirement needs. Nearly 34,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests benefit from the fund. Show your appreciation for the Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life and please give generously.

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." 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.

St. Augustine Christmas Party Jan. 4

Party! The annual parish Christmas Party will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014 in the Waikiki Ballroom at the Hale Koa Hotel. It will feature a lunch of chicken with tarragon sauce, rice pilaf, vegetables, soup and dessert. Tickets are \$25 apiece. There will be entertainment and door prizes. Tickets are available after Sunday Masses and at the parish office during the week. Tickets will be available through Dec. 29.

At St. Augustine

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| Dec. 14/15 | 2nd collection for Retirement Fund for Religious |
| Dec. 14/15 | Daughters of St. Paul book sale after Sunday liturgies |
| Dec. 16 | Faith sharing, 7 p.m. Damien Meeting Room |
| Dec. 29 | 2nd collection for Soup Kitchen |
| Jan. 4 | Parish Christmas party, 11 a.m. Hale Koa Hotel |

Stewardship

In the hope-filled and joyous seasons of Advent and Christmas, our own sense of gratitude leads us to a heightened empathy with the many who struggle during this time. As our economy gradually improves, the fact is that for millions of people, things are not getting better. Cuts in the U.S. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – SNAP – went into effect Nov. 1. and food banks have seen a growing demand.

Many of those affected by cutbacks in food program are children. The National Center for Homeless Education reports there are 12 million homeless children in K-12th grade classrooms in America. Homelessness and hunger are not the legacy Christian stewards want to bestow on our world.

During the Christmas season, it's important to remember our commitment to a Lord who comes to bring Good News to the poor. As Christian stewards, we know that this is the time when sacrifice for others expresses our gratitude for the sacrificial gift of Christ to the world. What can we do?

- Make a donation to an agency that distributes food.
- Assist a family who may need help at Christmas.
- Educate your children about poverty and help them to participate in giving trees and food drives at school. Whenever possible, help them to connect personally by assisting at shelters and food kitchens. Discuss with your family how you might sacrificially limit spending to share more generously with those in need in your community.

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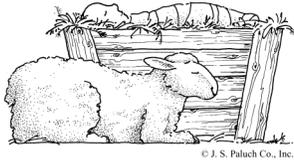
Our daily and Sunday collections

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 Dec. 8: \$7,995.00
Disbursements, week ending Dec. 8 \$21,386.05

2014 envelopes available

Stewardship envelopes for those who give to St. Augustine using the weekly envelope system are available in the sacristy. If you do not use envelopes and would like to begin, please call the parish office during office hours.



“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 — Contemporary Choir

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 — Organ 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 — Piano music



“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

Cinema Divina on Dec. 20

Pauline Books and Media’s Cinema Divina presents “Rise of the Guardians” Friday, Dec.20, at 6 p.m. at 1143 Bishop St. Join the Daughters of St. Paul for a prayerful viewing of a movie in the light of the Word of God.

Fishers of Men conference Jan. 11

Fishers of Men Hawaii presents The Deep Adventure Annual Conference Saturday, Jan. 11, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Stephen’s Catholic Church. The cost is \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Speakers include the the Most Rev. Larry Silva, bishop of Honolulu Very Rev. Gary Secor, vicar general of the Diocese of Honolulu, Duke Aiona, former Hawaii lieutenant governor and Bear Wozniak, masters world champion tandem surfer and author of “Deep in the Wave.”

To register, contact Ron at 306-7502 or ron@fishersofmencatholic.com or Bear at bear@fishersofmencatholic.com.

Damien statue by Maui artist

We are seeking to commission bronze outdoor statues of St. Damien and St. Marianne 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.

New church organ arriving by Easter

Termites have taken up residence in our organ and the damage is such that the organ must be replaced. Plans are being made to have the new organ installed by Easter 2014. Installment payments will be made from now until then. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Fr. Lane or Deacon Andy.

Christmas at the Heritage Center

Haven't finished your Christmas shopping? Please add The Damien & Marianne of Molokai Heritage Center gift center as one of your favorite destinations - you can purchase locally made items, such as:

Koa Wood Jewelry

Rosaries

Cookbooks

Damien Crosses

Glassware

Raiatea Helm - Ave Maria CDs

Plus other paraphernalia (Merry Christmas Buttons etc.)

