

# 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. Ed Popish**

*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

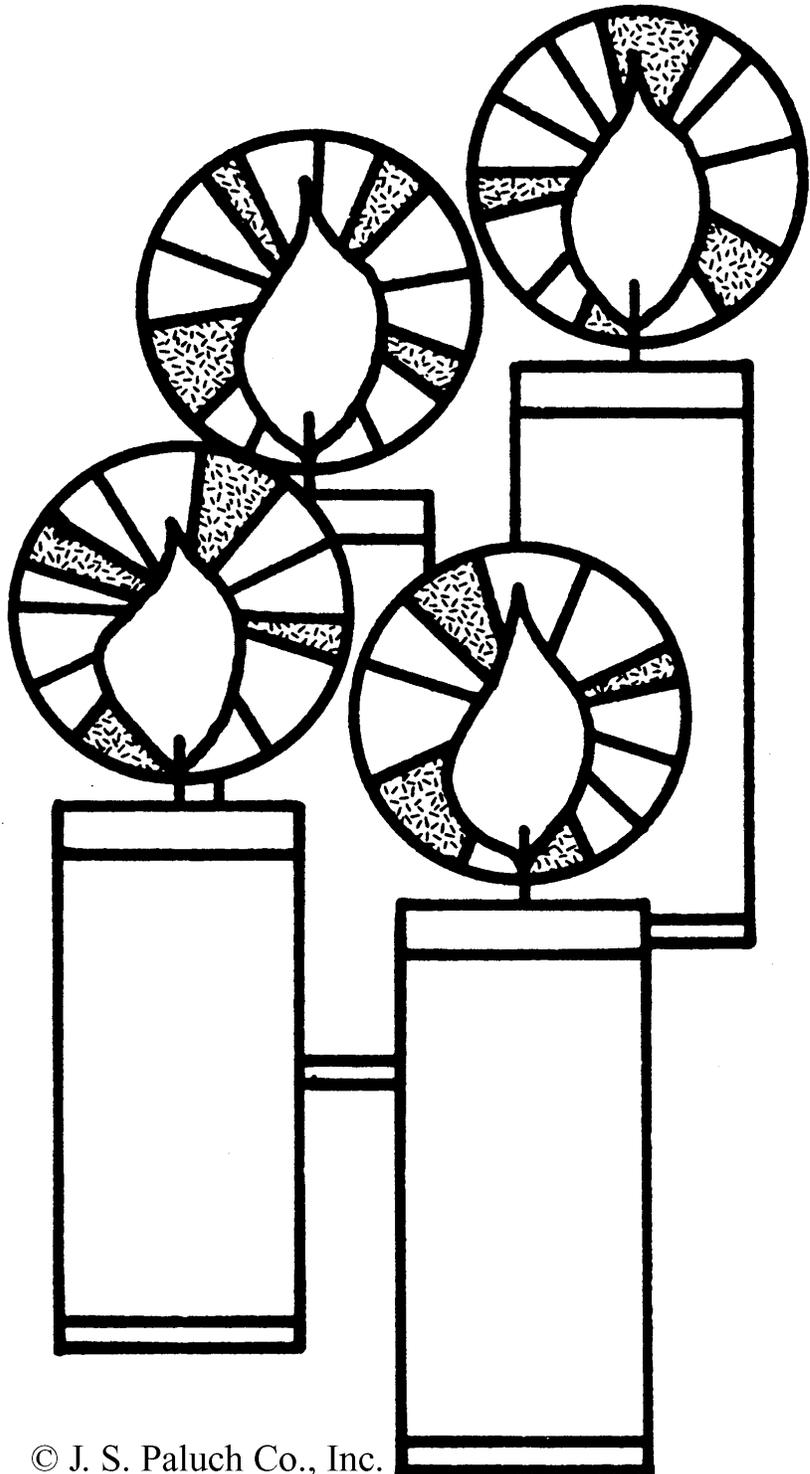
Open daily, featuring  
displays of the work of

St. Damien and St. Marianne



*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. 22—Fourth Sunday in Advent**

Liturgical color: Violet

6 a.m. Mass—R/S Thelma Ah Choy

8 a.m. Mass

10 a.m. Mass—R/S Dominico & Maria Fontana; S/I Sage and the Kong

Kee Family, Knights of Columbus

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Ronley Lakalaka; R/S Tangitangi Sevelo, Viliama Kama

### **Monday, Dec. 23—Saint John of Kantv, priest**

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass

### **Tuesday, Dec. 24**

PARISH OFFICE AND HERITAGE CENTER CLOSE AT NOON

No 7 a.m. Mass

6 p.m. Mass—R/S Beatrice Resents

9 p.m. Mass—R/S Mary Levandoski

11:30 p.m. Christmas carols

Midnight Mass

### **Wednesday, Dec. 25—The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

**Holy Day Of Obligation**

PARISH OFFICE, SOUP KITCHEN, HERITAGE CENTER CLOSED

Liturgical color: White

6 a.m. Mass—R/S Cresencia Jimeno, Patrick Matsuoka; S/I Priscilla Wong

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Dan & Bette Comerford

10 a.m. Mass—R/S Alice & Mickey Comerford, Craig Critcher, Gertrude

Lid-Kaahui

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Raymond Bud Harig

### **Thursday, Dec. 26—Saint Stephen, The First Martyr**

PARISH OFFICE, SOUP KITCHEN, HERITAGE CENTER CLOSED

Liturgical color: Red

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

3 p.m. Wedding rehearsal

No 5 p.m. Mass

5:30 p.m. Wedding rehearsal

### **Friday, Dec. 27—Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist**

PARISH OFFICE, SOUP KITCHEN, HERITAGE CENTER CLOSED

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Jocelyn & Douglas Reyes

No 5 p.m. Mass

### **Saturday, Dec. 28—The Holy Innocents, martyrs**

Liturgical color: Red

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Jorge and Augusto Camara

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

11:30 a.m. Wedding

2 p.m. Wedding

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

# Breaking open the Word

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Reflection

Sometimes when things are not as they appear, we make wrong judgments. We might notice a coworker away from work for a long time and judge the coworker for taking too long a coffee break, when the individual has left work to tend to an elderly parent who has fallen.

In this gospel, that state of affairs is not what it appears to be, either. Mary is not unfaithful, but faithful. Mary is with child, but a virgin. The infant is not only an earthly child, but also a heavenly One. Yet the infant is not heaven-bound, but an earth-bound Emmanuel. Joseph is not the father, but in a father's role names the Child Jesus. When the Spirit of God is at work, and we cooperate as did Mary and Joseph, something new happens: mystery abounds, "God is with us." Mystery curbs our judgments and opens us to the workings of the Holy Spirit. The incarnation and redemption are wholly God's work. We are called to cooperate with God's plan. If we judge too quickly, we may easily miss God's call to participate.

If God chose such people as Joseph and Mary to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation, is it not reasonable to think that Son's continued Presence in the world is brought about by us? Paul assures us of this very thing when he writes in the letter to the Romans that "we have received the grace of apostleship, to bring about the obedience of faith" and we "are called to belong to Jesus Christ." God's choice to cooperate with humanity in bringing about salvation continues in our own hearing God's word and obedience to God's will, in our own cooperating in that same "Spirit of holiness." Through us, something altogether new can happen!

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### Readings

**Isaiah 7:10-14** You will be given this sign: The virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

**Psalms 24** Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

**Romans 1:1-7** God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ.

**Matthew 1:18-24** The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

### Weekday

**Monday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25; Lk 1:57-66

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89; Lk 1:57-66

**Wednesday:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-15 Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 97; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14; Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

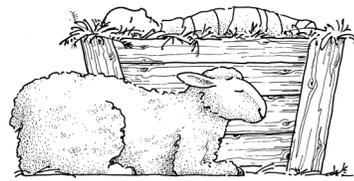
**Thursday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31; Mt 10:17-22

**Friday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124; Mt 2:13-18

### Next Sunday's readings

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



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## 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

## Mele Kalikimaka a me Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!

On behalf of the parish staff, parishioners and visitors, we extend to you and your loved ones God's Peace and Love during this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year of 2014. Let us give thanks to

God for all the blessings, gifts and graces that we have received throughout this past "Year of Faith" and be encouraged to live dedicated and faith-filled lives. We have begun our 160th year as a parish community from humble beginnings in 1854. May we continue to live out our faith in word and action through our service to those who go

without. This past year has been a record year of providing for others in outreach; we have extended ourselves to help in the Philippines disaster and have supported our Sacred Hearts Mission in Tonga and the Philippines.

May God continue to bless your generosity. Know of my deepest and fond MAHALO NUI LOA to all who continue to share so that others may have. Peace and Good Will to ALL. Me ke aloha pumehana.

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



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He will save  
his people  
from their  
sins

## St. Augustine Christmas Party Jan. 4

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 through Dec. 29.

## 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, Jan. 20 in the Damien Meeting Room. All are welcome to join us. Copies of "Here and Now" may be purchased in the parish office.

## 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.

## 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 a 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.

## Family Promise Jan 5-12

St. Augustine Parish will be assisting Holy Trinity Parish in its Family Promise ministry again next month. Families who are seeking permanent housing will be staying at Holy Trinity Jan. 5 to Jan. 12. St. Augustine parishioners are helping with dinner meals on Jan. 9 and 11 and the Tongan young adults are again cleaning the Makai House at Holy Trinity before the families arrive. If you would like to help, various household supplies are needed: dental floss, small disposable drinking cups, body wash, dryer sheets, napkins and 33 gallon trash bags. Please call the parish office to donate supplies, which are needed no later than Dec. 30.

Family Promise really does make a difference in people's lives. From July through November this year, Family Promise on Oahu helped 14 families move out of their program and into permanent housing. Permanent housing was found for two families who were on the waiting list to be in Family Promise and one family received a deposit from Family Promise for their new home. Family Promise does much, much more than shelter and feed homeless families. They are taught budgeting and household skills and are assisted in finding housing. Your assistance helps to make a difference in people's lives!

## Stewardship

Collection, week ending Dec. 15: \$7,331.44

Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious: \$4,696.95

Disbursements, week ending Dec. 15: \$13,039.92

## Christmas and year-end giving

Christmas and year-end giving is not only a Catholic tradition, but Christmas marks the beginning of the Ultimate Gift — God's gift of his only son, Jesus Christ.

Tradition holds that the three kings or wise men followed the star to bring gifts to the newborn king, beginning a tradition of gift giving to the Christmas season we enjoy each and every year.

But what about the gifts that God has bestowed upon us during the year and throughout our lifetimes? We are merely stewards of these gifts. Christmas and year's end is a spiritual opportunity to make a return to God of His many blessings at Christmas and year's end.

### An investment in your parish

For many years, Catholic parishes have benefited from the contributions of priests, brothers and sisters who have given their lives in the service of parishes, schools, dioceses and many other Church ministries.

Now our Catholic Church and educational ministries are even broader and serve more people than ever before despite the declines in the number of religious. Many dedicated lay people now staff these programs and must be compensated with just and living wages. Your Christmas and year-end gift is an investment in these quality programs.

Celebrate the joy of Christmas by giving in the true spirit of the season.

There are many ways to give, all tax deductible:

**Giving securities** is perhaps the best way to make a Catholic gift of faith. You can save and give at the same time. Stocks, bonds and shares in mutual funds that have appreciated can be given and your deduction is for the full market value at the time the gift is made.

**Cash** is the most familiar way to make a gift. Simply write a check to make your gift.

**Property** — both real estate and personal property qualify as charitable gifts.

**Business gifts** — businesses can make gifts and receive tax deductions as well. Businesses can give gifts of inventory, equipment, materials and service as well as cash.

**Life insurance** — cash value in current or paid up life insurance policies can benefit your parish. Naming your Catholic parish as a beneficiary of life insurance proceeds can be a wonderful means of making a future major gift.

We are all given just a few short years to build up the kingdom. Sharing your blessings through a generous gift at Christmas will make this world just a little bit better because you made a difference while you were here.

# Damien & Marianne

## *Inspirations of love and ministry*

We are seeking to commission bronze outdoor statues of St. Damien and St. Marianne by Maui artist Gary Thomas for the meditation garden at the planned Damien and Marianne Museum. The statues can be seen here and you can also see maquettes (scale models) in the church.

Fr. Damien's life has long been an inspiration to Thomas and he wanted to portray Damien as he was

in life, ministering to and interacting with his people, carrying his *mana* into the world. So many times, Damien is portrayed as he was in his later years, but Thomas wanted to portray him as the vibrant man he was most of his life,

For Thomas, his Damien sculpture fulfills Matthew 10:42 ("And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.")

The sculpture of Mother Marianne depicts her maternal and tender side. She filled the void

of motherhood for the orphans at Kalaupapa while instructing them in the wisdom of God's Word, said Thomas. For Thomas, St. Marianne lived the words of Luke 9: 46 — "Whoever welcomes a little child in my name welcomes me..."

It is Thomas' hope that the completed statues will be an inspiration to emulate the lives of St. Damien and St. Marianne and to show God's unconditional love.

We are seeking donations to help us obtain the statues, which will be placed in a meditation garden in the new Damien and Marianne Museum. To donate or for more information please see Fr. Lane.

Thomas also has a limited number maquettes of both statues for sale at \$4,000 apiece. A portion of the sales price will go towards support of the statues for the meditation garden.



## Give a Gift of Faith this Christmas!

Share the lives of Saints Damien de Veuster and Marianne Cope, the two saints of Hawai'i, with your family and friends. Choose from many inspirational gift items and support the Damien & Marianne Foundation, who continue their mission in the world today by engaging visitors through a pictorial display at the Heritage Center and soon to be built museum. Gift items include:

- Books and publications
- Prayer Cards and novenas
- Vestments
- Hawaiian items
- Note cards, prints and posters
- Collectibles, statues and icons
- Medals & medallions

## "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**