

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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Fr. Ed Popish ss.cc.

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Sr. Cheryl Wint, osf

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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

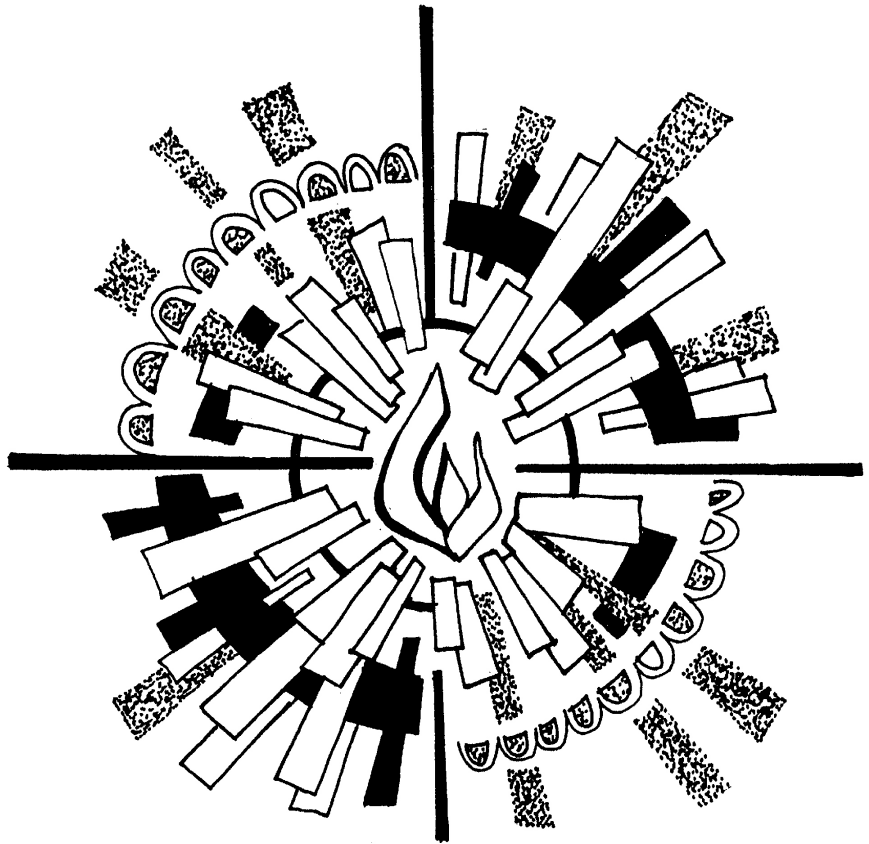
7 a.m. Saturday

Damien and Marianne of Moloka'i

Heritage Center

Open daily, featuring
displays of the work of

St. Damien and St. Marianne



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**The just man is a light in
the darkness to the
upright (Psalm 112)**

*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

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, Jan. 26—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical color: Green

6 a.m. Mass—R/S Hugh Brown; S/I Richard Farley

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Zeb Rich

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Knights of Columbus, Sage and the Kong Kee Family; R/S Mary Vela, Helen Enny

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Viliami Kama

Monday, Jan. 27—St. Angela Merici, virgin

Liturgical color: Green/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Dominick Calianese

5 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, Jan. 28—St. Thomas Aquinas, priest and Doctor of the Church

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

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

5 p.m. Mass

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

Wednesday, Jan. 29

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Baltazar Santos

5 p.m. Mass

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

7 p.m. Tongan Choir, Annex Building

Thursday, Jan. 30

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Emily Farias (birthday)

5 p.m. Mass

Friday, Jan. 31—St. John Bosco, priest

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Communion Prayer Service

Saturday, Feb. 1—Blessed Virgin Mary

First Saturday

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

7:30 a.m. Church cleaning, Tongan Society

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

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

Breaking open the Word

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection

Today's Gospel reminds us Jesus is the light of the nations, the fulfillment of the Hebrew testament prophecies and he calls us to conversion. We hear him say, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." This is a summary of all of Jesus' preaching. So, what does Jesus mean?

He is not talking about a kingdom ruled by a king, nor heaven as a place up there somewhere where we hope to go after death, if we have behaved ourselves. Jesus is speaking about allowing the "rule" or "kingship" of God into our lives now. To be in the Kingdom of Heaven is to be living our lives in a loving relationship with God in an environment where values like truth, love, compassion, justice, freedom, community and peace prevail.

"Repent" usually means to be sorry for, to regret some wrong actions we have done in the past. Jesus is asking for much more than that in his call to us today. He is asking us to make a radical change in our thinking and to look at life in a completely new way.

In making this radical change, we begin to become a part of this Kingdom by allowing God's power to influence our lives and beginning to see things the way God sees them. And so, our behavior changes accordingly.

So his call is not just to be sorry for past sins and not to do them anymore, but to make a complete change of direction, and become deeply involved in doing God's work. That work involves working with others for an end to poverty and destitution, to hunger and joblessness, to communal and religious hatred, to rampant greed, ambition and shameless consumerism and to create a world of love and care — the special attributes of God. The kingdom has not yet arrived. There is much to be done — right here where we live. *Fr. Ed Popish, ss.cc.*

Readings

Isaiah 8:23—9:3 God has restored the land, and brought great joy to the people.

Psalms 27: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so there must be no division among you.

Matthew 4:12-23 After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee.

Weekday

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7,10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-26

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11, Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday's readings

Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

Third week of Ordinary Time

This is the third week of readings from Samuel, this week from the **Second Book of Samuel**. A young David is anointed King of Israel and with his army captures the city of Zion. In the festivities that followed, Samuel offers the delightful image of a joyful David at the Ark of the Covenant, "dancing before the LORD with abandon ... with shouts of joy and to the sound of the horn." The Lord tells David, "I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his Kingdom firm." David sees Bathsheba, the beautiful wife of Uriah the Hittite and after having relations with her, he orders Uriah to the front of a battle, where he is killed. Nathan the prophet confronts David, who repents.

In **Mark's Gospel** this week, we have many familiar stories. The scribes, hearing of his many healings, accuse Jesus of being possessed by Satan. He replies that a house divided against itself cannot stand. Mary and other relatives arrive at a home where Jesus is teaching, but Jesus does not go to them, saying, "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." He tells the parable of the sower and the seeds which fall on fertile ground and rocky soil. "Those sown on rich soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." He encourages his disciples not to hide their light "under a bushel basket" and tells the story of the mustard seed, the tiniest seed which grows into one of the largest bushes. In Saturday's gospel the apostles are frightened on a boat in a storm until Jesus awakens to calm the wind and seas.

Daily Prayer this week

This is a week where Jesus speaks of seeds being planted and of growing. We are at the beginning of a new year, and this is a good time to answer the call in our hearts to spend more time with Jesus, in prayer.

"I'm not very good at prayer," we might say. "I don't have the time to pray." Jesus is not waiting for us to be perfect before we talk to him - he is simply waiting, right now, for us to come to him in our own humanity. This week we are invited to uncover the light of our faith, the light that warms the longing we feel in our souls for something different or deeper in our relationship with God. At this beginning of the year, we might step back and examine the ways we talk with Jesus - and the ways we hold him at arm's length.

We are being called into a relationship, a friendship, with someone who delights in us and waits for us to release our fears and come out of hiding. Where do we start? With the desire.

It can be so simple to take the empty moments of our day and just tell the same Jesus who healed and loved on earth, what is in our hearts.

There is no right or wrong way to approach Jesus - the only right thing is that we come with an open heart and our own desire for something deeper.

Every evening as we end our day, we can reflect on the many ways we felt the love of God in our lives that day. What tiny seed was planted in my life to bloom? Where did I shine the light of my own faith on someone?

St. Augustine Closet open Feb. 1

At the 8 a.m. Mass on Jan. 19, Altar Rosary Society President Ann Dankulich presented \$1,500 to Fr. Lane for the Damien and Marianne Foundation. The money was raised through the St. Augustine Closet, a thrift shop run by the Altar Rosary Society. The closet is now in its fourth year and, to date, society members have donated \$4,500 to the foundation.

The closet will be open on Feb. 1 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Soup Kitchen meals in December

The St. Augustine Soup Kitchen served 854 hot lunches in December. The Soup Kitchen is one of our ministries to those in our midst who lack adequate food and is supported by donations from parishioners and visitors. Your financial support makes you a part of this ministry and is one way we are living examples of the Gospel message of service and ministry. In all of 2013, more than 12,000 meals were served.

Services for Carmen Brewer

The parish family of St. Augustine extends its deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of Carmen Brewer, who died peacefully and after a short illness on Friday, January 10.

For more than 25 years, Carmen was the cook in St. Augustine's Soup Kitchen and was the face of this very important parish ministry to our brothers and sisters in the Waikiki community who were hungry. *"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me" Matthew 25:35*

Carmen will be deeply missed but we rejoice that she is now in the heavenly kingdom.

Funeral services will be on Wednesday, Feb. 5. Visitation will be at 8 a.m. at St. Augustine Church followed by Mass at 9:15 a.m. There will be a lunch at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be at 12:30 p.m. at Mililani Memorial Park.

Ohana Mass January 26

The Ministry for Persons with Disabilities invites all families with special sons and daughters to join them for a unique monthly liturgy at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday, January 26, 2014 at 1 p.m.. The Ohana Mass welcomes all families to come and celebrate as one body of Christ. After Mass, plan to join the families for a potluck fellowship at Holy Trinity's Makai House. For more information, call Iwie Tamashiro at 203-6702.

Faith sharing meets Feb. 17

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, Feb. 17 in the Damien Meeting Room. All are welcome to join us. Copies of "Here and Now" may be purchased in the parish office.

Stewardship

Collection, week ending Jan 19: \$9,083.27

Second collection for the Church in Latin America and Black and Indian Missions: \$3,146.983

Acknowledging God as source of all gifts

Good stewards acknowledge God as the ultimate source of all their gifts. Their natural response is gratitude to God. When we are always and everywhere grateful to God, we should then easily place our trust in God as well. Yet, sometimes we misplace our trust. When we put our trust in 'at-risk' things like our jobs, our bank accounts, or our 'own' abilities, rather than in God, we become vulnerable to anxiety and fear. The outcome is worry! We worry because 'at-risk' things can be taken away in a heartbeat. Trusting explicitly in God opens the door to lasting peace of mind and joyful stewardship. Trusting in God means that we have to let go of our need to be in complete control of our lives and let go of our need to possess.

The foundation of any healthy relationship is trust. How does a person develop their trust in God? As with all virtues we can only possess the virtue through habit. One of the very best habits for deepening our trust in God is to reflect on His Word daily. For example, St. Paul tells us:

God gives seed to farmers and provides everyone with food. He will increase what you have, so that you can give even more to those in need. You will be blessed in every way, and you will be able to keep on being generous (2 Corinthians 9:10-11).

The virtue of trust is indeed the precondition that enables us to joyfully and generously share our gifts. It's easy to give what we do not need. However, stewardship calls us to give out of our need, not from what is left over. The confidence to give sacrificially is found in trusting that God will always provide for our needs.

International Catholic Stewardship Council

At St. Augustine

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

Feb. 2 Hospitality Sunday, doughnuts and juice after morning Masses

Feb. 1/2 2nd collection for Building & Maintenance Fund

Feb. 5 Funeral services for Carmen Brewer. Mass at 9:15 a.m.

Feb. 16 2nd collection for SS.CC. Retirement Fund

Feb. 17 Faith sharing, Damien Meeting Room 7 p.m.

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.



Services for Fr. Cletus Mooya

Funeral services for Fr. Cletus Mooya, who died Jan 18, will be held this week. There will be a vigil service on Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa. Visitation and viewing will be at 6 p.m.

Fr. Cletus's funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday Jan. 29 at St. Jude in Kapolei. Visitation and viewing will be at 9:30 a.m. and a light luncheon will follow. His body will be flown to Zambia for burial.

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. A new organ is being installed by Easter 2014. Installment payments will be made from now until then. We have already received a \$30,000 donation but much more is needed! If you are interested in helping, please contact Fr. Lane or Deacon Andy.

"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