

St. Augustine by-the-sea



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Blessings of the Christmas Season

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.

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This week at St. Augustine

Sunday, Jan. 5— The Epiphany of the Lord

Liturgical color: White

6 a.m. Mass— R/S Zeb Rich

8 a.m. Mass—S/I Purie Cortez (thanksgiving)

10 a.m. Mass

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

Monday, Jan. 6—St. Andre Bessette, religious

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, Jan. 7—St. Raymond of Penyafort, priest

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, Jan. 8

Liturgical color: White

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, Jan. 9

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

Friday, Jan. 10

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

Saturday, Jan. 11

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

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

5 p.m. Mass



Breaking open the Word

Epiphany of the Lord

Reflection

The gospel today speaks of a journey of three wise men searching for something that was imbedded in their hearts. So intent was their search they put their safety and well-being at risk. They followed a star to their destination. They were not disappointed in what they found, but filled with joy and humbleness, offered gifts, then returned home with the knowledge of God in their hearts and minds.

Are we searching for that knowledge today? Should we be searching for God?

If we say “no” to either question it would seem to tell us that we have everything we want in this world and have no need for anything more. If that is so, we are truly mistaken in our belief and are missing what is really precious to each of us. The wise men were presumably rich by the gifts they gave, yet something much more valuable than gold or silver was attained when they saw the Child Jesus.

Let us pray that the distractions in this world do not impair our vision of the truth, which is salvation and eternal life for each of us in God’s Kingdom.

Deacon Andy Calunod

Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6 Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you.

Psalms 72 Lord, every nation in earth will adore you.

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.

Matthew 2:1-12 Magi from the east arrived, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews?”

Weekday

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:10—5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149: 1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday’s readings

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

Third Week of Christmas

The first readings this week are from the first letter of John about God’s love for us, in Jesus. “In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.”

This week we begin to see the story of who Jesus is for us. He heals the sick. He feeds a vast crowd and “They all ate and were satisfied.” And plenty was left over. He calms the sea: “Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid!” He returns home to read about his mission from Isaiah: “to bring glad tidings to the poor. ... to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.” He heals a leper, saying he wants the man to be clean. John the Baptist tells his followers he is not the Christ. “He must increase; I must decrease.”

Liturgical Bits and Bytes

Epiphany

This is our feast. This is the celebration of Jesus made manifest to the Gentiles as represented by the three magi. It shows that the Gentiles are coheirs with the Jews in God’s promises. The date of the Epiphany of Our Lord used to be January 6th, but it was moved to the first Sunday after January first. In many countries this is the day on which gifts are exchanged, remembering the gifts given by the magi. Some even call it “Little Christmas,” although that name refers to different days and dates in different cultures.

Daily Prayer

An epiphany is a discovery - an insight, a revelation. Matthew’s telling of the journey of the sages from the East to discover and be shown the birth of Jesus is about an epiphany. It symbolically tells us that Jesus will be a light, a Savior, not only for the people of the promise, but for everyone - just as Isaiah foretold.

During the week, as the story of Jesus’ presence among us rolls out, we can rejoice and embrace the love he offers us. We are those who are in need of healing. We are at sea. We are the outcasts. We are hungry. We are poor, captives, oppressed and blind. He has come and we have celebrated his coming. This week we can grow in our ability to live more aware of and grateful for his presence among as light in our darkness, as the one who loves us because we need his love.

We can find time each day to let these stories - and their rich images - into the background of our daily life. There will be moments this week when we will need courage, in the face of a feeling that a storm is too much for us. We can hear him assure us, “Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid!” We might come face to face with an obstacle, perhaps our own ability to communicate well or our inability to be humble or transparent. We can pause - walking from one place to another - and ask for healing. We might be given the grace to say, “Lord, I’ve been blind. I haven’t seen how my behavior has hurt my spouse or my children. Let me see your love for me. Forgive me, and heal me, so I can be freed from my aggressive ways and be more sensitive, more attentive, more tender.” The Lord will answer those kinds of prayers.

Aloha and Mahalo from Fr. Chuck

What a blessing for me to be with you good people of St. Augustine Parish! Celebrating Mass with you on Sundays and weekdays is a memory that I will treasure. Your presence, your devotion, your prayerfulness, your joy and laughter moved me deeply and taught me important values of our faith journey. I first celebrated Mass here at St. Augustine in June 1972. I thought that would be the only time I would be here. Since then, I have preached parish missions and given talks in many parishes on the five main islands. Maybe this was my last time in Hawaii, and maybe not. Let's see what the Lord's plans might be.

I hope you can continue the practice of Lectio Divina of the Scriptures. Remember the three steps (some say four): **1) Read** one sentence or one phrase in the Bible. Read slowly and aloud. Then read the same Word of God again. Listen to a word that touches your heart, that invites you, strengthens you, comforts you. Read that sentence again and again and then begin the second action of Lectio Divina: **2) Ponder and Reflect** on those words of Scripture. How do these words speak to me and challenge me? What is God asking me to change or do in my life? What is the blessing for me from this Word of God? Then the last step: **3) Pray** to God, converse with God about the reading. Thank and praise God for the Good News that the Word is for you. Adore God, the Holy One! Ask for God's blessing to live what the Word revealed to you. And then rest in the Word, in the Lord's presence.

Several of you have asked me, "what can I say to Jesus after communion?" When I was in 2nd grade, Sr. Silvia prepared us for First Holy Communion and suggested that after communion we talk to the Lord using the letters of the word ALTAR. To this day I still use this guide for my quiet time with Jesus after I receive Communion.

A Jesus, I Adore you....
L Jesus I Love you...
T Jesus I Thank you...
A Jesus I Ask for your help and blessings for me...
R Jesus I Remember others to you, please bless...

Hope to see you again, sooner than later! Aloha! May the Lord give you Peace!

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Stewardship

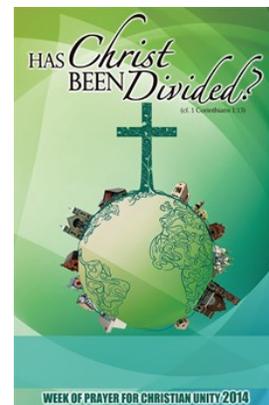
Disbursements, week ending Dec. 29: \$23,553.87

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.

2014 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The 2014 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place from January 18-25 with the theme: "Has Christ Divided Us?" 1 Corinthians 1:13). The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity invites the whole Christian community throughout the world to pray in communion with the prayer of Jesus "that they all may be one" (John 17:21).



Family Promise this week

Members of the St. Augustine Parish family are again helping their sisters and brothers at Holy Trinity Parish in their Family Promise ministry to those in our midst who are homeless.

Parishioners are providing dinner on Jan. 9 and 11 to the families who will be staying at Holy Trinity Jan. 5-12. Tongan youth and young adults cleaned the Makai House at Holy Trinity Jan. 4 and a St. Augustine parishioner provided household supplies.

If you would like to be a part of this ministry during future Family Promise weeks -- in April, July and October — please call the parish office

At St. Augustine

- Jan. 4/5** 2nd collection for Building & Maintenance
- Jan. 13** Knights of Columbus Meeting, Damien Meeting Room 6 p.m.
- Jan. 19** 2nd collection for the Church in Latin America, Black and Indian Missions
- Jan. 20** Faith Sharing, Damien Meeting Room 7 p.m.
- Feb. 1/2** 2nd collection for Building & Maintenance
- Feb. 16** 2nd collection for SS.CC. Retirement Fund

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.



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.

"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