

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 ss.cc.

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

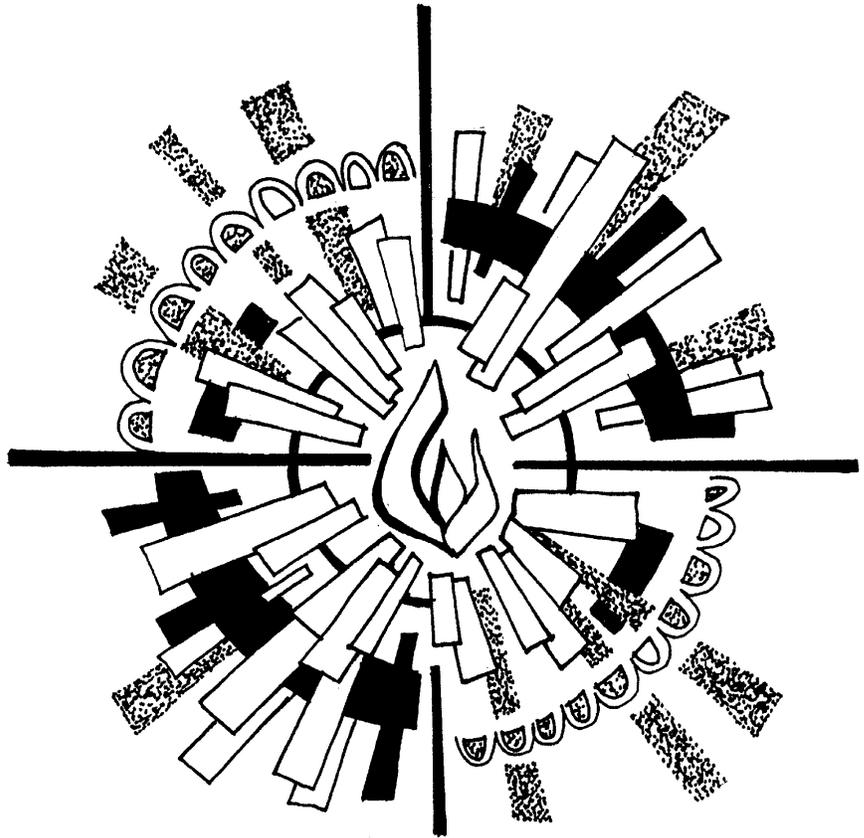
St. Damien and St. Marianne



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

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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.

This week at St. Augustine

Sunday, Feb. 16—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical color: Green

6 a.m. Mass—R/S Jose & Lucila Costin

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Edward Verweire, Benjamin Schneider, Butchie Ah Mow

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Sage and the Kong Kee Family, Cristiano Family both living and deceased, Frank & Bea Hernandez (50th anniversary)

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Viliami Kama

Monday, Feb. 17—The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

PARISH OFFICE, SOUP KITCHEN, HERITAGE CENTER CLOSED

Presidents Day Holiday

Liturgical color: Green/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

No 5 p.m. Mass

7 p.m. Faith Formation class, Damien Meeting Room

Tuesday, Feb. 18

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass

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

Wednesday, Feb. 19

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

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

7 p.m. Tongan Choir, Annex Building

Thursday, Feb. 20

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

3 p.m. Wedding rehearsal

4:30 p.m. Mass

Friday, Feb. 21—St. Peter Damian, bishop and Doctor of the Church

Liturgical color: Green/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Communion Prayer Service

Saturday, Feb. 22—The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

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

8:30 a.m. to noon Funeral services for Elsie Apana

2 p.m. Wedding

3:30 p.m. Damien and Marianne Foundation retreat, Damien Meeting Room

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



Breaking open the Word

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection

Jesus makes a strong statement that angers the Scribes and Pharisees because he is stepping into their domain of power and control over the people. Their behavior can be found today, too. The difference between now and then is that people are better informed, more educated, and know they have the power to exercise their own free will. But so do the Scribes and Pharisees of this time.

God's law is simple and specific. There are no ifs or buts, just plain language. And there lies the first challenge for many of us who don't agree with such simplicity. We have assumed a posture that we believe is suitable for us and believe that we are still following the commandments. We best define this process with one word: Compromise. A little bit of each for our satisfaction.

But Jesus tells us specifically: either we are with Him or against Him. There is no middle of the road or such a thing as compromise between God and Satan. Either we follow Jesus and inherit all that God has for us or give in to Satan where there will be no loyalty or peace eternally. One or the other, our free will to choose.

Let us pray that God will never give up on us as we are challenged by Satan because we chose to follow our Lord Jesus Christ.

Deacon Andy Calunod

Readings

Sirach 15:15-20 God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness.

Psalms 119 Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1 Corinthians 2:6-10 God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden.

Matthew 5:17-37 Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets.

Weekday

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Next Sunday's readings

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 or 3:16-23; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Sixth week of Ordinary Time

The first reading for the next two weeks is from **James**. It begins with instruction for living our lives in Christ. "Consider it all joy when you encounter various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance." "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works?"

In **Mark's Gospel** the Pharisees are asking for a sign of Jesus' authenticity. Jesus warns his disciples not to be as unbelieving as the Pharisees in the face of the signs he has given them. Jesus heals a blind man at Bethsaida. When Jesus asks, "Who do you say I am?" Peter says he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to tell this to no one, because this isn't the full answer. Jesus tells them about his passion and death and resurrection. Peter rebukes Jesus for talking like this. Jesus rebukes Peter and begins to heal his disciples' blindness by teaching them the meaning of their discipleship: they, too, must carry their cross. To prepare them for the scandal of the cross Jesus lets Peter, James and John see his glory.

Creighton University Online Ministries

Daily Prayer this week

This is a wonderful week to ask the question: "Who do you say I am?" This question can come to us this week in a variety of forms. We can hear him ask, "Who am I in your life? What do I mean to you? Do you believe in my love for you? Do you live as though you place all of your trust in me?" This kind of self-knowledge always takes grace, so we can ask each day this week to be more and more honest this week. We can ask to get beyond the denial out of which we sometimes operate. Each morning, when we get up and during several "background" times in our day - going to work, shopping, doing wash, walking to a meeting - we can be in brief conversations with our Lord, always asking for graces.

"Help me to honestly know, Lord, what really is at the center of my life. What really motivates me? What do I turn to for energy, inspiration, approval, escape? How would the people who know me well answer these questions, Lord? Help me be honest this week." "Lord, I have just recognized how much possessions or honors really motivate me." "My Lord, I can see how fear, and avoiding pain have such power in my life." "Lord, I'm so impatient; it seems I have such a hard time simply carrying any cross."

It is quite likely that we might find it difficult to keep this kind of self-examining focus during the week, or that we might so get into self-recrimination and lose sight of God's love. It is a love offered us right in that place of difficulty, a deep love that is ours, even when we can't recognize him or don't feel we are worthy to accept his love.

But he returns to us over and over, offering us his Spirit as a strength and love right here in our lives each day. When we feel weak we can remember that he comes to forgive us and heal us. All week, every night, let us give thanks and praise for his faithful love for us.

Creighton University Online Ministries

Tongan leadership elected

The Tongan community at St. Augustine has elected its new leadership for 2014-2016. The new officers are:

Pulengaue/President: Pulileka Tuihalafatai, Assistant: Soane Sevelo

Tauhi/Catechist: Feleti Sole, Assistant: Akanesi Kama

Pulehiva/Choir Director: Seiloni Manukeu, Assistant: Papolonia Onesi

Faihiva/Choir Conductor: Lafaele Vakauta, Assistant: Toni Halangahu

Sekelitali/Secretary: Alamoni Mataele, Assistant: Feaomoeata Sole

Tauhi Pa'anga/Treasurer: Moana Sevelo, Assistant: Pakiti Takapautolo

Ongomatu'a Fale'i/Parents of Youth: Sauliloa & Pulevai Ngata, Assistant: Manu & Loka Leha

Religious Education (ECL): Uheina Tuihalafatai, Alamoni Copney, Lina Maile, Tau Williams

New church organ arriving soon

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 in the next couple of months. We are now making installment payments. We have received a \$30,000 donation but much more is needed! If you are interested in helping, please contact Fr. Lane or Deacon Andy.

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, 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.

Soup Kitchen served 880 in January

The St. Augustine Soup Kitchen served 880 lunches in January. 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.

Mission cooperative program 2014

Fr. Claudius Mpuya will be in our parish for a Mission Appeal the weekend of February 22 & 23. Please welcome him and support the Missions.

Stewardship

Collection for the week ended Feb. 9: \$10,416.53

Second collection for the Augustine Educational Foundation: \$2,341.54

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. Our collection—daily and Sunday—gives tangible support to our faith in action and to our thankfulness to our Creator.

SS.CC. retirement fund collection

The Sacred Hearts priests and brothers brought the Catholic faith to Hawaii in 1827. It was a mission that has borne much fruit. St. Damien of Moloka'i, our brother, is a shining model, like the many others who came and made an impact on the life of the church in Hawaii. Today, many of our priests and brothers are retired. The second collection this weekend for the SS.CC. retirement fund will help the order continue to provide a place where they can rest from their labors. Mahalo for your support of this important retirement fund.

SS.CC. vocations

Discerning one's vocation — your response to God in your life — is not easily done with the many distractions in the modern world. But when we dare to allow God closer to us, we can be amazed at how God is trying to lead our lives. One of those ways could be discerning the life of a Sacred Hearts religious brother or sister. If you think this could be your vocation, please contact Fr. Lane or the SS.CC. vocation director, Fr. Chris Santangelo ss.cc. at 508=993=2442 ext. 205. The Lord is awaiting your answer.

At St. Augustine

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

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

March 1/2 2nd collection for Building & Maintenance Fund

March 1/2 Sale of olive wood religious items after all Masses

March 2 Hospitality Sunday, free coffee juice and doughnuts after all morning Masses

March 4 Mardi Gras Party, 6 p.m. in the church parking lot

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.



"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

Catholic Charities USA

Catholic Charities USA will hold its annual gathering of "Partners in Excellence" at Catholic Charities Hawaii on Ke'eumoku Street. St. Augustine Church will host their 4:30 pm Mass on Thursday, February 20. Please note that the 5 pm Mass is moved up half an hour earlier. Let us welcome all who are participating in these meetings.

Olive wood religious items March 1/2

Little Bethlehem Christian is a group that represents 200 Christian families who live in Bethlehem and make their living as wood carvers.

After the Saturday evening and all Sunday Masses March 1 & 2, the group represented by the Alshouri family will display a collection of hand-carved olive wood religious items. All items will be available for sale. All profits support Christian families in the Holy Land.