

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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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

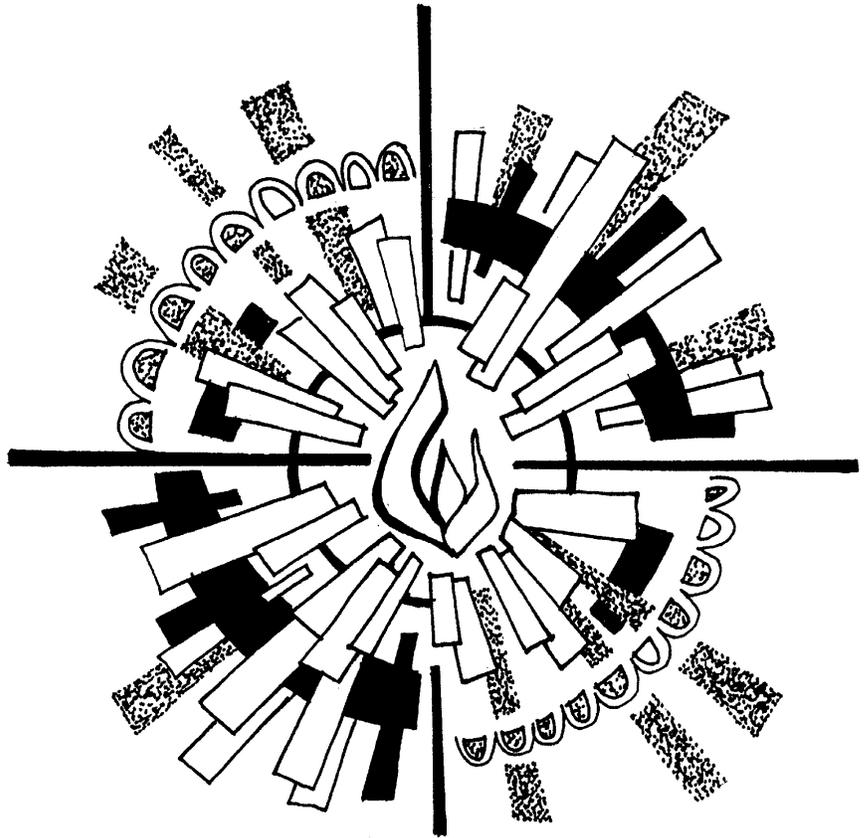
7 a.m. Saturday

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, Feb. 2— The Presentation of the Lord

Liturgical color: White

6 a.m. Mass—S/I Richard Farley

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

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Sage and the Kong Kee Family; R/S Zeb Rich

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Viliami Kama; S/I Purificacion Gac (birthday)

Monday, Feb. 3—St. Blaise, bishop and martyr; St. Ansgar, bishop

Liturgical color: Green/Red/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, Feb. 4

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

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

Wednesday, Feb. 5—St. Agatha, virgin and martyr

Liturgical color: Red

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

9:15 a.m. Funeral Mass for Carmen Brewer (Visitation at 8 a.m.)

5 p.m. Mass-S/I Purie Cortez (thanksgiving)

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

7 p.m. Tongan Choir, Annex Building

Thursday, Feb. 6—St. Paul Miki and Companions, martyrs

Liturgical color: Red

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

3 p.m. Wedding rehearsal

5 p.m. Mass

Friday, Feb. 7

First Friday

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Benediction and adoration

1 p.m. Heritage Center volunteers meeting, Damien Meeting Room

5 p.m. Communion Prayer Service

Saturday, Feb. 8—St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, virgin; Blessed Virgin Mary

Liturgical color: Green/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

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

7:30 to 10 a.m. Knights of Columbus, Damien Meeting Room

2 p.m. Wedding

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



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Breaking open the Word

The Presentation of the Lord

Reflection

Simeon and Anna might symbolize paschal mystery living for us: they both long awaited the revelation of the Messiah, their enduring fidelity was rewarded by seeing the Christ, they were both holy. Our lives, too, are to be characterized by awaiting the revelation of Christ's Presence; our enduring fidelity will be rewarded, too, by seeing Christ. The link between this expectation and fulfillment is to live lives that are holy.

We are "refined," "purified," "tested" when we allow Christ to "help" us when we listen to his word and come to the table to be nourished. We are reminded, however, that church (temple) and life ("grew and became strong") are related. Paschal mystery living is temple living. Like Simeon and Anna, our very lives exude the expectation of Christ's redemption and its fulfillment in the here and now when we allow the Spirit to act within us.

Fr. Lane K. Akiona, ss.cc.

Readings

Malachi 3:1-4 There will come to the temple the Lord whom you seek.

Psalm 24: Who is this King of Glory? It is the Lord.

Hebrews 2:14-18 Jesus had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way to help the descendants of Abraham.

Luke 2:22-40 The just and pious Simeon proclaims the infant Jesus to be a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of the people Israel.

Weekday

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 23-25a, 30—19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:30-34

Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday's readings

Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

Fourth week of Ordinary Time

The story of David we have been following for the past two weeks will end with his death as we conclude the readings from the **Book of Samuel**. As the narrative moves to the **Book of Kings**, David's son Solomon has succeeded him on the throne and for the next week the tale of notable leaders of Israel's history continues to unfold.

In **Mark's Gospel** this week, Jesus continues to heal and teach. A man in the Gerasenes is healed of unclean spirits and wants to stay with Jesus, but Jesus tells the man, "Go home to your family and announce to them all that the Lord in his pity has done for you." The young daughter of a synagogue official is sick and on the way to heal her, as Jesus stood in a crowd, he felt the power go out of him as a woman with a hemorrhage touched his cloak. "Your faith has saved you," he reassures her. To the father he says, "Do not be afraid; just have faith" and heals the daughter. He teaches in the synagogue in his hometown "and they took offense at him." He was not able to perform miracles there, because of their lack of faith. Jesus sends his disciples out to preach and heal, telling them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick. Though the demons know who Jesus is, Herod thinks he is John the Baptist, whom Herod had beheaded. Jesus encourages his busy disciples, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." But as they tried to get away "and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things."

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Daily Prayer this week

This is a wonderful week to use the brief background times of our lives to talk with the Lord about our need for healing. We can begin each day by naming some desire we have for healing and deeper wholeness and peace. Getting in the habit of naming what I need and asking for it will shape how we spend the day, confidently aware of our God's presence with us.

Throughout the day, we can continue our simple conversation with our Lord, speaking friend to friend. We may encounter some spirits within ourselves that aren't very clean. Anger or resentment, fear or paralysis, jealousy or pride, lust or greed, self-pity or judging of others are all spirits that distort our ability to love others the way we are loved by our God. When we encounter them, we can ask the Lord to heal us, to drive these spirits from our hearts.

The healing stories in the gospels make it clear that faith is key to the healing. When the people in Jesus' home town say, "Isn't this just the carpenter's son?" their lack of faith is saying, "He can't heal us." In our own struggle with letting Jesus be our Savior, two things can get in the way. First of all, we need to know we need healing. Secondly, we need to want to be healed. If I cling to being angry or have become comfortable being afraid, I will first need to acknowledge what a difference freedom would mean in my life and come to desire healing. Then, I need to believe our Lord can heal me. The rest is easy.

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2013 Stewardship

Mahalo nui loa to all those who were good stewards to St. Augustine last year. Your generous gifts in support of our parish ministries and works is an encouragement for the larger Church and local community. We continue to see and experience the numerous miracles that happen because people are still generous to our parish. Mahalo to you all for your continued support.

The contribution statements for 2013 were sent out this past week. If you have any questions concerning your statements, feel free to contact Bev at the parish office.

This year I will be implementing the Stewardship Council as a means to help all of us to learn and understand what stewardship is about. It is not only about giving, stewardship is a lifestyle that encourages and supports the whole parish community and the local church as well. Let us continue to pray that we will be good stewards of all that God gives to us. Blessings upon you all for what you have shared. Me ke aloha pumehana

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World Day of the Sick

Bishop Larry Silva will celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace, and will be anointing the sick at mass.

Pray that the healing spirit of Jesus will restore all those who are sick. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

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.

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.

Stewardship

Collection for the week ended Jan. 26: \$10,340.11

A Letter from Pope Francis

"Money must serve, not rule!" This is how Pope Francis emphasizes one of seven major themes in his pastoral letter, *Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel)*. Published in November, the letter devotes itself to the subject of the new evangelization and how the church can reform itself to embrace a renewed sense of mission.

In his letter, Pope Francis expresses concern for the world's poor, reminding us that the rich have a responsibility "...to help, respect and promote the poor" (par. 58). The pontiff is especially concerned about the growing global economic inequality and challenges world leaders to use economic systems in a way that favors human beings:

Just as the commandment "Thou shalt not kill" sets a clear limit in order to safeguard the value of human life, today we also have to say "thou shalt not" to an economy of exclusion and inequality. Such an economy kills. How can it be that it is not a news item when an elderly homeless person dies of exposure, but it is news when the stock market loses two points? (par. 53).

The pope is insistent: God calls us to make a committed response to the poor in a way that transcends the logic of the marketplace.

In his Christmas message, Pope Francis urged us to "place ourselves at the service of the poor, make ourselves small and poor with them." He is challenging us to exercise better stewardship of Christ's gospel message which includes loving God and neighbor, especially the poor, the prisoners, the sick, the outcast; all of whom Jesus refers to in his teaching on the final judgment of the nations in Matthew 25:31-46. It is a call to action Pope Francis urges upon us as we move into this New Year.

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At St. Augustine

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.



"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

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.

Catholic Charities USA

Catholic Charities USA will hold its annual gathering of "Partners in Excellence" at Catholic Charities Hawaii's Clarence T.C. Ching Campus on Ke'eaumoku 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 a half an hour earlier. Let us welcome all who are participating in these meetings.