

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.

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

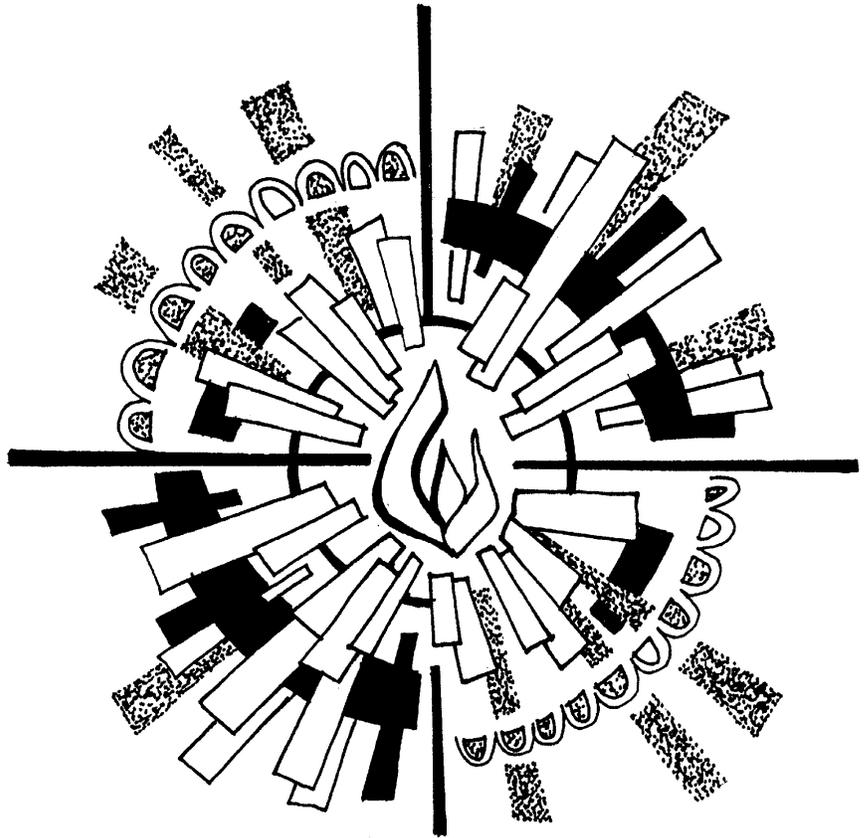
7 a.m. Saturday

Damien and Marianne of Moloka'i

Heritage Center

Open daily, featuring
displays of the work of

St. Damien and St. Marianne



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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.

This week at St. Augustine

Sunday, Feb. 23—Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical color: Green

6 a.m. Mass—R/S Hugh Brown, Milagros Cortes

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Doris Savard

10 a.m. Mass—R/S Domenico Fontana, Maria Fontana; S/I Sage and the Kong Kee Family;

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Viliami Kama

Monday, Feb. 24

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

3 p.m. Wedding rehearsal

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Betty Meyer (birthday)

Tuesday, Feb. 25

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Hilbert Young

2 p.m. Wedding

5 p.m. Mass

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

Wednesday, Feb. 26

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. 27

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Bev Tavake (birthday)

5 p.m. Mass

Friday, Feb. 28

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

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

5 p.m. Communion Prayer Service

Saturday, March 1—Blessed Virgin Mary

First Saturday

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

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

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Dick Green; S/I Sage and the Kong Kee Family

Breaking open the Word

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection

“Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” This call to perfection is the good news that offers us a new reality, a new hope, and new path for our life. With this call, Jesus invites us to stop using our humanity as a reason for being less than who we really are, and realize that our humanity is a means to God. This call does not change the fact that you and I can name the things we have done and left undone, the ways in which we have turned against God and our neighbor. Too often we have offered retaliation instead of the other cheek. Our thoughts, words, and deeds have sometimes been filled with violence rather than love, mercy, forgiveness.

Perfection is about growing into the fullness of who we already are. We behold that we are like our heavenly Father. In the end this is about becoming fully human. This perfection is not an escape from the world or ourselves. It is the means by which we engage the world and ourselves. Growing up, becoming perfect, happens in the pain, and messiness of relationships with our enemies.

“Enemy” can be as simple as those who are not on my side; those who look, think, speak, or act differently than me; those who have hurt or betrayed me; those people I would rather not see, listen to, or deal with. These are the ones we are to love and for whom we are to pray. We are to love them and pray that God would grant them all the good things we want for ourselves and those we care about most. Isn't that what God has done for us? Even when we act like enemies toward God he never stops loving or praying for us and our well being. Loving and praying for our enemies may not change them. It may not bring about world peace and probably will not make everyone get along. Loving and praying for our enemies changes us more than them. It will grow us up and make us perfect like our Father in heaven. We will know ourselves as worthy and as the beloved sons and daughters of God. Behold what you are. Become what you see.

Fr. Lusius Nimu ss.cc

Readings

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself

Psalms 103 The Lord is kind and merciful

1 Corinthians 3:16-23 You are the temple of God, and holy

Matthew 5:38-48 Offer no resistance; love your enemies

Weekday

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday's readings

Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-0; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

LENT

Lent begins in a week and half and from Ash Wednesday on the readings make God's call to us clear: “Return to me with your whole heart.” During Lent, the Church calls us to prayer, fasting, almsgiving and penance. Prayer deepens our relationship with God. Fasting helps us to be more aware of our sisters and brothers in need and reminds us to be selfless. Almsgiving is a way of practicing generosity and reminds us that all that we have is a gift and is meant to be shared. Through penance and the Sacrament of Reconciliation we can change sinful patterns. The Church offers us many opportunities to grow during Lent:

Prayer

Daily Mass: Monday-Friday, 7 am and 5 pm.; Saturday: 7 am

Liturgy of the Hours: 6:30 a.m. Monday-Saturday

Stations of the Cross: 5:30 pm Fridays, 7 pm in Tongan.

Parish Mission: March 24-26

Build prayer into your daily life through online resources:

Sacredspace.ie, Prayingeachday.org, ebreviary.com, apostleshipofprayer.org, lectio.americanbible.org

Apps for your smart phone or tablet:

Magnificat, Divine Office, iMissal

Books:

“Lenten Grace” — daily Gospel reflections. \$7.95, available at Pauline Books.

Magnificat 2014 Lenten Companion, \$3.95, available at Pauline Books.

Diocesan daily online retreat: Get an email each day with a story or quote from the life, spirituality and work of St. Damien a reflection question and access to the day's Scripture readings. Go to catholichawaii.org/damienretreat to register.

Fasting

The two days of fasting during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. But penitential fasting during Lent also is a wonderful exercise whenever we want to sincerely ask for an important grace from God. It is not that our fasting "earns" God's attention, but by fasting, we clarify our thinking and our feeling. It is purifying and prepares us to pray more deeply.

Almsgiving

Operation Rice Bowl: Practice almsgiving through Operation Rice Bowl and benefit those served by Catholic Relief Service throughout the world. Rice bowls will be available at the church entrances. Return the Rice Bowl with your monetary donations at Holy Thursday Mass.

Lent food drive: Collection of non-perishable, unopened food items (not past expiration date) to Palm Sunday.

Sacrificial giving: Lent is a good time to practice sacrificial giving. Do I need that daily latte or yet another gadget or new outfit? Would my money be better spent in outreach to the poor and marginalized? Do I give enough back to God?

Penance

To abstain is to not eat meat or any meat byproducts (such as gravy some soups). Its purpose is to be an act of penance - an act of sacrifice, that helps us grow in freedom to make much bigger sacrifices. The prescribed days of abstinence are Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 6:30-6:45 am. and 4:30-4:45 pm. Tuesday-Thursday; 3-4 pm. Saturday.

Parish Communal Lent Reconciliation Service: March 26.

Luau! Luau!

Celebrate 30 years of hula with Kumu Hula Leimomi Ho and her Keali'ila'apunihonua Ke'ena Hula at an authentic Hawaiian luau: Saturday, March 15, 2014 - from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 pm. at Kaumakapili Church Community Hall. Tickets are \$20 and are available after Sunday Masses thru March 10. Don't miss out on the real thing!

Calling all ushers!

There will be a special meeting for all ushers to encourage you on your ministry of service to our parish community. It's an important meeting and I hope that you will be able to attend. Monday, March 3, 2014 at 5:30 pm. See you then. Mahalo

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. You may also visit the group's website, www.little-bethlehem.org

St. Augustine Closet open March 1

The St. Augustine Closet will open on Saturday, March 1, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Damien Courtyard. Browse the thrift shop items such as books, toys, children's clothes, aloha shirts, muumuus and more. Proceeds benefit the Damien and Marianne Heritage Center.

Mission cooperative program 2014

Fr. Claudius Mpuya will be in our parish for a Mission Appeal this weekend. Please welcome him and support the Missions.

Mardi Gras party! March 4

The parish's annual Mardi Gras party will be from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, in the church parking lot. This year's theme, "Wearing of the Green," honors St. Patrick, whose feast day is March 17. The menu will include corned beef, of course. The entertainment will include Irish music and with the luck of the Irish we should have a rip-roaring good time before Lent begins. Tickets are \$15 per person and are available in the parish office. There will be a limited number of tickets sold, so get yours early. The cutoff for ticket sales is noon Friday, Feb. 28.

Stewardship of treasure

Collection for the week ended Feb. 16: \$8,936.88

Second collection for SS.CC. retirement fund: \$5,222.43

Disbursements, week ended Feb. 16: \$35,067.65

Parish assessment: \$10,650.00

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.

THE STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

My parish is composed of people like me.

I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

It will be holy, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will be prayerful, if I pray.

**It will make generous gifts to many causes,
if I am a generous giver.**

**It will bring others into its worship,
if I invite and bring them.**

**It will be a parish of loyalty and love,
of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity, and
mercy,**

**if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same
things.**

Therefore, with the help of God,

I now dedicate myself to the task of being

all the things that I want my parish to be. Amen

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

Lenten Parish Mission 2014

Save the dates, March 24-26. Tom Booth, internationally renowned musician will be our presenter this year. Look forward to a musical experience.

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.

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.



"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

At St. Augustine

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| Mar 1 | St. Augustine Closet, thrift shop open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Damien Courtyard |
| Mar 1/2 | 2nd collection for Building & Maintenance Fund |
| Mar 1/2 | Sale of olive wood religious items after all Masses |
| Mar 2 | Hospitality Sunday, free coffee juice and doughnuts after all morning Masses |
| Mar 3 | Meeting for all ushers, 5:30 p.m. |
| Mar 5 | Ash Wednesday, Masses 7 a.m. & 5 p.m.
Ashes distributed at the end of Mass
Lent nonperishable food drive begins
Day of fast and abstinence |
| Mar 16 | Collection for Catholic Relief Services |