

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

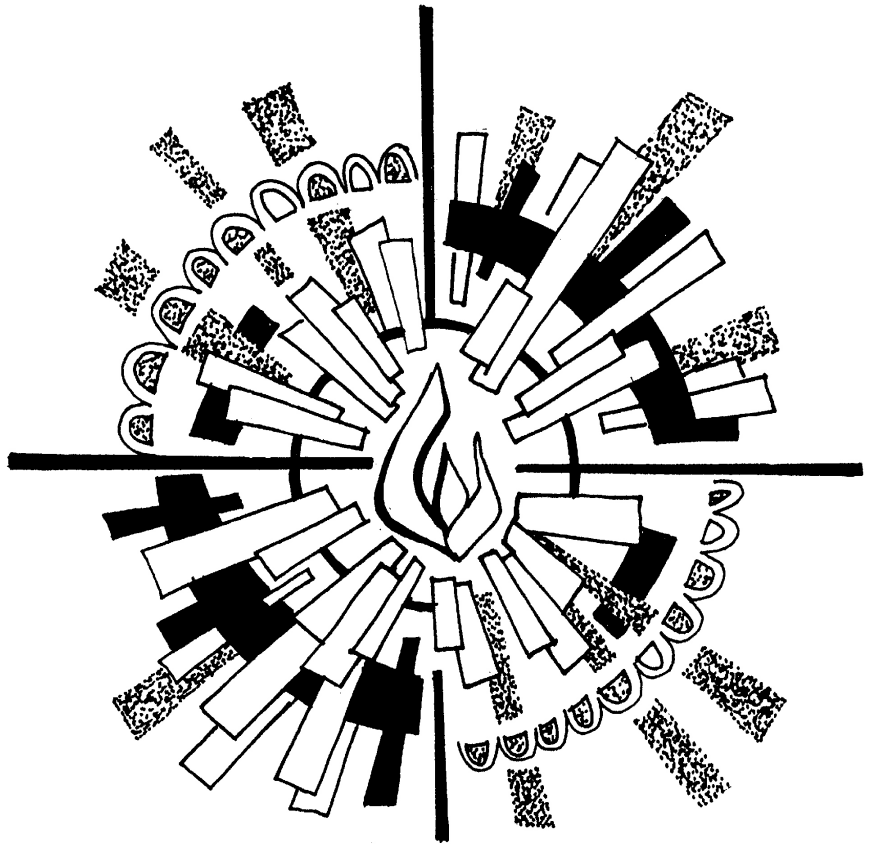
7 a.m. Saturday

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.

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This week at St. Augustine

Sunday, March 2—Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical color: Green

6 a.m. Mass—R/S Hung Hong Mew

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Zeb Rich; S/I Purie Cortez (thanksgiving)

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Sage and the Kong Kee Family, Gentile Family both living and deceased

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Viliami Kama, Anthony Matta

Monday, March 3—St. Katharine Drexel, virgin

Liturgical color: Green/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass

5:30 p.m. Ushers meeting

Tuesday, March 4—St. Casimir

Liturgical color: Green/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Honor of the Holy Face of Jesus

5 p.m. Mass

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

6 p.m. Mardi Gras party, parking lot. Tickets required

Wednesday, March 5—Ash Wednesday

Day of Fast and Abstinence

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

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

5 p.m. Mass

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

7 p.m. Tongan Choir, Annex Building

Thursday, March 6—Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Fr. Lusius Nimu ss.cc. (birthday)

5 p.m. Mass

Friday, March 7—Friday after Ash Wednesday, Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs

Day of Abstinence

First Friday

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Benediction and adoration

5 p.m. Mass

5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

7 p.m. Tongan Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 8—Saturday after Ash Wednesday, St. John of God

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Ellamae and Louis Reyes

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

8:30 a.m. Knights of Columbus district meeting, Damien Meeting Room

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

Breaking open the Word

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection

“Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides.”

Today’s Gospel reading is from Chapter 6 of Matthew and is a continuation of the Sermon on the Mount, which gives us the qualities required to be a disciple of Jesus.

In a poetic turn of phrase, Matthew evokes the birds of the air who neither sow nor reap and the wildflowers who neither work nor spin. They have not a care in the world. Beautiful imagery -- but at the core of this message is something really quite harrowing for us humans who are prone to worry – a call to absolute trust. How many of us can do that?

We worry about the future, about money, about success, we hang on to hurts, we feel overburdened by those who need our attention, abandoned by those who do not seek our attention, feel closed in by all around us, and, conversely, feel alone and alienated. Where is our anchorage, our safe haven when those hurts and fears torment us? “Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your lifespan?” Jesus asks us.

Are we spending too much of our lives on what is of little value, missing the point of this gospel passage? As Fr Tony de Mello used to say, “It is all a question of attitude.” At the beginning of the gospel Jesus tells us we cannot serve two masters. In the world of faith, we are called to live in trust, to set our fears aside, to see life as the Gospel does. When we do, we live as disciples of Jesus, seeking first the kingdom of God. Or, as the psalmist tells us: “He only is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold; I shall not be disturbed at all.”

Anne Harpham

Readings

Isaiah 49:14-15 God will never forget you.

Psalms 62 Rest in God alone, my soul.

1 Corinthians 4:1-5 Make no judgments, the Lord will judge.

Matthew 6:24-34 God feeds the birds and clothes the flowers. Do not be anxious; God knows all your needs.

Weekday

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

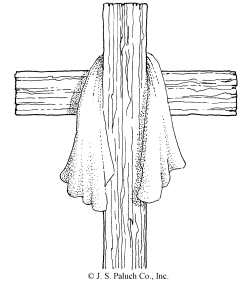
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday’s readings

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11

Diocese of Honolulu 2014 Lenten Regulations

All members of the Christian faithful in their own way are bound to do penance in virtue of the divine law. In order that all may be joined in a common observance of penance, penitential days are prescribed in which the Christian faithful in a special way pray, exercise works of piety and charity, and deny themselves by fulfilling their responsibilities more faithfully, and especially by observing fast and abstinence.



ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

Catholics aged 14 and up are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.

To abstain means refraining from eating beef, veal, pork, or poultry at least, although eggs, milk products, or meat broths or condiments made from animal fat are OK. The consumption of fish and shellfish is permitted. However, it should always be kept in mind that abstinence is meant to be a penitential practice, not exchanging one delicacy for another.

FASTING

In the dioceses in the United States, Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound to fast on both Ash Wednesday (March 5) and Good Friday (April 18).

To fast means to consume one full meal a day at most, although taking of other, smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes is permitted. Food and drink between meals (excepting water and medicine) is not permitted on fast days.

PENANCE AND GOOD WORKS

The faithful are encouraged during the period of Lent to attend daily Mass, receive Holy Communion, participate in penance services, and receive sacramental absolution; to take part as frequently as possible in public and private exercises of piety, give generously to works of religion and charity, perform acts of kindness toward the sick, aged, and the poor; to practice voluntary self-denial, especially regarding food, drink, and worldly amusements; and to pray more fervently, particularly for the intentions of the Holy Father.

EASTER DUTY

All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept is to be fulfilled during the Easter Season unless it is fulfilled, for a just cause, at some other time during the year. This period is extended to include all the weeks of Lent and the Easter Season up to Trinity Sunday (June 15).

Luau! Luau!

Celebrate 30 years of hula with Kumu Hula Leimomi Ho and her Keali'ila'apunihonua Ke'ena Hula at a luau on Saturday, March 15, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Kaumakapili Church Community Hall.

Tickets are \$20 and are available after Sunday Masses through 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 and all profits support Christian families in the Holy Land. You may also visit the group's website, www.little-bethlehem.org

Lenten parish mission 2014

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

Remembered in prayer

The parishioners of St. Augustine will be remembered in prayer by the Sacred Hearts Sisters at Regina Pacis convent March 16-22. Let the sisters know of any special intentions at reginasscc@cs.org, 737-5822 or 1120 Fifth Avenue, Honolulu 96816.

Stewardship of time and talent

Fr. Lane is looking for volunteers to serve as security for the church and the Heritage Center Monday-Friday between 1 -2:30 p.m. If interested, contact the parish office.

Stewardship Day 2014

There will be a meeting at 6 p.m. March 10 in the Annex building meeting room upstairs for all those who attended the Diocesan Stewardship Day in January.

Mahalo

Mahalo to all who made Fr. Fernando feel so welcome in our parish community for the last two months. He really enjoyed himself. We will truly miss his gift of cooking and the one kind of food. Pray for the success of his mission in Belgium.

LENT

Lent begins on Wednesday 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. 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.

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.

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. 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...”



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 maquettes of both statues for sale at \$4,000 apiece. A portion of the sales price will go toward 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 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.

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.

“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**

Stewardship of treasure

**Collection for the week ended Feb. 23: \$8,825.25
Second collection for the mission efforts of the Archdiocese of Mwanza: \$4,877.48**

You can be part of Family Promise!

Homelessness can seem like an overwhelming problem. Many people wonder what one person or congregation can do to make a difference. Family Promise of Hawaii provides a way for churches to work together to help homeless families. Holy Trinity Parish in Kuliouou is one of network of Hawaii congregations participating in Family Promise by providing overnight lodging and meals for three to five families for two weeks every quarter. St. Augustine will help Holy Trinity next month by providing household cleaning and a meal the evening of Saturday, April 12.

You can help by preparing a dish for that evening, offering financial assistance toward the cost of the meal or needed household supplies. For more information or to volunteer, email staugustinebythesea@gmail.com or call the parish office (808) 923-7024.