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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



St. Augustine by-the-sea Church

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*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.

Aunty Carmen's 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, May 25—Sixth Sunday of Easter

Liturgical color: White

6 a.m. Mass—R/S Hugh Brown; S/I Charlotte Ornellas (healing)

8 a.m. Mass

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Knights of Columbus, Sage and the Kong Kee Family

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Viliami Kama, Walter Gorak

Monday, May 26—St. Philip Neri, priest

PARISH OFFICE, HERITAGE CENTER AND AUNTY CARMEN'S KITCHEN CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY

Memorial Day

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

No 5 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, May 27—St. Augustine of Canterbury, bishop

Liturgical color: White

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, May 28

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

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

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Pulileka Tuihalafatai (birthday)

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

7 p.m. Tongan Choir, Annex Building, upstairs

Thursday, May 29

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Olga Elaine Palmer

Friday, May 30

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Arnel and JME Foronda; R/S Leonard Meyer

5 p.m. Communion Prayer Service

Saturday, May 31—The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Church cleaning: Tongan Society, President's Mystery

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Sage and the Kong Kee Family, Charlotte Soares Simmons

Breaking open the Word

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Reflection

How is that it can be so difficult at times to believe in God's unconditional love? And to truly live in that unconditional love.

In a poem on God's unconditional love, Joyce Rupp writes:

You are Love like no other.
Love so large you contain our smallness.
Love so deep you accept our shallowness.
Love so strong you carry our weakness.
Love so wide you enclose our wandering.
Love so tender you experience our hurting.
Love so tolerable you outlive our apathy.
Love so ardent you thaw our coldness.
Love so true you endure our betrayals.
Love so patient you wait for our returning.

When we look at God's love simply through our human perspective we cannot comprehend a love that is fathomless. Our hurts, our failings, disappointments, our busyness, our ideals and values, our expectations, our own plans all can put boundaries on love.

When we step back to reflect on what God's unconditional love means in our lives we find a love of generosity, compassion and faithfulness. And when we learn to better appreciate that love we will grow in faithfulness.

As Thomas Merton wrote, "we find our true self when we find God and we find God when we find our true self."

May this next week be one in which we reflect on God's everlasting love and in turn radiate that love in our lives.

Anne Harpham

Readings

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 The people of Samaria accepted the word of God preached by Philip, they received the Holy Spirit.

Psalm 66 Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1 Peter 3:15-18 Act with gentleness and reverence toward all, so that when you are maligned those who defame you will be the ones out to shame.

John 14:15-21 I will not leave you orphans, but will come to you.

Weekday

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149; Jn 15:26—Jn 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17: 15, 22—18:1; Ps 148; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98; Jn 16:20-23

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4-6; Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday's readings

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

Daily prayer this week

This is a great week to try to live in the promise of Jesus that we don't need to let our hearts be troubled. We can trust. He will not leave us on our own. We can prepare for the coming feast of Pentecost by letting the Holy Spirit console us and gather us.

But, what if I do have some troubles and worries? We can talk with our Lord about our desires regarding those anxieties and difficulties in the background moments of our life each day. For example, when I wake up, I can take a moment, letting myself name the struggles I will face that day, and simply asking the Lord to give me the graces I need today. That can take less than a minute, or 30 seconds, as the week goes on. As the morning goes on, I can flesh out that desire.

And, throughout the day, we can find moments -walking from one place to another, reaching for the phone, opening a jar of something, walking down a shopping aisle at the store, filling the car with gas - when all of this will come back and we can renew our trust in the Lord's promise. Especially, when we go to bed each night, we can give thanks, that we were not alone this day.

Creighton University Online Ministries

Sixth week of Easter

During the weekday readings, we learn of the work of the early disciples, emboldened by all they have seen, who preach and baptize and spread the good news. Paul has a vision of the Lord saying "Do not be afraid. Go on speaking and do not be silenced for I am with you." In the Gospels we are with Jesus, bidding us his farewell, in the Fourth Gospel. The reason we can be assured, after he leaves us, is that he and the Father are one. So, we can ask for anything, and the Father will give it to us.

The Psalm responses all week are joyful in this Easter season:

The Lord takes delight in his people.

Your right hand saves me.

Heaven & earth are full of your glory.

Creighton University Online Ministries

Family Promise July 6-12

St. Augustine Parish will be assisting Holy Trinity Parish in its Family Promise ministry again in July. Families who are seeking permanent housing will be staying at Holy Trinity July 6 to July 12. St. Augustine Parish will host a dinner for the homeless families on Saturday, July 12. Usually there are three to four families with a total of 12 to 15 adults and children. When you volunteer to provide a dish — an entrée, side dish or dessert — for dinner you help to fulfill the Gospel call to assist our brothers and sisters in need and to feed the hungry and shelter those with no home.

Please think about being a part of this ministry. For more information or to volunteer, call the parish office at 923-7024.

Words to live by

Prayer is not a "spare wheel" you pull out when in trouble, but a "steering wheel" that directs the right path.

Why is a car's windshield so large and the rear view mirror so small? Because our past is not as important as our future. So, look ahead and move on.

Friendship is like a book. It takes few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.

All things in life are temporary. If it's going well, enjoy it, that won't last long. If it's going badly, don't worry, that won't last long either.

Old friends are gold! New friends are diamonds! If you get a diamond, don't forget the gold! Because to hold a diamond, you always need a base of gold!

Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"

When God solves your problems, you have faith in His abilities; when God doesn't solve your problems, He has faith in your abilities.

A blind person asked St. Anthony, "Can there be anything worse than losing eyesight?" He replied, "Yes, losing your vision!"

When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them; sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.

Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles, it takes away today's peace.

--Author unknown



All conference sessions have a direct or indirect connection to the saints, whether past or present, whether in Hawaii or elsewhere. As one 'ohana,' participants will learn about our faith, celebrate in prayer and come away spiritually renewed and refreshed

OAHU--FAITH FORMATION CONFERENCE JUNE 20-21
Friday Breakout Sessions 1:30-3pm; 3:30-5pm; 6-7:30pm
Saturday 8:00 Ohana Mass with Bishop Larry Silva;
Saturday Breakout Sessions 9:15-10:45am; 11:15-12:45pm;
1:30-3pm
St. Joseph Parish & School, 94-651 Farrington Highway, Waipahu Go to www.catholicahawaii.org/oahufaithconference for more information or to register.

A Memorial Day Prayer

Dear God, on this day we remember the sacrifices made for us by those who were willing to give their lives to ensure that our own would be spent in freedom.

Let us never forget to pray, not only for the dead, but also for those still living and working in the cause of freedom around the world.

As we celebrate and enjoy this time, give comfort and grace to those men and women who have sacrificed so much for our sake.

We pray for the protection of our soldiers in their efforts, and bring them home safely at the end of their duties wherever that home may be. Amen.

Military Appreciation Month

May is Military Appreciation Month, a time when our country pays tribute to, thanks, and remembers all those who have served and who continue to serve our country in the U.S armed forces. We invite all military personnel and all veterans to come forward for a blessing at the end of each Mass this weekend. We thank you for your service and dedication to our country and for your role in helping to protect our nation and our freedoms.

Damien & Marianne benefit

Save the date! As part of our 160th anniversary celebration, our parish will sponsor a gala event that will benefit the construction of a NEW Museum to honor St. Damien and St. Marianne. This event will take place on our parish feast day, August 28, at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel Monarch Room. The cost for individual tickets will be \$160. Check future bulletins for more information.

Architect Glenn Mason to be honored

Glenn Mason, president and founder of Mason Architects Inc. will be awarded the Historic Hawaii Foundation's Sixth Annual Frank Haines Award. The award honors lifetime achievement, dedication and devotion in the field of historic preservation. Glenn Mason has been the architect overseeing the renovation of St. Augustine Church, the new Damien and Marianne Museum, and Phase 3 of the St. Augustine master plan, which includes a new multipurpose building and parking structure. The award will be presented on May 30.

Workshop on healing domestic abuse

There will be a two-part workshop/retreat on "Healing the Trauma of Domestic Abuse" at St. Anthony Retreat Center, 3351 Kalihi St., in Kalihi, on Saturday, May 31 and Saturday, June 7. An expert in the field of domestic abuse will offer the main presentation, and this will be followed by pastoral/spiritual input. The fee for the combined workshops is \$15 (or \$15 for only one attended). For more details, contact Fr. David Lupo at 247-3647 (or 508-717-9273).

“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

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.

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

Stewardship of treasure

Collection for the week ended May 18: \$8,133.02
Second collection for the Catholic Communications
Campaign: \$2,283.53

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 part of our liturgy, and is a sign of our willingness to give all that we have to the Lord for the church and the poor. It is also expressive of what the Eucharist means in our relationship with others. In the early Church, everyone brought up what they had brought, eggs, produce or chickens or grain, or bread or wine. Some was used for the celebration and the rest was used for the benefit of the Church so that all were taken care of and no one was in need. Today, we share what we have with money. Our collection—daily and Sunday—gives tangible support to our faith in action and to our thankfulness to our Creator.

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