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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



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, June 1—The Ascension of the Lord

Liturgical color: White

6 a.m. Mass

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Zeb Rich, Alex Freeman & Roberta Freeman, Dorothy Gitter

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Purie Cortez (thanksgiving), Hubert & Elfriede Wustinger (50th anniversary)

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Viliami Kama, Ausasala Palepale

Monday, June 2—Sts Marcellinus and Peter, martyrs

Liturgical color: White/Red

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Mary Veronica Zodrow

Tuesday, June 3—St. Charles Lwanga and companions, martyrs

Liturgical color: Red

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, June 4

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

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

2 p.m. Wedding rehearsal

5 p.m. Mass

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

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

Thursday, June 5—St. Boniface, bishop and martyr

Liturgical color: Red

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Andrew McGrath (birthday)

11 a.m. Wedding

3 p.m. Wedding rehearsal

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Olga Elaine Palmer

Friday, June 6—St. Norbert, bishop

First Friday

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Benediction and adoration

11:30 a.m. Wedding

1 p.m. Meeting of Heritage Center volunteers, Annex Building

5 p.m. Communion Prayer Service

Saturday, June 7

First Saturday

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Church cleaning: Altar Rosary Society

9 a.m. to noon—St. Augustine Closet, Damien Courtyard

2 p.m. Wedding

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

Breaking open the Word

The Ascension of the Lord

Reflection

Jesus' departure and ascension into heaven was an end and a beginning for his disciples. While it was the end of Jesus' physical presence with his beloved disciples, it marked the beginning of his presence with them in a new way. Jesus' last words to his apostles point to his saving mission and to their mission to be witnesses of his saving death and his glorious resurrection and to proclaim the good news of salvation to all the world. Their task is to proclaim the gospel - the good news of salvation - not only to the people of Israel, but to all the nations as well.

This commission was a traumatic change for the disciples, who lived in a tight-knit, familiar Jewish society where they had been taught to keep ritually clean by avoiding tax collectors, sinners and Gentiles. Now Jesus was sending them to make disciples of everyone without discrimination. When the Lord Jesus departed physically from the apostles, they were not left alone or powerless. Jesus assured them of his presence and the power of the Holy Spirit. They were empowered to go and teach by their deeds and their love. Jesus enabled them to bring strangers, foreigners and sinners into the Kingdom.

Through our Baptism we, and all believers, have been given a share in this task - to be heralds of the good news and ambassadors for Jesus Christ, the only savior of the world. We are called to take risks, to cross the boundaries that limit us to a closed world view. The Lord is with us always in his gift of the Holy Spirit which renews and strengthens us for His mission in the world today.

Do we witness to others the joy of the gospel and the hope of the resurrection? Which is the bigger risk, remaining safe and snug in our comfortable little worlds, deaf to the cries of the poor and to God's command to go out to all the world and so miss the reign of God? Or stepping out in fear and trembling, led by the power of the Spirit, to transform the world and meet the God who dwells there in the suffering, poor and marginalized people we will encounter?

Fr. Ed Popish ss.cc.

Readings

Acts 1:1-11 The disciples will be witnesses to all.

Psalms 47: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy.

Ephesians 1:17-23 May the Father of glory give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation.

Matthew 28:16-20 Jesus instructs the Eleven to baptize and teach people of all nations.

Weekday

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11; Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday's readings

Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Daily prayer this week

We can hardly believe the message from this week's gospel. It is one of complete invitation to us. Jesus tells us of his intimate bond with the Father and invites us into the same kind of close relationship with Jesus himself.

He does not promise us a trouble-free life, and is clear about the challenges we will face as his followers. He cautions us that the world will want to make us one of "its own" and Jesus lovingly protests that we are his, not the world's. He prays to the Father of us, "they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me..."

This kind of loving dialogue with the Father is what Jesus wants with us. It does not mean our lives will be trouble-free but we are offered the peace in our hearts that Jesus longs to give us.

Some days we may feel anything but peace in our hearts. That is the time to pause and open our hands and our hearts to the Lord. Just the simple physical act of opening our hands can send a signal to our hearts. We can stop thinking and start feeling the love that Jesus has for us.

We can begin each morning aware of the sacredness of the day ahead of us, and ask for peace, courage and guidance. And at the end of the day, we can pause again and reflect for a moment on our day and offer thanks for the moments where we felt in our hearts the love of Jesus. And, we can ask that tomorrow we can feel the Lord's own love and compassion for us - and beg that we can pass that along.

Like Peter in Friday's gospel, we have denied Jesus many times in our lives but he looks at us again with love and simply says, "Follow me."

Creighton University Online Ministries

Seventh Week in Easter

This week the first reading continues from the Acts of the Apostles. We are following the preaching and ministry of Paul. We can feel his intensity as he urges the Ephesians to follow his example in living the faith "I served the Lord with all humility and with the tears and trials that came to me..." He returns to Jerusalem to face persecution but remains under house arrest, teaching and meeting with followers.

The gospels continue from John's Gospel. Jesus warns his disciples that they will be scattered and says they will find trouble in the world but assures them he has conquered the world. Jesus' prayer reflects the passionate, inseparable nature between him and his Father. "I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do." "I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely." "Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me." Jesus challenges Peter three times to "feed my sheep" and the Easter season comes to a close as John's gospel concludes on Saturday. These poetic readings end: "There are also many other things that Jesus did, but if these were to be described individually, I do not think the whole world would contain the books that would be written."

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St. Augustine Closet open on June 7

The St. Augustine Closet thrift shop will be open on Saturday, June 7, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Damien Courtyard. You'll find items galore for the whole family.

Damien & Marianne benefit

In August, St. Augustine Church celebrates its 160th anniversary, and in recognition of that milestone, the parish is holding a gala dinner and celebration on Thursday, Aug. 28, at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel. It begins at 5:30 p.m. with no-host cocktails, dinner is at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$160 per person. Tables (for 8) may be purchased for \$5,000 (Augustine Table) or \$4,000 (Founder's Table).

In honor of the its 160th anniversary, the parish has chosen to assist the Damien and Marianne Foundation in its vision to build a museum to honor the legacy of St. Damien and St. Marianne, Hawaii's two saints. All proceeds from the benefit will assist the foundation in building a new museum to tell the story of these two saints who ministered to those who had leprosy and were exiled to Kalaupapa.

For more information on the benefit, please call the parish office at 923-7024.

Altar Rosary Society challenges other organizations to buy gala benefit tables

Under the leadership of President Ann Dankulich, the Altar Rosary Society purchased the first \$5,000 sponsor table for the St. Augustine Parish Gala Benefit on Aug. 28. In their enthusiasm and generosity, they challenge all other parish organizations to do the same. Mahalo to the Altar Rosary Society for their generosity.

Faithful citizenship, voter workshop

"We are blessed with religious liberty which safeguards our right to bring our principles and moral convictions into the public arena. These constitutional freedoms need to be both exercised and protected, as some seek to mute the voices or limit the freedoms of religious believers and religious institutions." (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops)

Come to this workshop and find out how you can help promote our Catholic faith in the public policy arena. This educational workshop is open to all clergy, ministry leaders, and anyone who desires to learn to exercise their rights and duties as participants in democracy and vote in light of Catholic teaching.

When: 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, June 17

Where: St. Ann Church, 46-129 Haiku Rd, Kaneohe

Agenda: 6 p.m. Fellowship

6:30 p.m. Faithful citizenship presentation

8:30 p.m. Voter registration volunteer training

To register call the Respect Life Office at (808) 203-6722 or respectlife@rcchawaii.org. **Deadline to register is Friday, June 13.**

10 a.m. Choir

It has been brought to my attention that some people are saying I fired the 10 a.m. Choir. I want to make it very clear that this is far from the truth.

On April 24, 2014, Deacon Andy, Fr. Ed and I had a meeting with Auntie Winnie, the choir director, to discuss the reality of the choir and its ministry. We all agreed that after the Easter celebration we would begin our discussions regarding this matter. This meeting was held after Fr. Ed and I consulted with both the parish Finance Committee and the Pastoral Council. Both were in agreement with the decision to meet with Auntie Winnie regarding the choir.

On Sunday, April 27, 2014, Auntie Winnie informed me after the 10 a.m. Mass that she had decided to disband the choir as of that day.

I was shocked and surprised by her decision, which was far from what we had discussed.

In my surprise, I gave my approval, what else could I really say.

Then the choir proceeded to pack and remove their music and belongings.

I want to make it clear that I did not fire the choir. It was Auntie Winnie's decision. These matters have been documented and presented to the Human Resource Department of the Diocese. We as a parish followed Diocesan policy and procedures.

I trust this issue will end once and for all. Mahalo for your kokua and continued support of the parish and its ministries.

Aloha,

Fr. Lane K. Akiona ss.cc.

Pastor

Father's Day Spiritual Bouquets

Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet envelopes are available in the parish office and in the sacristy. Father's Day is on Sunday, June 15. We remember all our fathers, living and deceased, on this special day.



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.catholichawaii.org/oahufaithconference for more information or to register.

**“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 25: \$8,964.17
Disbursements for two weeks ending May 25: \$30,375.21
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 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.

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