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Sunday Liturgy
5 p.m. Saturday
6, 8, 10 a.m., 5 p.m. Sunday

Daily Liturgy
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



**My soul is thirsting
for you, O God**

*You have made us for yourself, Lord,
and our hearts are restless until they
rest in you*

-- St. Augustine of Hippo

*With the servant leadership
of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary
since 1854*

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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, August 17—Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical color: Green

6 a.m. Mass—R/S Anthony Del Piano

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Jerry Galang

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Sage and the Kong Kee Family

5 p.m. Mass

Monday, August 18

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

8 a.m. Funeral service for Tony Del Piano, Outrigger Canoe Club, scattering of ashes to follow

5 p.m. Mass

6 p.m. Faith sharing class, Damien Meeting Room

6 p.m. Knights of Columbus, Annex Building upstairs

Tuesday, August 19—St. John Eudes, priest

Liturgical color: Green/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Maria Luisa Alarcon

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

Wednesday, August 20—St. Bernard, abbot and Doctor of the Church

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Ellamae Reyes, Marie Sticca

5 p.m. Mass

5:45 p.m. RCIA—Vatican II documents

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

Thursday, August 21—St. Pius X, pope

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

Friday, August 22—The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Communion Prayer Service

Saturday, August 23—St. Rose of Lima, virgin; Blessed Virgin Mary

Liturgical color: Green/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Church cleaning: Tongan Society/Catechist's Mystery

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



Breaking open the Word

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection

Faith, by nature, is persistent. Persistence, by nature, is single-minded. Single-mindedness, by nature, achieves the end it seeks. Like the woman in the gospel seeking healing for her daughter, our faith must be great enough to overcome barriers, must focus persistently on Jesus, and must bear the fruit of salvation and healings for others.

There is a fine line between "persistence" and "nagging." The latter is about getting what we want, being turned toward ourselves. The persistence in the gospel that models great faith arises from being turned toward the good of others. Persistence in seeking the good of others is possible only when we have established healthy relationships. Our prayer and spiritual disciplines are related to our good works, for they are all concrete ways we establish solid relationships with God and each other. Both prayer and good works require persistence, for that is how we form ourselves in the good habits of being turned toward God and others.

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Readings

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 Thus says the Lord: "Stand firm in justice; do what is right."

Psalms 67 O God, let all the nations praise you!

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked.

Matthew 15:21-28 Recognizing the Canaanite woman's great faith, Jesus told her, "It shall be done as you wish."

Weekday

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:15-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 20, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85; Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday's readings

Is 22:19-23; Ps 138; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Pray for peace in Iraq

Bishop Richard E. Pates, chairman of the Committee of International Justice and Peace of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has asked the people of all U.S. dioceses to pray for peace in Iraq on Sunday, August 17. Christians and others in Iraq have faced the destruction, burning and looting of churches, homes and businesses and, under threat of the Islamic State (ISIS) to join their extremist brand of Islam, have fled for their lives.

Lord,

The plight of our country
is deep and the suffering of Christians
is severe and frightening.

Therefore, we ask you Lord
to spare our lives, and to grant us patience,
and courage to continue our witness of Christian values
with trust and hope.

Lord, peace is the foundation of life;
Grant us the peace and stability that will enable us
to live with each other without fear and anxiety,
and with dignity and joy.

Glory be to you forever.

Chaldean Catholic Patriarch of Iraq, His Beatitude Louis Raphael Sako.

Daily Prayer this week

We pray through our everyday life this week, with the image in the background of our consciousness: Jesus offers us intimacy with him and gives us life, as shown in our relationship with him in the gospels. Each day, we begin our day with the practice of briefly pausing to focus the day with a 15-30 second prayer. Throughout the week I might be thinking of what it would mean for me to sell what I have, give it to the poor, and really follow Jesus. What is preventing me from following the Lord more completely? Are there "riches" that I know are barriers to my surrendering to God's will more freely? We might also ask the Lord to show us what he desires that we be "free for." "Freedom from" is the first part of our relationship. Then, we are free to be sent. What am I being freed for? What loving am I being freed for? What new generosity, what type of self-giving?

Creighton University Online Ministries

Bulletin quiz

This week's question: What are the four cardinal virtues?

The four cardinal virtues are prudence, justice, courage (also called fortitude) and temperance.

Prudence is the first of the cardinal virtues and is the ability to look at a concrete situation and know what ought to be done. It is the ability to make right judgments.

Justice is the second cardinal virtue and the virtue most frequently praised in Scripture. Justice is the virtue that enables us to assume our responsibilities and to give others their due.

Temperance is about maintaining the good, keeping from doing wrong even when we have strong feelings for it.

Courage is the virtue by which we do the right thing, even in the midst of hardship.

Next week's question: Who were the prophets?

New Religious Education program 2014

As we prepare for a new year of religious education for our parish, there will be a change from last year. This year, the program begins with our parents and children attending the 8 a.m. Mass. This will help us to focus on the “Year of the Family” as emphasized by Pope Francis with the Synod of the Family in October 2014.

This will help our families know that they are an important element of our parish community and we want to help support our parents in the on-going education of their children in the faith. Please note that registration has begun for a Sept. 21 start date.

With our children in attendance at the 8 a.m. Mass, we will help them better participate in our Sunday worship and be good stewards of what God has blessed us with.

Learn more about Vatican II

As Catholic Christians we are called to grow in faith and to never stop learning. This year’s RCIA class is continuing their journey with monthly classes even though their formal program is ended. These monthly hour-long classes will explore various topics in our faith and all in the parish are invited to attend.

The next session will be **Wednesday, Aug. 20, at 5:45 p.m.** in the Damien Meeting Room. It will be led by Fr. Lane and will focus on Vatican II.

The Second Vatican Council closed in 1965 and produced 16 documents that reached into every corner of Catholic life. Come and learn more about Vatican II and the changes it meant for our Church

Faith sharing

St. Augustine’s Faith Formation class meets at **6 p.m. Aug. 18** for prayer, reflection and faith sharing. We are using the book, “The God Who Won’t Let Go,” by Fr. Peter Van Breeman SJ.

Van Breeman reminds us that nothing can sever the relationship of God’s love for us and each of us is invited to experience God’s love and base our very life upon that foundation. Copies of the book are available at the class and in the parish office. All are welcome to join us.

RCIA begins Sept. 10

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) was established by the Church for individuals who wish to become Catholic. St. Augustine’s next RCIA classes begin **Wednesday, Sept. 10, at 6:45p.m.** in the Damien Meeting Room.

RCIA is for any adult who has never been baptized, or who has been baptized in another Christian church who wishes to become Catholic, and any adult baptized in the Catholic Church who wishes to complete initiation (Confirmation, First Eucharist). You may call the parish office for more information, or attend the initial informational session on Sept. 10. at 6:45 p.m.

Damien & Marianne Heritage Center

Since the canonizations of St. Damien and St. Marianne, our local church has been blessed with many graces. The Heritage Center allows us to share their legacy and promote opportunities for service of our neighbors, especially those in greatest need. The Heritage Center is operated by its income through sales of gift items and donations. To operate the Center an income of \$15,000 is needed each month. Mahalo to all who through their generosity have allowed us to continue this important service and ministry. Support the Second Collection this weekend. **Mahalo, Fr. Lane**

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). Entertainment includes the Makaha Sons.

In honor of its 160th anniversary, the parish will 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 on the St. Augustine grounds to tell the story of these two saints.

Seeking old photos and mementos

Share your memories and photos with us as St. Augustine celebrates its 160th anniversary as a parish. Our parish has a rich history here in Waikiki and our parishioners are an important part of the story.

We’re asking you to share old photos of parish life and from St. Augustine School — family milestones at the parish, social events, the historic old church, school activities.

We’d also love to hear and share your stories and memories of people and events connected with St. Augustine and the school. We will compile them to share with the parish as we celebrate. Please call the parish office.

Offertory certificate of excellence

In July 2014, Bishop Larry issued to our parish a Certificate of Excellence for following the best practices in our offertory collections; it is an acknowledgement that we are a good steward of our resources. We are happy that the diocese has recognized our efforts to be accountable for what you, our parishioners and visitors, give in support of our parish community. The challenge for us now is to maintain this high standard of best practices. Mahalo to all who helped to make this award possible.

“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

Aunty Carmen aprons for sale!

"Aunty Carmen's Souper Crew" aprons are now available for purchase — just \$25 apiece.

All proceeds go to support our parish ministry to the hungry. The aprons feature a picture of Aunty Carmen Brewer, the long-time and beloved soup kitchen cook who died earlier this year.

The Soup Kitchen was renamed Aunty Carmen’s Kitchen in her memory. The aprons are available ONLY in the parish office.

Stewardship of treasure

Collection for the week ended Aug. 10: \$7,155.19

Disbursements for 2 weeks ending Aug. 10: \$14,879.78

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.