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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
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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.

Auntly 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 31—Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical color: Green

6 a.m. Mass—R/S Hugh Brown, Anthony Del Piano, Richard Mau

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Jerry Galang

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Sage and the Kong Kee Family, Brian and Peter Joyce

5 p.m. Mass

Monday, Sept. 1—Labor Day: Mass for the Sanctification of Human Labor

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

Liturgical color: Green/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

No 5 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, Sept. 2

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Ausasala Shafer (birthday)

5 p.m. Mass

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

Wednesday, Sept. 3—St. Gregory the Great, pope and Doctor of the

Church

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Louhini Tuihalafatai (birthday)

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Purie Cortez (thanksgiving)

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

Thursday, Sept. 4

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

Friday, Sept. 5—Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

First Friday

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Ed Talao

Benediction and adoration

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

5 p.m. Communion Prayer Service

Saturday, Sept. 6—Blessed Virgin Mary

First Saturday

Liturgical color: Green/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Church cleaning: Tongan Society, Choirmaster's Mystery

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

Sara Joyce, Michael Joyce, Kevin & Maureen Loftus

Breaking open the Word

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus corrects Peter about the teaching on what it means to be a disciple. Jesus said to Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Discipleship is not about achieving success, greatness or status. Those provide only a false sense of security and cannot give real life. It is only when we get rid of our false life that we discover our real life that is not centered in self but in God.

This teaching is about reversal. We gain life by losing life as Jesus explains in the grain of seed that falls into the ground to give life. Suffering and death lead to life and glorification. His instructions are clear: a disciple must imitate Jesus and be ready to suffer any hardship for him.

If we think as humans, then we conclude that none of these will make sense. This is the way Peter was thinking and this is the way the disciples thought. We must learn to think like Jesus because he is our savior, the son of the living God. His way of the cross will teach us the way to life. Jesus' disciples must have been shocked when he told them to deny themselves, take up the cross and follow the master, staying faithfully close to him. They would have wondered what reaction they would get if they preached against gaining the world and forfeiting eternal life. Yet Jesus tells us that all that the world has to offer is nothing in comparison with the eternal life he offers. Jesus invites us to be his prophets in the world of today by denying ourselves and seeking his ways. "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me." Jesus is asking each of us to dedicate our lives in totally loving and serving others even if, at times, this involves misunderstanding, ridicule, pain and even death itself

Fr. Lusius Nimu ss.cc.

Readings

Jeremiah 20:7-9 The name of the Lord has become like fire burning in Jeremiah's heart.

Psalms 63 My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, my God.

Romans 12:1-2 Be transformed; renew your mind; discern what is good.

Matthew 16:21-27 Those who lose their lives for Jesus' sake will find them.

Weekday

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145; Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday's readings

Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

22nd Week of Ordinary Time

Our first weekday reading for the next several weeks will be from **Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians**, offering a look at the struggles and joys of the early life of the Church in Corinth. This week we begin reading from **Luke's Gospel**, which brings us the vivid stories of Jesus' early public ministry. We will continue with Luke until Advent. Jesus teaches in the synagogue in his hometown of Nazareth. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor," he reads from Isaiah, but his listeners wanted only to see the miracles they had heard about him. He cleanses a man of an unclean spirit - a spirit who recognizes Jesus as the "Holy One of God" when those around Jesus did not. He cures Simon's mother-in-law and then tells the crowds he must leave to spread the good news to other towns. As Jesus comes upon Peter, James and John, he invites the weary fishermen to lower their empty nets one more time. When they bring up nets overflowing with fish, Peter says, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man" but Jesus reassures him not to be afraid and says Peter will be catching people now.

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Daily Prayer this week

Among the many healing stories in this week's gospels is the story of the call of Peter. It is powerful for us because we see the very human moment of Peter's self-doubt: he realizes the power of Jesus, falls down in an awareness of his own sinfulness and wants Jesus to turn away from him because he is too sinful. All of us can have moments of feeling we are unworthy. But how blessed we are if we realize that we are loved without limits even though we have done nothing to deserve that kind of love.

Knowing in a balanced humility that we are sinful is not a bad thing - but if we get stuck there, and are tempted to turn away from Jesus as Peter did, then we have become more focused on ourselves than on the love we are being offered. This week is a week to rejoice in that love and healing Jesus wants to give us. It is a prayer we can carry throughout our days.

Each morning as we awake, we can ask the Lord to open our hearts in gratitude for what we will be offered this day. We might pause to imagine ourselves being healed and touched by Jesus.

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Bulletin quiz

This week's question: What prophet described Nineveh as "The bloody city, all lies, full of plunder, whose looting never stops?"

The prophet was Nahum, one of the minor prophets. The Book of Nahum is between Micah and Habakkuk in the Bible. Nahum wrote about the end of the Assyrian Empire and its capital city, Nineveh, in a vivid poetic style. His name means comforter.

Next week's question: What are the theological virtues?

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 the Prophets

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, Sept. 17, at 5:45 p.m.** in the Damien Meeting Room. It will be led by Fr. Ed and will focus on the Prophets in the Old Testament. .

Faith sharing

St. Augustine's Faith Formation class meets at **6 p.m. Sept. 15** 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.

St. Augustine t-shirts on sale Aug. 31

Black or white crewneck t-shirts will be available for purchase in front of the church this Sunday.

160th anniversary gala mahalo

Mahalo to everyone who attended, contributed to or helped organize our gala benefit, "Celebrating 160 years of service in Waikiki," Aug. 28 at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel.

The parish has decided to donate all proceeds from the benefit dinner to construction of a permanent Damien and Marianne Museum on the grounds of St. Augustine Church. The museum will tell the story of Hawaii's two saints, St. Damien and St. Marianne, who ministered to those exiled to Kalaupapa because they had leprosy.

"For 160 years, St. Augustine Parish has had a unique place in Waikiki, serving both the spiritual and temporal needs of its parishioners, visitors from around the world and the neighboring community," said Fr. Lane K. Akiona ss.cc, pastor of St. Augustine Church. "Now this parish community has also chosen to ensure that visitors and residents alike can be enriched by learning about the work and mission of Sts. Damien and Marianne, a story today's world sorely needs to hear."

St. Augustine Parish traces its roots back to a chapel constructed in 1854 on Waikiki Beach of coconut fronds and pieces of timber that had washed ashore. The present church was finished and blessed in 1962. Designed by local architect George McLaughlin, the design reflects hands folded in prayer.

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.

Second hand book sale Aug. 31

New and used books will be on display and available for purchase this Sunday in front of the church.

Both adult and children's religious books, plus holy cards and cord rosaries are available for a donation. Learn more about your faith through these good books. Sponsored by the Altar Rosary Society.

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.

**“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 Aug. 24: \$8,787.10
Disbursements for the week ended Aug. 24: \$7,044.89
Parish assessment: \$10,553.00

Collection for Aunty Carmen’s Kitchen

The second collection this weekend will benefit Aunty Carmen’s Kitchen, St. Augustine’s ministry to those in our midst who are hungry. The kitchen offers a free hot meal from 11 a.m. to noon every weekday. Your generosity helps fulfill our mission to feed our sisters and brothers in need.

BILAC scheduled for Nov. 6-8

Save the date! Marianist BILAC (Big Island Liturgy and Arts Conference) is scheduled for Nov. 6-8 this year. BILAC is an annual conference sponsored by the Marianist Center of Hawaii and local parishes and is committed to providing communitarian-based experiences of prayer, the liturgical arts and spiritual growth. Though the name refers to its origins on the Big Island, the conference is now held on the Kalaepohaku Campus of Saint Louis School and Chaminade University in Honolulu.

BILAC 2014 will include Pray in Song with David Haas, Tell Stories with Megan McKenna, and Be Inspired by Total Life Recovery!

For more information, contact Bro. Dennis Schimtz, S.M., Special Ministries at (808) 232-6691 or baldschmitz@aol.com.