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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

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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, Sept. 7—Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical color: Green

6 a.m. Mass—R/S Anthony Del Piano, Jimena Montero

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Jerry Galang, Anthony Del Piano; S/I Purie Cortez (thanksgiving)

10 a.m. Mass—R/S Zeb Rich, Rosemary Walther, Ricardo Paz; S/I Sage and the Kong Kee Family

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Brian & Peter Joyce

Monday, Sept. 8—The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass

6 p.m. Knights of Columbus, Damien Meeting Room

Tuesday, Sept. 9—St. Peter Claver, priest

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Katie & Jessie Farias (anniversary)

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Edward Lapnewski

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

Wednesday, Sept. 10

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Manuia Shafer (birthday); R/S Peter Fazzio

5 p.m. Mass

6:45 p.m. RCIA, Damien Meeting Room

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

Thursday, Sept. 11

Patriot Day

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

Friday, Sept. 12—The Most Holy Name of Mary

Liturgical color: Green/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Communion Prayer Service

Saturday, Sept. 13—St. John Chrysostom, bishop and Doctor of the Church

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Church cleaning: Altar Rosary Society

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



Breaking open the Word

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection

We are reminded in today's Gospel that as Christians we are a community of believers. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Being a Christian is not an individual, private thing. Our relationship with God depends on how we relate with other people. We experience God in community, in family, in parish, in friendship, in hospitality. Whenever Christians meet together for prayer, study or to make decisions, Jesus is present. What a tremendous gift. And what a responsibility.

In the second reading, Paul speaks of the centrality of love as a Christian obligation. Being Catholic means more than being concerned with the relationship between God and me. It means becoming a loving and caring person as part of a loving and caring community of people united in Christ.

How do we live that in our lives?
"In a Christian community, division is one of the most serious sins, because it does not allow God to act," said Pope Francis in a recent weekly address. "What God wants is that we be welcoming, that we forgive and love each other so as to become more and more like Him, who is communion and love."

Anne Harpham

Readings

Ezekiel 33:7-9 Warn the wicked and try not to turn them from their ways.

Psalms 95 If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Romans 13:8-10 Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love.

Matthew 18:15-20 If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them.

Weekday

Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116; Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday's readings

Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

23rd Week of Ordinary Time

In our first reading, we continue with Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, an intimate look at the struggles of an early Church community.

In Luke's Gospel this week we see Jesus healing a man on the Sabbath, in a synagogue, right in front of his religious critics who plot to deal with him. Jesus then spends a night in prayer and calls his 12 closest followers. When people come to him, he heals them. Jesus announces that the poor, the hungry, those who weep, and those hated or excluded or denounced because of him are the blessed. He warns those who are rich, filled, laughing and spoken well of, for their fates will be reversed. Jesus urges us to love our enemies. He cautions not to be quick to see the splinter in someone else's eye when we do not notice the "wooden beam" in our own eyes. He says that we will be known by our fruit. It is only by building our lives upon him, as a firm foundation, can we hope to survive crises.
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Daily Prayer this week

This week's daily communion with our Lord can be about the mysteries of self-sacrifice and healing. In the back of our minds each day, we can have a desire to take time out of our busy days just as Jesus did, for prayer and speaking to his Father. We can be aware of the judgmental religious leaders of Jesus' time, who ignored the beam of wood in their own eyes to point out the splinter in someone else's eye. We can also ask for the vision to see how we might be blind to our own snap judgments of others.

If we begin each morning by praying a desire, the rest will follow for the day. "Good morning, Lord. Thank you for this day. Help me today to bring to you the parts of myself that need your healing. Be with me as I face the poverty, hunger or tears of this day." If we let these desires make their way into the background of our day, we can focus our consciousness no matter what we are doing.

Even in activities that require "our full consciousness" and attention, it is possible to shape that consciousness in the context of our desires. For example, I might be in an important meeting, that doesn't allow me to daydream. But, I can walk into that meeting room saying in my heart, "Okay, Lord, be with me here. While I'm so tempted to be seen as a 'success' here, heal all of that focus on myself and free me to do my best and to be attentive to the needs of others. Let me focus on you and your desires for the greater good here."

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Bulletin quiz

What are the theological virtues?

The theological virtues are gifts of grace from God. The three theological virtues of faith, hope and charity.

Next week's question: *What are the fruits of the Holy Spirit?*

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Keep our RCIA inquirers in your prayers

This Wednesday, those who are interested in joining us as Catholic Christians or those who are seeking Confirmation will begin a journey in faith and in discernment. Faith is a precious gift, a gift meant to be shared and nurtured. All of us are called to share this gift in our lives. Please pray for all of our RCIA inquirers on their journey.



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.

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. Previous RCIA classes are continuing their faith 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. .

Seeking old photos and mementos

Share your memories and photos with us as St. Augustine continues to celebrate 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.

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.

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.

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.



REMEMBER 9/11

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**“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. 31: \$7,488.87
2nd collection for Aunty Carmen’s Kitchen: \$4,416.24

Disbursements for week ending Aug. 31: \$8,051.81

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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