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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](mailto: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. 14—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Liturgical color: Red

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, Brian & Peter Joyce

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Kevin & Constance Melrose (40th anniversary)

### **Monday, Sept. 15—Our Lady of Sorrows**

Twenty-Fourth week in Ordinary Time

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass

6 p.m. Faith sharing, Damien Meeting Room

### **Tuesday, Sept. 16—Sts. Cornelius, pope, and Cyprian, bishop, martyrs**

Liturgical color: Red

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Gregory Quinn

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

### **Wednesday, Sept. 17—St. Robert Bellarmine, bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Liturgical color: Green/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

3 p.m. Wedding rehearsal

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Gregory Quinn, Lee Calunod (1 year anniversary of death); S/I Angie Andrade (thanksgiving)

5:45 p.m. Post-RCIA, Damien Meeting Room

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

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

### **Thursday, Sept. 18**

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

2 p.m. Wedding

5 p.m. Mass

### **Friday, Sept. 19—St. Januarius, bishop and martyr**

Liturgical color: Green/Red

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

2 p.m. Wedding rehearsal

5 p.m. Communion Prayer Service

### **Saturday, Sept. 20—Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, priest and Paul Chong Ha-Sang and companions, martyrs**

Liturgical color: Red

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Church cleaning: Tongan Society, Asst. President's Mystery

2 p.m. Wedding

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Faleaka Green (birthday), Sage and the Kong Kee Family

# Breaking open the Word

## *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

### Reflection

Today, the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross takes precedence over the celebration of the 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. The origin of this feast can be traced to the 4th Century. It is said that Saint Helen discovered the true cross on September 14, 326. Her son, the emperor Constantine, had two churches built on the site and they were dedicated on September 13 and 14, 335. Today we honor the Holy Cross on which Christ died out of love for us and by his death on the cross he brought Salvation to the world. Once understood as an object of scorn and shame, now the cross has become the sign of glory.

Today's readings remind us of this great mystery. St. John tells us of God's great love for us, giving us his only son so that we might be saved. In his letter to the Philippians, St. Paul tells them and us the Son, "humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him..." Jesus' death on this instrument of torture became, through his resurrection, a source of life, pardon, mercy, and a sign of reconciliation and peace for us. The cross is a sign of hope. Pope Benedict XVI said in a homily, "The sign of the Cross is a kind of synthesis of our faith, for it tells how much God loves us; it tells us that there is a love in this world that is stronger than death, stronger than our weaknesses and sins. The power of love is stronger than the evil which threatens us."

In celebrating this feast, we are invited to raise our eyes toward the Cross of Jesus, and discover the source of life there. From Jesus "being lifted up on the Cross" and his Resurrection, we are reborn "in the Spirit" as adopted sons and daughters of the Father. God not only redeems us, but fills us with divine life that we might share in his glory. Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit so we can witness to Him.

The sign of the cross is more than a good-luck charm around our necks or signed on our body when we begin a test or a football play. The Cross of Jesus Christ does not promise us success, health, or pleasure. The Cross only promises us that Jesus will be with us, in good times and bad, no matter what happens in our lives. Jesus said, "Behold I am with you always until the end of the age." It is through His Cross that Jesus is with us.

The cross is also not just a symbol for our private devotion. Pope Benedict says, "*It speaks of hope, it speaks of love, it speaks of the victory of non-violence over oppression, and it speaks of God raising up the lowly, empowering the weak, conquering division, and overcoming hatred with love.*" As Christian believers, who honor the cross of Jesus, we have the mission of showing the love of God to all and bringing them hope.

*Fr. Ed Popish ss.cc.*

## Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Sept. 14

This is a major Feast Day for the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem (EOHJSJ). The Holy Cross upon which Jesus Christ offered his very life for the salvation of the whole world, is a constant reminder of God's eternal gift to all.

Since its founding some 900 years ago, the members of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem have dedicated themselves to personal sanctification, fidelity to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, and support of the Christian Community in the Holy Land.

Knights and Ladies continue this tradition through prayer and pilgrimage, active involvement in their parishes and dioceses, and a commitment of financial resources to support Catholic institutions in the Holy Land.

Financial contributions by members of the Order are used in Israel, the West Bank and Jordan to support: parish churches and community centers; convents, seminaries and seminarians; clinics and hospitals; parish grade schools, high schools and Bethlehem University; in addition to providing tuition scholarships and humanitarian assistance for food and medical supplies.

During the weekend of October 3-6, more than 650 Knights and Ladies will be present in Waikiki at the Sheraton Waikiki. It will be a combined annual meeting of the Northwestern and Western Lieutenancies.

As the Area Councillor of the Order in Hawaii, I am co-chair along with Tom and Ann Brehm in hosting these Knights, Ladies and their families to Waikiki. There are 29 active Knights and Ladies in Hawaii. I know that you will welcome them and share our Hawaiian spirit.

St. Augustine Church will be hosting the Northwester Lieutenancy on October 3 for their Vigil event. Therefore, there will be no evening services on this day.

As the Area Councilor of the Order in Hawaii, along with Tom and Ann Brehm who are cho-chairs with me, please join us in welcoming these Knights, Ladies, family members and dignitaries from Rome and the U.S. Let us share our Hawaiian spirit and hospitality. *Fr. Lane K. Akiona ss.cc.*

### Readings

**Numbers 21:4b-9** Whenever anyone who has been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, they lived.

**Psalms 78** Do not forget the works of the Lord!

**Philippians 2:6-11** Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped.

**John 3:13-17** God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that those who believe might have eternal life.

### Weekday

**Monday:** 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40; Jn 19:25-27

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100; Lk 7:11-17

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Ps 33; Lk 7:31-35

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118; Lk 7:36-50

**Friday:** 1 Cor 15:15-20; Ps 17; Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56; Lk 8:4-15

### Next Sunday's readings

Is 55:6-9; Ps 145; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

## *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 explore how God has been present and active in their lives. We, too, can reflect on we have experienced God in our life journey.

Please pray for all of our RCIA inquirers on their journey.



## **RCIA still open for registration**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) was established by the Church for individuals who wish to become Catholic. St. Augustine's 2015-15 RCIA class is underway, meeting **Wednesdays 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). Although the class has started anyone interested may still join.

## **New Religious Education program**

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.

## **Maui artist featured at Heritage Center**

Maui artist Philip B. Sabado and his wife, Christine, will be at the Heritage Center after the 5 p.m. Mass Saturday Sept. 27 and each Mass on Sunday Sept. 28 to talk about the impact of Sts. Damien and Marianne on his artwork, including prayer cards, lithographs and art prints. Some of Sabado's work is sold at the Heritage Center.

This is a unique opportunity to talk with Sabado, a well-known Maui artist, and get to know his work better. We invite you to visit the Center Sept. 27-28 and learn more about his work and what is offered at the Heritage Center.

"Father Damien passed away many years before I was born; yet his spirit seemed to breathe and weave into all our lives on this small island," says Sabado, who was born on Molokai. "As a young boy, we often went "holo holo" would take a drive to the pali lookout (above Kalaupapa). I remember looking out at the beautiful vista mesmerized. Then I looked down to the weathered signs and read about the great tragedy of the great expanse of land below.

"As an adult, I was invited to visit Kalaupapa and was able to donate a painting and watercolors of this special place. It was then that I began to experience how amazing a man Father Damien was. In my research for this series of paintings, I came across information that King David Kalakaua bestowed on Damien the honor 'Knight Commander of the Royal Order of Kalakaua.'

"When Princess Lydia Lili'uokalani visited the settlement to present the medal, she was reported as having been too distraught and heartbroken to read her speech. The princess shared her experience with the world and publicly acclaimed Damien's efforts.

"Father Damien has inspired many people throughout the world, including Mahatma Gandhi. He wrote that Damien's life and work was an inspiration for his social campaigns in India that led to the freedom of his people and secured aid for those that need it.

"I am deeply honored to be able to portray Father Damien in paintings as I have always known him; kind, gentle and compassionate to the people of Molokai. I am happy the world can now see him and know him as I always have, a gentle giant who loved his Church, and the people of Molokai, my home. Now Kalaupapa and the legacy of a great man will now be known to the world."

## **No Friday p.m. Mass or communion prayer service beginning in Advent**

Beginning with the Advent Season and effective on December 5, 2014, there will no longer be a Friday evening Mass or communion prayer service. Please take note of this schedule change.

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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.

## Faith sharing Sept. 15

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.

## Aunty Carmen’s Kitchen served 1,416

St. Augustine’s ministry to the homeless and others who are hungry, Aunty Carmen’s Kitchen, served 1,416 hot lunches in August. Your financial support for this outreach to those in our midst who are hungry is one way we are living examples of the Gospel. “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me...” (Matthew 25:35) The next second collection for this ministry will be on Nov. 30.

## 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 in the parish office.

## Stewardship of treasure

**Collection for the week ended Sept. 7: \$7,941.35**  
**2nd collection for Building and Maintenance: \$5,196.86**  
**Disbursements for week ended Sept. 7: \$27,722.67**

## Bulletin quiz

*What are the fruits of the Holy Spirit?*

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church: The fruits of the Spirit are perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as the first fruits of eternal glory. The tradition of the Church lists twelve of them: “charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity.

**Next week’s question: *How does the Catechism of the Catholic Church define the common good?***