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*Parochial vicar*  
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*Pastoral associate*

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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## **St. Augustine by-the-sea Parish**

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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. 21—Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Liturgical color: Green

6 a.m. Mass—R/S Anthony Del Piano

8 a.m. Mass—S/I Rita Shimabuku (birthday), Altar Rosary Society members both living and deceased; R/S Jerry Galang

9 a.m. Religious education, annex building

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

5 p.m. Mass

### **Monday, Sept. 22**

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass

### **Tuesday, Sept. 23—St. Pius of Pietrelcina, priest**

Liturgical color: White

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, Sept. 24**

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

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

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

### **Thursday, Sept. 25**

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

3 p.m. Wedding rehearsal

5 p.m. Mass

### **Friday, Sept. 26—Sts. Cosmos and Damian, martyrs**

Liturgical color: Green/Red

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Rosemary Dodge (birthday)

1 p.m. Wedding

5 p.m. Communion Prayer Service

### **Saturday, Sept. 27—St. Vincent de Paul, priest**

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Church cleaning: Altar Rosary Society

11:30 a.m. Wedding

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

# Breaking open the Word

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Reflection

We generally like to be first. We want to be at the head of the line to buy the latest electronic wonder or software; children want to be the first served at Thanksgiving dinner so they can get a drumstick; we want to be first on the short list of candidates for a good job. Who doesn't want to be first? Being first implies getting more, being privileged, getting ahead of others. In this Sunday's gospel, however, Jesus reverses our expectation about the prerogatives of being first. He says the first will be last and the last will be first. This, surely, imposes a different perspective — a perspective appropriate and necessary for the kingdom of heaven to come.

The gospel raises the question of who is first and who is last in the kingdom of heaven. Those laborers are last who shift their focus from doing the work of the landowner to grumbling about the amount of wages others are receiving. Those are first who do not labor in the vineyard because of the amount of wages, but because they are privileged to share in the work of the landowner. Simply being called to the privilege of sharing in Jesus' saving ministry means we shift our focus from wages to the One for whom we labor. When we seek God, God's generosity meets our capacity to receive the Life and salvation God offers. This parable is about God's generosity in granting salvation, something we can never deserve but are given because God's ways are above our ways.

The kingdom of heaven is present when we keep our focus on what we are asked to do, not on what we expect to get. Simply being privileged to share in Jesus' work of salvation is already an abundant wage. To share in this superabundant generosity we need to be willing to do the hard work of patterning our lives on Jesus' life, of giving ourselves over for the good of others, of keeping focused on the divine Landowner who calls us to labor for the sake of the kingdom. The kingdom of heaven is revealed by those who choose this work. Do we choose it? Which kind of laborer do we want to be — the first or the last?

*Fr. Lane K. Akiona ss.cc.*

### Readings

**Isaiah 55:6-9** Turn to the Lord who is generous in forgiving.

**Psalms 145** The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

**Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a** Live your lives in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ.

**Matthew 20:1-16a** The last will be first and the first will be last.

### Weekday

**Monday:** Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15; Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday:** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119; Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday:** Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119; Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday:** Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90; Lk 9:7-9

**Friday:** Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144; Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday:** Eccl 11:9—12:8; Ps 90; Lk 9:43b-45

### Next Sunday's readings

Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

## 25th Week of Ordinary Time

In **Luke's Gospel** this week, Jesus shares his wisdom with the crowds he addresses. We must share the light that has been entrusted to us, not hide it. The tables will be turned on those who try to greedily hold on to what they have. When people report that Jesus' family is looking for him, he uses the occasion to highlight the nature of our relationship with him: "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it." When Jesus sends the Twelve to heal and to proclaim the Kingdom, he tells them to serve, trusting in God: "Take nothing for the journey."

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### Daily Prayer this week

Every day of every week, we have the precious opportunity to get to know Jesus more intimately and to become more attracted to him, with the result that we grow in a desire to be with him more and to be more like him. Few of us have the wonderful opportunity to follow the special vocation of becoming contemplatives, but we can be more contemplative in our everyday lives. This can happen for us, not by "leaving the world" but by letting our Lord have a place in our very busy daily world. It doesn't take more time. It just takes focus.

From the first few moments of our day, and in very brief conscious moments throughout the day, we can speak with our Lord. We can notice what is going on within us - our fears, our fatigue, our joys and our sorrows - and tell our Lord what we are feeling and ask for the graces we need.

This week, we can be conscious of the invitation not to hide our gifts but to share them. We can grow in freedom by not being afraid to ask our Lord about anything. The answer surprisingly comes in our own inner peace and trust.

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### Bulletin quiz

**How does the Catechism of the Catholic Church define the common good?**

The common good consists of three essential elements: First, the common good presupposes respect for each person. In the name of the common good, public authorities are bound to respect the fundamental and inalienable rights of the human person. Second, the common good requires the social well-being and development of the group itself. Finally, the common good requires peace, that is, the stability and security of a just order.

*Next week's question: From which book of the Bible does the phrase "seeing the handwriting on the wall" come?*

### Liturgical bits and bytes

#### Celebrating the Mass

#### Understanding the Liturgical Assembly

The assembly is not an audience. The function of an audience is to listen and to watch. The liturgical assembly is a group of people who have been called together by God for the purpose of worship. They are called not to listen, but to act. As a group they are unified in their action as they stand, sit, kneel, process, and respond in word and song. The assembly is a visible sign of the Body of Christ on earth.

## *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 the concept of faith. Faith is a gift from God, a gift that calls all of us, not just our inquirers, to change and conversion. What change do you seek in your life?

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 2014-15 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 2014**

The Religious Education program for youth begins this weekend. You will notice 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. 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.

## **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.

## **A note from Deacon Andy....**

"Mahalo" to *all* of you for your support and prayers! My surgery (double knee replacement) went well. Your prayers were *answered* and I am back in the office and driving much sooner than expected.

Many asked me why both knees at the same time and my answer: "It is for the best." For the past several years, I have lived with terrible pain and was fearful of falling at Mass due to the nature of my knees, which were getting worse. In looking ahead, I am encouraged that I will be able to serve with stronger (bionic) knees and be around a while longer. Your prayers were with me through *all* the challenges and helped me "*overcome*" them, much to the surprise of the attending medical staff. My healing is *ahead of the curve*, they say, and I am grateful for it.

Please continue to pray for others who are in need of healing and I will do the same. May you all be blessed for your prayers and having faith in our God.

With much gratitude,

**Deacon Andy**

## **Faith sharing**

St. Augustine's Faith Formation class meets at **6 p.m. Oct. 20** 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. We are temporarily out of copies of the book, but more will be arriving soon and will be available in the parish office. All are welcome to join us.

## **Family Promise Sept. 28-Oct. 11**

St. Augustine Parish will be assisting Holy Trinity Parish in its Family Promise ministry again this fall. Families who are seeking permanent housing will be staying at Holy Trinity Sept. 28 to Oct. 11. We will be hosting dinner on Saturday, Oct. 11 and a few parishioners have already volunteered to provide food.

Young adults and youth from the Tongan community will be cleaning next week.

The program is seeking donations of paper dinner and dessert plates, plastic forks, drinking cups, gallon and quart size Zip-loc bags, and napkins. If you wish to donate any of these items, please drop them off at the parish office by noon Sept. 26. Monetary donations are also accepted.

If you would like to help with Family Promise in January, please call the parish office.

## **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.

## “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.

## 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.

“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.”

## Aunty Carmen aprons for sale!

"Aunty Carmen's Souper Crew" aprons can be purchased for \$25 apiece in the parish office. All proceeds support our parish ministry to the hungry. The aprons feature a picture of Aunty Carmen Brewer, the beloved soup kitchen cook who died earlier this year. The Soup Kitchen was renamed Aunty Carmen’s Kitchen in her memory.

## Stewardship of treasure

**Collection for the week ended Sept. 14: \$6,962.69**

**2nd collection for Catholic Charities: \$2,292.48**

**Expenses for the week ended Sept. 14: \$27,966.44**

## 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.