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

Daily Liturgy  
7 a.m. Monday-Saturday  
5 p.m. Monday-Thursday

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

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*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](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.

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## **This week at St. Augustine**

### **Sunday, Nov. 30—First Sunday of Advent**

Liturgical color: Violet

6 a.m. Mass—All Souls intentions; R/S Hugh Brown, Cresencia Jimeno

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8 a.m. Mass—All Souls intentions; R/S Jerry Galang, Fr. Joseph Priestly;

S/I Betty Paresa (healing)

9 a.m. Religious education, annex building

10 a.m. Mass—All Souls intentions; S/I Sage and the Kong Kee Family

5 p.m. Mass—All Souls intentions; S/I Shamila Green (birthday), Viola

Palepale (birthday)

### **Monday, Dec. 1**

First week in Advent

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Peter Fazzio; S/I Josh McGee (birthday)

### **Tuesday, Dec. 2**

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Luisa Mahina Shafer (thanksgiving), R/S Jay Kleven

5 p.m. Mass

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

### **Wednesday, Dec. 3—St. Francis Xavier, Priest**

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Purie Cortez (thanksgiving)

5 p.m. Mass

6:45 a.m. RCIA

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

### **Thursday, Dec. 4—St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

Liturgical color: Violet/White

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Jocelyn and Douglas Reyes (anniversary)

5 p.m. Mass

### **Friday, Dec. 5**

First Friday

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Ausasala Palepale; S/I Carli Reyes (birthday)

1 p.m. Heritage Center volunteers meeting, Damien Meeting Room

7 p.m. Christmas Concert

### **Saturday, Dec. 6—St. Nicholas, Bishop**

First Saturday

Liturgical color: Violet/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Church cleaning: Altar Rosary Society

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Augustine Closet, Damien Courtyard

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Sage and the Kong Kee Family, Merry-Ann and Liam Keane (25th anniversary)

# Breaking open the Word

## First Sunday of Advent

### Reflection

*"Be watchful! Be alert!"* Like young children awaiting Santa on Christmas Eve or young parents awaiting the arrival of their first child, when we expect some very important event to happen, we often wait for it with excited anticipation. Jesus expects us to watch in great anticipation for the most important event of all - his return in glory at the end of this present age. These first days of Advent remind us we are living in the end times.

*"Return for the sake of your servants, ... rend the heavens and come down..."* The end times began when *the Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us*, and it will culminate on the Day of Judgment when Christ comes to vindicate his people. His second coming is for certain, but, we *"do not know when the time will come."* The Lord's day of visitation and judgment comes swiftly and unexpectedly. He warns us not to be caught off guard when that day arrives.

The kind of watching the Jesus has in mind is not a passive "wait and see what happens" approach to life. He urges us to vigilance and to active prayer that his *"kingdom may come"* and his *"will be done on earth as it is in heaven"*. He wants us to be ready for his action and work of grace in our lives and in our world.

Our Lord has entrusted us with his gifts and graces. He expects us to make good use of the gifts and resources he gives us for his glory and for the benefit of helping and blessing others as well. He does not want us to use the present time we have here on earth in idleness or wasted living. He has work for us to do - loving, honoring, and serving him and loving, honoring, and serving our families, neighbors, and communities as well.

*Fr. Ed Popish, ss.cc.*

### Readings

**Isaiah 63:** We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands.

**Psalms 80:** Lord make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

**1 Corinthians 1:3-9** God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son.

**Mark 13:33-37** Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.

### Weekday

**Monday:** Is 2:1-5; Ps 122; Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72; Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23; Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118; Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:** Is 29:17-24; Ps 27; Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147;  
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

### Next Sunday's readings

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

## 1st Week of Advent

Sunday is the beginning of a new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent. During the first part of Advent - until December 17 - we focus on the first reading. This week it is from the Prophet Isaiah. Isaiah is consoling, building up and preparing his people to have hope. *"In the days to come,"* he says over and over. When the day of promise comes, *"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again."* Even though King David's line, and that of his father, Jesse, are almost wiped out, Isaiah proclaims hope: *"On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom."* Who would believe even a peace in nature - lion lying down with the lamb? *"There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea."* Even Jesus' own statement about his mission is seen in the powerful images Isaiah uses to give us courage and hope: *"On that day the deaf shall hear ... the eyes of the blind shall see ... the lowly will ever find joy in the LORD ..."* *"On the day the LORD binds up the wounds of his people."*

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## Daily Prayer this week

The heart of the Advent season is all about expectant hope. Let us begin our Advent journey by giving ourselves a few minutes each day to reflect on how much God promises us.

Our goal this week is to let ourselves feel like those to whom the promises of our God are made. We want to get in touch with those parts of ourselves that are in need of a Savior. We do this by keeping our focus on the places that feel like a desert, the places that feel like we've been through a war, the places that feel like a lifeless stump. When we have a hard time seeing, we ask for the grace to be able to believe the promise that we shall see. When we seem deaf, we place our trust in the One who assures us that we will hear. When we feel beaten down and awfully lowly, we turn to the One who promises that we will *"find joy in the Lord."* And, who among us doesn't have days on which we are aware of various kinds of wounds? On the day of promise, *"the Lord binds up the wounds of his people."*

When these deep realities of our busy lives come into focus and interact with the readings, something wonderful happens. We become more and more aware of our need for God. Naturally and spontaneously, a prayer comes forth from deep within us, which we can say in the smallest moments of our busiest days. *"Come, Lord."* *"Come and save me."* *"Come and be with me in all of these messy, empty, dry and disordered places in my life."* *"Come, Lord. I feel my longing for you grow. I feel my hope grow. And, as I place my hope in your promises, Advent begins to come alive in me."*

For each moment of each day that we encounter a place that we desire, that we long for our Lord's coming, we can express our thanksgiving. Each night we might pray:

*The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?  
The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid?"*  
(Ps. 27)

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## RCIA Rite of Acceptance

This year's RCIA class celebrates the Rite of Acceptance at the 8 a.m. Mass this Sunday. In this rite, the inquirers publicly declare their intention to continue their journey toward full initiation in the Catholic Church and the community accepts them, offering its support and witness during the journey.

## Mahalo to Soane Uiagalelei

Mahalo, Soane, for your dedicated service in leading the music group at the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. masses. Blessings to you and Margaret as you relocate to the mainland. Congratulations on your new position at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, Massachusetts. We wish you well.

## Annual Christmas Concert

The 2nd Annual Christmas Concert will be held on Friday, **December 5, at 7 p.m.** This year's theme is "Languages of Christmas". Come and join in hailing in the Christmas season. Light refreshments to follow.

## Altar Rosary Society Closet

The ARS Closet will be open on Saturday, **December 6 at 9 a.m.** if you are looking for a treasure and something old or somewhat new.

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Monday, **December 8**, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation in the Diocese of Honolulu. **Masses are at 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.** Parish offices, Aunty Carmen's Kitchen and the Heritage Center will be closed.

## Parish Christmas Party

The parish Christmas party will be held at the Hale Koa in the Banyan Tree Restaurant on Saturday, **December 27 at 10:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$30 per person. Don't miss out buy your tickets soon.

## Advent Penance Services

Dec. 2	6:30 p.m.	Star of the Sea
Dec. 4	6:00 p.m.	Sts. Peter and Paul
Dec. 9	7:00 p.m.	St. Patrick
Dec. 9	7:00 p.m.	University Catholic Center
Dec. 11	7:00 p.m.	Holy Trinity
Dec. 17	7:30 p.m.	Sacred Heart/Pius X
<b>Dec. 22</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>St. Augustine</b>

## 2015 Envelopes and Calendars

Stewardship envelopes for those who give to St. Augustine using the weekly envelope system are available in the sacristy, for those who contribute \$250 or more each year. If you do not use envelopes and would like to begin, please call the parish office during office hours. The 2015 calendars are also available in the sacristy.

## St. Augustine By-the Sea Church

### Income Statement

Reporting Year  
July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

#### Church Operating Income:

<i>Sunday Collections:</i>	
Envelopes and Loose	\$478,043.36
Donations & 2nd Collections	410,577.87
Occasional	86,979.28
<i>Other:</i>	
Interest Income	59,769.05
Grateful Hearts Campaign	6,709.33
Church Fundraising	<u>36,309.65</u>
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$1,078,388.54</b>

#### Church Operating Expenses

Administrative Cost & Benefits	\$279,856.27
Supplies	48,040.95
Diocesan Assessment	127,800.00
Utilities	76,358.40
Insurance, Professional Fees	43,045.57
Repair and Maintenance	162,794.45
Other Operating Expenses	118,258.82
Subsidy and Charity *	<u>159,002.59</u>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,015,157.05</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b><u>\$63,231.49</u></b>

\*Damien Marianne Foundation, Pregnancy Problem Center, Our Lady of Keaau, St. Rita, Kamakapili Church, Philippines Disaster fund, Sacred Hearts Church, IHS, Daughters of St. Paul, and 31 more recipients.

## 2014 October Mass Count

October 4/5	1,949
October 11/12	1,723
October 18/19	1,193
October 25/26	1,656

**Average attendance for October 1,630**



## Christmas & New Year's Masses

### Christmas Eve, Wednesday Dec. 24

No 7 a.m. Mass  
6 p.m. Mass  
9 p.m. Mass  
11:30 p.m. Christmas music  
Midnight Mass

### Christmas Day, Thursday Dec. 25

6 a.m. Mass  
8 a.m. Mass  
10 a.m. Mass  
5 p.m. Mass

### New Year's Eve, Wednesday Dec. 31

7 a.m. Mass only

### New Year's Day, Thursday Jan. 1

8 a.m. Mass only

## “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.

## Pray the Rosary

The Volunteers of the Heritage Center, Altar Rosary Society & the Knights of Columbus would like to invite everyone on Sunday mornings at 7:15a.m. to join them in praying the rosary. If you have any special intention requests you would like us to pray for please drop by the Center in the week and fill out an intention slip. Also, if you are interested in leading the rosary on the 1st, 2nd or 5th Sundays of any given month please contact Sister Cheryl at (808) 922-3121, training will be provided.

## Year of Consecrated Life

*“Consecrated people are a sign of God in the different spheres of life; they are yeast for the growth of a more just and fraternal society; they are a prophetic witness to sharing with the little ones and the poor. Consecrated life understood and lived in that way presents itself to us as it really is: a gift from God, a gift of God to the church, a gift of God to his people. Every consecrated person is a gift for the people of God who are journeying”. (Pope Francis)*

The Congregation for the Institutes of Consecrated Life and the Societies of Apostolic Life has announced the year dedicated to Consecrated Life, with the theme: **“Consecrated Life in the Church today: Gospel, Prophecy and Hope”**. Pope Francis will preside at the Mass on November 30th at St. Peter’s Basilica to open the Year. The Year will close on February 2, 2016 with the World Day of Consecrated Life. The event was planned in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the publication of the Second Vatican Council’ decree on the renewal of consecrated life, *“Perfectae Caritatis”*. To open the celebration of the Year of Consecrated Life in the diocese Bishop Larry Silva will preside at the **12:00 p.m. Mass at the Basilica Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace on November 30th.**

## Stewardship of treasure

**Collection for the week ended Nov. 23: \$9,042.05  
Children’s’ Offertory: \$59.22**

### 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.