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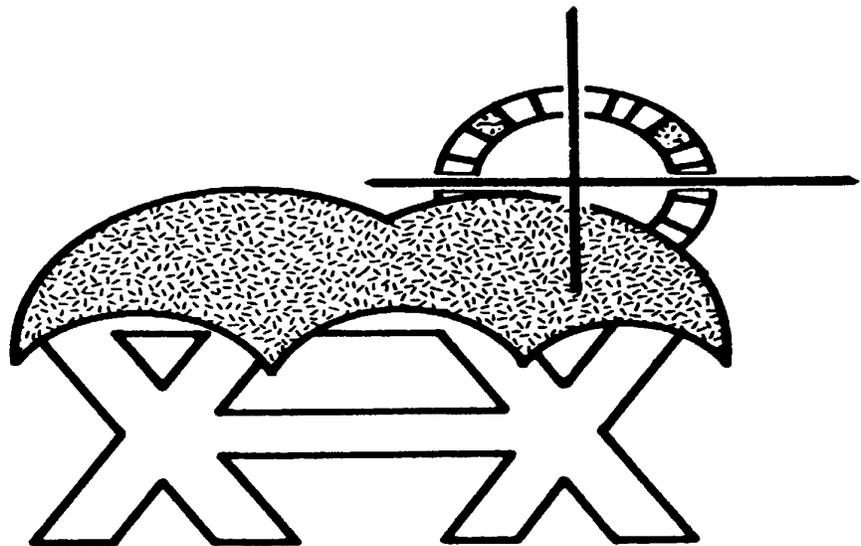
Sunday Liturgy
5 p.m. Saturday
6, 8, 10 a.m., 5 p.m. Sunday

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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*My eyes have seen your salvation, which
you have prepared in the sight of all the
peoples*

-Luke 2:30-31

*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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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.

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, Dec. 28—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Liturgical color: White

6 a.m. Mass—R/S Hugh Brown, Thelma Ah Choy

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Jorge & Augusto Camara, Fr. Joseph Priestly, Jerry Galang

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Henrietta Billena (birthday), Sage and the Kong Kee Family

5 p.m. Mass

Monday, Dec. 29—Fifth day within the Octave of Christmas; St. Thomas

Becket, bishop and martyr

PARISH OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON/HERITAGE CENTER CLOSED

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

No 5 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, Dec. 30—Sixth day within the Octave of Christmas

PARISH OFFICE, HERITAGE CENTER, AUNTY CARMEN'S

KITCHEN CLOSED

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

No 5 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, Dec. 31—Seventh day within the Octave of Christmas; St.

Sylvester I, pope

PARISH OFFICE, HERITAGE CENTER, AUNTY CARMEN'S

KITCHEN CLOSED

New Year's Eve

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

No 5 p.m. Mass

Thursday, Jan. 1—The Octave Day of Christmas; The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

PARISH OFFICE, HERITAGE CENTER, AUNTY CARMEN'S

KITCHEN CLOSED

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

8 a.m. Mass

No 5 p.m. Mass

Friday, Jan. 2—Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

PARISH OFFICE, HERITAGE CENTER, AUNTY CARMEN'S

KITCHEN CLOSED

First Friday

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Benediction and adoration

Saturday, Jan. 3—The Most Holy Name of Jesus

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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Reflection

Our Gospel this weekend tells us about the calamity of Herod ordering the death of children, which points to the suffering of people including children. And it raises the question "why?" Why does God allow this to happen? Or more personally, "Why does it have to happen to me?" The depth of the question goes deep and the mystery that accompanies it prevails over our rational thoughts in trying to explain it.

Suffering includes pain and emotional distress that is so powerful that lives are destroyed in the process and may result in death. But some are able to rise above it all and continue in life. How do they do it? What can be more powerful than the greatest suffering we know?

LOVE. And with it comes un-defining JOY! Joy so powerful it overcomes the emptiness and pain of suffering in a very positive way, by making us whole again. LOVE of God, LOVE of self, and LOVE of neighbor. True LOVE is endless Joy!

We can look to Mary, who witnessed the persecution and death of her son, for strength in times of our own suffering. Let us pray and ask her to intercede for us to her Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ for peace and joy.

Deacon Andy Calunod

Readings

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins.

Psalms 128 Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Colossians 3:12-21 Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Luke 2:22-40 The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.

Weekday

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96; Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2: 12-17; Ps 96; Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96; Jn 1:1-18

Thursday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98; Jn 1:19-28

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6; Ps 98; Jn 1:29-34

Next Sunday's readings

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Mele Kalikimaka a me Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!

Blessings abound during this Christmas season as we celebrate the "birthday" of Jesus. Jesus continues to inspire us today to continue his ministry of service and witness of lives of dedication. As we kicked off our 160th anniversary as a parish community, we have much to be thankful for. Next year, 2015, will be another year of greater challenge for our parish as we anticipate the beginning of a Capital Campaign as we focus on our Master Plan that was developed several years ago.

More information will be forthcoming as we continue to develop the campaign. The Master Plan will focus on Phase II and Phase III. More information and town hall meetings will be forthcoming as we finalize how and when the campaign will take place.

We first and foremost say MAHALO to Ke Akua for blessings received throughout our 160 years of service and witness. May you all be blessed as well for what you have and continue to share as good stewards.

On behalf of Fr. Ed, Deacon Andy, myself, the staff, parishioners and numerous volunteers of St. Augustine by the Sea, God's Peace and Love abound during this Joyous Season.

Me ke aloha pumehana.

Fr. Lane K. Akiona ss.cc.



Daily Prayer

There is a very quick transition after Christmas. We move into Jesus' public life, almost completely passing over the hidden life years. Before we know it, Jesus is down at the Jordan, waiting to be baptized.

It helps to recognize this and let ourselves enter this part of the mystery of the Incarnation. We are living in the flesh each day of our lives. He came to enter this life and be with us in it. After Christmas, we have a few days to let the blessing of Christmas settle in, and we will continue to celebrate this season until January 11.

Each one of us can begin our post-Christmas and New Year's time by staying in touch with ourselves in the flesh - as people touched by Jesus' coming. We can turn to our Lord throughout each day and have real conversations with our Savior.

This week we have the opportunity to have ordinary conversations with our Lord who came to be with us.

When these words take on our own voice and our details, it will feel very personal. And, when we speak about our fears, our needs, when we express our gratitude and our deep desires, we are living and intimate relationship with the one who became flesh that we might never need feel alone again.

Creighton University Online Ministries

Hale O Na Ali'i O Hawai'i

Hale O Na Ali'i O Hawai'i and Prince Quentin Kawanakoa will be at St. Augustine on Sunday, Jan. 4, at the 10 a.m. Mass. Please welcome them to our parish community. Hale O Na Ali'i O Hawai'i is a royal benevolent society with its roots in the Hale Naua II of King Kalakaua. The main object of the society is to foster friendly relations among its members through monthly meetings and annual conventions; to help each other in times of need, sickness, and in death; and, to perpetuate the Hawaiian language and culture.



New Year's Masses

New Year's Eve, Wednesday Dec. 31

7 a.m. Mass only

New Year's Day, Thursday Jan. 1

8 a.m. Mass only

January 2015 anniversaries

Saint Damien's 175th birthday will be celebrated on January 3. Please join us at Damien's statue at the State Capitol at 10:30 am to commemorate this occasion. Anniversary mass will be celebrated at 12 noon at the Cathedral Basilica of our Lady of Peace. All are welcome.

Congratulations to Fr. Ed who will celebrate his 25th anniversary of priesthood ordination on January 20th. May God continue to bless him in his ministry to serve God's faithful people here at St. Augustine.

Fr. Ed has been parochial vicar at St. Augustine since December 2013 and also is treasurer for the USA Province of the Sacred Hearts Congregation.

Fr. Ed, who was born and raised in Aspen, Colorado, graduated from the University of Colorado in 1975 and obtained his Master's of International Management from the American Graduate School for International Management in 1978. After a life-changing auto accident in 1979, Fr. Ed returned to active participation in the Catholic Church and eventually began to think about a possible vocation. He was accepted to the Sacred Hearts Congregation novitiate in August 1984 and completed his degree in theology from 1985 to 1988.

During that time, he did pastoral work with the Missionary of Charity Brothers in their Center for People with AIDS and with the East Bay Sanctuary Covenant Community, an advocate group for Latin American refugees. In the summers he worked with St. Francis Hospice in Honolulu.

Fr. Ed made his final commitment to religious life in the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts in April 1989, was ordained a deacon at St. Mary's in Aspen, Colorado in July 1989, and ordained to the priesthood at St. Patrick Church in Honolulu in January 1990.

From 1988 to 2002, Fr. Ed worked at St. Patrick Church in Kaimuki, St. Ann Church in Kaneohe and St. Francis Medical Center – Liliha. He also served in several administrative positions in the Province, Treasurer, Vicar Provincial and Superior of St. Patrick Monastery.

In August 2002, Fr. Ed was named Secretary General Director of Communications, and General Archivist for the international Congregation. He was General Treasurer for the Congregation from 2007 to 2012.

Congratulations also to Fr. Lane who will be celebrating his 34th anniversary of priesthood ordination on January 24th.

During the cold and flu season

During the cold and flu season, parishioners and visitors are reminded to use common sense. Those who are ill are not obliged to attend Mass and should stay home to recover. If you are feeling ill today, please refrain from partaking of the Blood of Christ from the communal chalice. We also ask that those who are not well refrain from offering your hand to others at the sign of peace. A smile and a heartfelt "Peace be with you" should suffice. No one who fears infection should feel obligated to share the sign of peace or receive Holy Communion from the communal chalice. We pray for the health of all who are ill and not with us today.

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.

No 5 p.m. Mass Dec. 29-Jan. 2

Please note that there will not be a weekday 5 p.m. Mass Dec. 29-Jan. 2.

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 7:15 a.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.

Faith sharing Jan. 19

St. Augustine's Faith Formation class meets **at 6 p.m. Jan. 19** 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.

“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 Dec. 21: \$7,835.96

Collection for Religious Retirement Fund: \$4,328.47

Children's Offertory: \$16,995.21

Family Promise in January

St. Augustine Parish will be assisting Holy Trinity Parish in its Family Promise ministry again in January. Families who are seeking permanent housing will be staying at Holy Trinity Jan. 11-18. St. Augustine Parish will be hosting dinner on Saturday, Jan. 17 and we are seeking parishioners to volunteer to help with this important ministry to homeless families.

If you would like to help, please call Carrie at 808-222-6683. You will be asked to provide one dish (salad, entrée, vegetable, starch or dessert) for approximately three families.

You will be helping homeless families with young children who are working hard to get back on their feet and find permanent housing.

Heritage Center closed Dec. 23-Jan. 5

The Heritage Center will be closed for Christmas & the New Year starting at noon on Dec. 22 and will reopen on Jan. 6. From all the staff at the Heritage Center, Mele Kalikimaka & Hau'oli Makahiki Hou to all.