

St. Augustine by-the-sea Church

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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



*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.

Auntv 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, Aug. 23--Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical color: Green

6 a.m. Mass

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8 a.m. Mass — R/S Jerry Galang

10 a.m. Mass— S/I Knights of Columbus, Sage and the Kong Kee Family

5 p.m. Mass

Monday, Aug. 24--St. Bartholomew

Liturgical color: Red

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

2 p.m. Wedding

5 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, Aug. 25--St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz

Liturgical color: Green/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

8:30 a.m. Finance Committee meeting

5 p.m. Mass

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

Wednesday, Aug. 26

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

Thursday, Aug. 27--St. Monica

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

No 5 p.m. Mass

5:30 p.m. Wedding rehearsal

Friday, Aug. 28--St. Augustine of Hippo

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

2 p.m. Wedding

Saturday, Aug. 29--The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Liturgical color: Red

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Samuel Akiona

Church cleaning: Altar Rosary Society

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

Breaking open the Word

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection

The opening prayer tells us what to consider in our reflection on the readings: “the values that will bring us lasting joy in this changing world.”

What are our values? What is important to us? Who or what is our god?

When a married person lives as a violent alcoholic, beats his/her children and spouse, does anyone feel like telling them they need to be subordinate?

Are we living self-sacrificially to enable others to be the best they can be for the Lord? Another way to think about this is to take another look at the 2nd reading. If a wife is to be subordinate to her husband, what is a husband?

If you are in an extramarital affair, so that she becomes jealous and suspicious, what have you done to her? If you are always gone and she becomes lonelier and lonelier, what have you made of her? If you leave her all the housework and child care, are you living self-sacrificially to enable her to be the best she can be for the Lord? You may be married to her; but the truth for her, like the truth for the Samaritan woman Christ met at the well, is that the person she is living with is not her husband.

But then there is no command for her to be subordinate to you either. The command exhorts her to be subordinate to her husband, not to anybody who wants the privilege of being her husband without the corresponding duties.

The Israelites were tempted to serve other gods.. Joshua challenged them to serve only YHWH, and they accepted the challenge.

Jesus challenges us also to remain faithful to the one God. Often we all want to worship other gods: power, money, pleasure, comfort, security, self-interest. Our prayer is that “all these attractions of a changing world serve only to bring us the peace of His Kingdom which this world does not give.” We want to say with Joshua and his people: “We will serve the Lord.”

Sr. Cheryl Wint of

Readings

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b Joshua challenges the Israelites to serve the Lord or other gods. They choose the Lord.

Psalms 34 Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Ephesians 5:21-32 Paul reflects on how husbands and wives should reverence and love each other.

John 6:60-69 Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Weekday

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145; Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90 Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98; Mk 6:17-29

Next Sunday's readings

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

21st week of Ordinary Time

Most of the first readings this week are from **Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians**, the oldest book in the New Testament. The letters are affectionate and frank reminders of the humiliation and challenges that Paul met in preaching to this community he loved so much. These readings are a wonderful reminder that the letters of Paul were just that - letters to teach, encourage and support early communities of Christians.

Matthew's Gospel this week includes stories of Jesus challenging the Pharisees. He saw how they made people's lives difficult by their insistence on rules and appearances while neglecting mercy and good faith. He chides them for paying attention to the extraneous and not the message: “Blind guides, who strain out the gnat and swallow the camel!” His criticism grows stronger: “On the outside you appear righteous, but inside you are filled with hypocrisy and evil-doing.” Jesus teaches about preparation: Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” In the parable of the ten maidens who go out to meet the bridegroom, many of the women did not prepare for the meeting and do not have enough oil for their lamps and Jesus says again, “Stay awake.”

Daily prayer this week

The old Baltimore Catechism defined prayer as “raising the mind and heart to God.” It reminds us that prayer is not simply saying words to God, or even thinking over religious things in our heads. Real prayer becomes a matter of the heart. We understand prayer best when we think of it as a relationship. Growing in prayer is to grow in love, in intimacy, in a type of communication that is “heart to heart.” So, on the human level, if we have a difficult time receiving love or in surrendering our self-absorption and giving love or if we just haven't had much experience of being intimate and vulnerable with another human being, then it will be difficult for us to do that with God. Conversely, anything we can do to develop our relationship skills, to de-selfish ourselves and practice accepting love and loving generously will help us grow in our relationship with God. Praying can often become easier, more personal and intimate.

This week, we can go from hearing these wonderful readings to listening to Jesus with our hearts. It is great to begin this week asking for the grace to reflect throughout the day on how we will enter “the narrow gate,” by how we go about our day, interact with people, or return home from work. Then we can reflect on how we can humble ourselves and what that means for our day-to-day choices.

We could ask for the grace to go deeper than the externals and rules and get to the heart of our faith — loving others with the same compassion and love that Jesus shows us.



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Celebrate with us!

For the past year, St. Augustine Church has been celebrating its 160th anniversary as a parish and as a witness to God's love for all. Today, a modern beacon in Waikiki with its striking neo-Gothic architecture and its dramatic stained glass, St. Augustine's beginnings were modest.

The parish traces its roots to a chapel constructed in 1854 on Waikiki Beach of coconut fronds and pieces of timber that had washed ashore. That site later was exchanged for land on Ohua Avenue and Fr. Modestus Favens ss.cc. built a chapel of lumber from a wrecked sailing vessel. It was another modest structure, but it had a steeple and a bell that cast in France. But it was not until 1898 that Mass was regularly celebrated and Fr. Valentin Francks ss.cc. was assigned to the chapel. Fr. Valentin soon began planning for a permanent, more dignified, church, which he designed himself. He retained one feature from the former structure. The latticework of the new church was patterned after the palm fronds that had covered the previous, temporary chapel. The church was blessed on Aug. 28, 1901, the feast of St. Augustine. The church was much loved, but time and termites took their toll and as tourism grew the church was too small for the numbers attending Mass. The present church, designed by local architect George McLaughlin to reflect hands folded in prayer, was finished and blessed in 1962.

According to church legend, when Fr. Valentin traveled to Rome in 1905 accompanied by Bishop Libert Boeynaems they stood in the piazza of St. Peter with the basilica before them. "Awe inspiring," said the bishop. "Yes," agreed Fr. Valentin, "but I prefer my Waikiki." Today, St. Augustine continues as an integral part of its Waikiki community.

Join us at Mass on our feast day, at **7 a.m. Friday, Aug. 28**. We are also celebrating at a gala dinner **Thursday Aug. 27** at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel that is a benefit for the new Damien and Marianne Museum planned for the parish grounds. Tickets are available through Tuesday by calling the parish office.

"For 160 years, St. Augustine Parish has had a unique place in Waikiki, serving both the spiritual and temporal needs of its parishioners, visitors from around the world and the neighboring community," said Fr. Lane K. Akiona ss.cc, pastor of St. Augustine Church. "Now this parish community has also chosen to ensure that visitors and residents alike can be enriched by learning about the work and mission of Sts. Damien and Marianne, a story today's world sorely needs to hear."

Help Aunty Carmen's Kitchen

The second collection **next weekend** will benefit Aunty Carmen's Kitchen, St. Augustine's ministry to those in our midst who are hungry. The kitchen offers a free hot meal from 11 a.m. to noon every weekday. Your generosity helps fulfill our mission to feed our sisters and brothers in need.

Please join us at the Ministry Fair after all Masses next weekend

Stop by the Ministry Fair at the entrance to the church after all the Masses **next weekend**. Learn how you can be more involved in your parish and how the different ministries contribute to the life of the church.

This is an opportunity to discover where God is calling you to share your time and talents. We are all called to be good stewards of our gifts. Learn where you can be of service and get to know more of your fellow parishioners.

Religious education begins Sept. 12

All children from second grade through high school who are not in Catholic school must be enrolled in a regular faith formation program. St. Augustine's 2015-16 religious education classes begin **Sunday, Sept 12**. Classes are held Sunday mornings after the 8 a.m. Mass.

Register your children by calling the parish office, 923-7024.

RCIA begins Sept. 16

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) was established by the Church for individuals who wish to become Catholic. It is also open to those who want to complete their sacraments of initiation (First Eucharist and Confirmation) or those who wish to learn more about their faith.

St. Augustine's 2015-16 RCIA program begins **Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Damien Meeting Room with an overview of the process.

You may call the parish office for more information, or attend the initial informational session on Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Faith sharing meets Sept. 21

St. Augustine's faith sharing group meets **Monday, Sept. 21 at 6 p.m.** in the Damien Meeting Room after a one-month break. We will be using Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si*, as the basis for our sharing. *Laudato Si* is Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, "On Care for our Common Home."

In this encyclical, Pope Francis asks us to look deeply at our consumer-driven society and throw-away culture.

Join your fellow parishioners in a discussion on how our faith challenges us to be stewards of our home. Download the encyclical: <http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/index.html>. Also available at Pauline Books & Media.

St. Augustine Closet open Sept. 5

The Altar Rosary Society Closet will open on **Saturday, Sept. 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** in the Damien Meeting Room. If you're looking for a treasure and something old or somewhat new, come check us out.

Stewardship of treasure

Collection for the week ended Aug. 16: \$7,628.61

2nd collection for Damien and Marianne Museum: \$4,219.96

Children's' Offertory: \$3.23



Ho'ohali'a Campaign to benefit new museum

Dear parishioners and friends of St. Augustine,
As we move forward in continuing the legacy of our two Hawaii saints --Sts. Damien and Marianne -- we are preparing to begin our support of the building of a new museum adjacent to the church.

Damien & Marianne *Inspirations of love and ministry*

The mission of the planned Damien and Marianne of Molokai Museum is to offer a welcoming environment that engages visitors of diverse backgrounds to learn about the lives of St. Damien and St. Marianne.

There are a number of sponsorship opportunities that will be offered in conjunction with the museum. They include:

Stained glass windows

-- Nine narrow stained glass windows that reference Kalaupapa in their design will be a prominent architectural feature in the museum.

Interactive exhibits

- An interactive exhibit of Damien the Builder, which includes some of Damien's carpentry tools.
- Resident voices: Excerpts of oral history interviews with Kalaupapa residents.
- Research kiosk: Introduction to available resources and how to use them in locating records of family members sent to Kalaupapa.

Display cases

- Textiles: Liturgical vestments and other textiles.
- Saints' objects: Personal articles belonging to Mother Marianne and Fr. Damien.

Film presentations

- Kalaupapa residents: Portraits and activities of the Kalaupapa community at the beginning of the 20th century.
- St. Marianne: Mother Marianne's path to sainthood
- St. Damien: Fr. Damien's path to sainthood

Meditation garden

- Outdoor life-size bronze statue of St. Damien.
- Outdoor life-size bronze statue St. Marianne.

Contact Stuart Ching for more information: staugustine-bythesea@gmail.com or 923-7024.

The Ho'olahi'a Campaign will take work, effort and dedication to be successful and I appreciate the commitment of our many supporters. The Ho'olahi'a Campaign will be undertaken in two phases. The first phase will allow us to realize our dream for a new Damien and Marianne Museum and the second phase will enable the construction of a much-needed parish multi-purpose building and parking structure. This will complete our Parish Master plan, which began with the renovation of the church.

It is my hope that this Ho'olahi'a Campaign will be creative and innovative in its format, not like a traditional campaign that relies solely on its parishioner base. We will also be seeking support from the broader community as well as internationally. The lives of Fr. Damien and Mother Marianne have inspired people from around the world and we believe many will want to help in our project.

The museum will house artifacts of Fr. Damien and Mother Marianne and will feature interactive exhibits and a meditation garden. I invite all of you to be a part of this very special and important undertaking. Sts. Damien and Marianne continue to be models of selfless love and service and we are blessed in being able to share their story with so many.

At the same time, we are embarking on a Stewardship Program, enabling our parishioners to discern how to best share their time, talent and treasure for the good of the community. We will be sharing more details as this program unfolds.

Pray through our saints, Augustine, Damien and Marianne that they will intercede on our behalf so that we can be successful in all that we do.

Fr. Lane K. Akiona ss.cc.

