

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.

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. 13--Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical color: Green

6 a.m. Mass

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8 a.m. Mass— S/I Angeles and Vincente Bustamante (30th anniversary);

R/S Jerry Galang

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Sage and the Kong Kee Family; R/S Rosemary Walther

5 p.m. Mass

Monday, Sept. 14--The Exaltation of the Cross

Liturgical color: Red

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

2:30 p.m. Wedding

5 p.m. Mass

6 p.m. Knights of Columbus, Damien Meeting Room

Tuesday, Sept. 15--Our Lady of Sorrows

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Marlon & Marie Magsakay (25th anniversary)

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Ed Talao

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

Wednesday, Sept. 16--Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian

Liturgical color: Red

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass

5:30 p.m. Wedding rehearsal

6:30 p.m. RCIA -- Damien Meeting Room

Thursday, Sept. 17--St. Robert Bellarmine

Liturgical color: Green/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Edward & Cielo Branco

5 p.m. Communion Prayer Service

Friday, Sept. 18

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

2 p.m. Wedding

Saturday, Sept. 19--St. Januarius; Blessed Virgin Mary

Liturgical color: Green/Red/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Church cleaning: Tongan Society/ A/President's Mystery

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



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Breaking open the Word

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Gospel today opens the door of the future for the disciples. Jesus shares his destiny with them and it is received with mixed feelings. Peter's response and action were motivated by his human values and judgment. He did not understand what Jesus was saying to them.

As you journey in faith, are you behaving like Peter and missing the messages that are contained in the Scriptures? Are you depending solely on your human values and judgment to make decisions on what and how you believe? If so, you may be missing the joy that is contained in the messages.

If we are to truly follow Jesus, we would experience similar trials and tribulations that he encountered in this life. The actions demonstrated by the people were human motivations of denial, refusing to accept the greatest gift to mankind from God; salvation and a place in his kingdom.

They were not willing to trade the life they had in this world for eternal life. The rationale being that they loved this life more than the life being offered. And, they did not believe in Jesus' words.

Unfortunately, we all one day will lose the life we have on this earth. That realization brings concern, fear, and suspense. What happens next? The answer lies in what we believe. We start by knowing who Jesus is and what his mission was on this earth. Then we follow him, for he will lead us, to the kingdom of God.

Deacon Andy Calunod

Readings

Isaiah 50:5-9a The Lord God is my help; who will prove me wrong?

Psalms 116 I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

James 2:14-18 Faith, if it does not have works, is dead.

Mark 8:27-35 Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?"

Weekday

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101; Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111; Lk 7:31-15

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100; Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday's readings

Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54; Jas 3:16--4:3; Mk 9:30-37

24th week of Ordinary Time

We continue reading from Paul's **First Letter to Timothy**. It begins this week with the great prayer for our leaders. He then says how bishops and deacons should behave. He urges Timothy to be especially caring for the youth. In **Luke's Gospel**, Jesus praises the faith of the Roman centurion who understands Jesus' power to heal. Jesus then raises from the dead the son of the widow of Nain. In response to constant criticism from religious authorities, Jesus compares the critics to children taunting their playmates. We read of the woman who entered a dinner Jesus was attending and wept over his feet, washing them with her tears, showing what real love is. Luke, who highlights the role of women in his gospel, tells us of women who accompanied Jesus and his disciples. Finally, Jesus gives us the Parable of the Sower and its interpretation about how temptations and shallow roots can prevent the Word from growing in us.

Daily prayer this week

Who among us hasn't wondered about how much is enough? How many times do we need to forgive? How much of the goods of this earth do I need to have? How generous am I able to be? The parables Jesus uses often shock our attention and give us a rich fruit for reflection.

These days, the news stories are centered on war and conflict, and on financial strain and greed. We are not always aware of the scope of the human tragedy that goes on in our neighborhoods, in our cities, in our world. Many people on the earth suffer in so many ways - from dire poverty, from years of wars, and from ecological policies that leave the earth barren and people worse off. We can see stories of pain and suffering on the other side of the world and we feel it here. We might be filled with horror and compassion and fear. Insecurity, powerlessness can bring us to our knees and to the Lord. This week's readings help us with continuing reflection that can guide our integration of a confidence in God's love and mercy.

One of the great things that any tragedy brings forward is examples of great heroism and generosity. We also know that the human spirit can be tempted to the worst things imaginable. But, when we see people sacrificing their own lives to help others or showing with their generosity and passionate care how deeply they value human life, it lifts our own spirits and helps us be more generous and free. We could ask the Lord this week to help us assess what we really need. Do riches become a trouble for us? Do anxieties and the pleasures of life choke my reception of the Word? Can we ask for the desire to walk through our days with trust in Jesus' power to heal, to bring what is dead to life? Each of us can make this daily desire request and reflection very concrete. And, as we prepare for the weekend, we can begin reflecting on how happy I am that God is merciful and generous, even toward those that I don't think "deserve" it.

Creighton University Online Ministries

Family Promise in October

St. Augustine Parish will assist Holy Trinity Parish in its Family Promise ministry again in October. Families who are seeking permanent housing will be staying at Holy Trinity Oct. 4 to 11. St. Augustine Parish will be hosting dinner on **Saturday, Oct. 10** and we are seeking parishioners to volunteer to help with this important ministry to homeless families.

This is an opportunity to provide direct assistance to families who are working to find permanent housing and a more stable environment for their children. Church groups across the island are becoming a part of the solution through their assistance. If you would like to help, please call the parish office. You will be asked to provide one dish (salad, entrée, vegetable, starch or dessert) for approximately four families.

Give your donation online

Did you forget your offering at home? We have a solution to fix that once and for all. Use our Online Giving program! It's quick, accurate, and done at your convenience. Go to our web site *staugustinebythesea.org* and click on Donate. Need help? Call us at 808 923-7024.

Notecards and rosaries

The Altar Rosary Society will sell rosaries, including local hand-made rosaries and Jerusalem rosaries, and notecards featuring St. Augustine Church after Sunday morning Masses the second and fourth Sundays of the month. These beautiful cards are a water color painting of the church by one of the Altar Society members.

Catholic Charities appeal

The second collection this weekend will go to Catholic Charities Hawaii to assist in the work that it does to help so many.

Serving Hawai'i since 1947, Catholic Charities provides a wide range of social services with dignity, compassion, social justice, and a commitment to excellence. Through programs and advocacy efforts, Catholic Charities serves all people, especially those with the greatest need, regardless of their faith or culture.

As part of the largest private network of social service organizations in the United States, Catholic Charities offers much-needed programs and services statewide, serving tens of thousands of people each year.

Fr. Lane on vacation Sept. 13-18

Fr. Lane will be on vacation and away from the parish **Sept. 13-18**. We wish him safe travels and a relaxing trip.



Faith formation

Religious education begins Sept. 20

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 20**. Classes are held Sunday mornings after the 8 a.m. Mass.

Register your children by calling 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.

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. We are 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. We will be discussing the first chapter of the encyclical in September. Download the encyclical: <http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals.index.html>. We will have copies available at class or you may purchase copies of the encyclical at Pauline Books & Media.

Lectio Divina Sept. 26 at retreat center

Lectio Divina or "Divine Reading" is an ancient Benedictine practice of reading, meditating, and praying on Scripture to increase faith and draw closer to God. Bring your Bible and learn and practice Lectio Divina with Fr. Tony Biswas, ss.cc. on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Anthony Retreat Center, 3351 Kalihi St. Open to women and men 18 years and older who wish to deepen their faith life through Scripture and prayer. Lunch provided. Free will offering. Registration required.

Stewardship of treasure

Collection for the week ended Sept. 6: \$7,194.34

Collection for Maintenance & Repair Fund: \$4,613.06



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 Kalaupapaa 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.

Knights of Columbus launch effort to help relief efforts in Iraq, Syria

The Knights of Columbus has donated more than \$4 million to relief efforts in Iraq and Syria through the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund. They have also launched a website and released a commercial to raise awareness of the crisis. If you want to be a part of the solution, you can learn more about the crisis and make a donation at www.christiansatrisk.org.

As Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, noted in a letter to his brother Knights, the violence in the Middle East has led to many deaths and the greatest refugee crisis since World War II. More than four million people have been displaced. Among the most affected are Iraqi and Syrian Christians, who are the victims of ongoing systematic cleansing and persecution. While the Christian population in Iraq once numbered above a million, violence has reduced that number by more than 65 percent. This human catastrophe has drawn commentary from Pope Francis, who said this of the persecution:

"Today we are dismayed to see how in the Middle East and elsewhere in the world many of our brothers and sisters are persecuted, tortured and killed for their faith in Jesus. In this third world war, waged piecemeal, ... a form of genocide is taking place."

Carl Anderson continued: "As Knights of Columbus, we are called to stand in solidarity with all those Christians around the world who are suffering from violent persecution, offering spiritual and material assistance to these victims of crimes against humanity. Please pray daily for our Christian brothers and sisters—for their perseverance in faith and hope, the improvement of their living conditions, and the restoration of peace in their land."

Save the date! Marianist BILAC

Marianist BILAC is scheduled for Nov. 5-7 at Chaminade University. The theme this year is *The Spirit of Malia – 40 Years of BILAC*.

Marianist BILAC (Big Island Liturgy and Arts Conference) with its roots in the Hawaiian Culture and the Catholic Marianist Tradition is an annual conference in Honolulu sponsored by the Marianist Center of Hawaii, Chaminade University and Saint Louis School and is committed to providing communitarian-based experiences of prayer, the liturgical arts and spiritual growth. Presenters include Marty Haugen, Fr. Michael Joncas, Bob Hurd, Tony Alonso and David Haas.

For more information and to register, go to marianistbilac.wordpress.com.

