

# 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](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. 6--Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Liturgical color: Green

6 a.m. Mass

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8 a.m. Mass—S/I Purie Cortez (thanksgiving); R/S Jerry Galang

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

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Albert Carse

### **Monday, Sept. 7**

Labor Day

PARISH OFFICE AND AUNTY CARMEN'S KITCHEN CLOSED

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

No 5 p.m. Mass

### **Tuesday, Sept. 8--The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Debra Ann Birtcher

5 p.m. Mass

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

### **Wednesday, Sept. 9--St. Peter Claver**

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Edward Lapnewski

5 p.m. Communion Prayer Service

### **Thursday, Sept. 10**

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass

### **Friday, Sept. 11**

Patriot Day

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

### **Saturday, Sept. 12--The Most Holy Name of Mary; Blessed Virgin Mary**

Liturgical color: Green/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

### 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the gospel Jesus opens the ears and loosens the tongue of the deaf-mute. He and the crowd cannot contain themselves, but proclaim what Jesus has done. What has Jesus done? Healed the man? Yes, but more. Jesus reveals that he is more than a miracle worker. The miracles Jesus performs reveal his divine power, his compassion, his mission. Jesus cares for each of us, cares enough to reach out and touch us! What must be proclaimed is not the sign itself, but that to which it points: God's Presence bringing salvation. Faced with this revelation, no one can keep silent.

We surmise something profound must have happened between Jesus and the deaf man even before the miracle that brought the deaf and mute man to an intensified insight about Jesus. Jesus must have communicated something that resonated deep within the man's being. This is why he could not help but proclaim the miracle — his encounter with Jesus changed him. He saw beyond the miracle to the wholeness (salvation) Jesus offered.

The crowd recognized Jesus fulfills Isaiah's prophecy and say, "He had one all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." Jesus' miracle points beyond the miracle to himself as the One who comes to save us. The miracles are a sign of salvation — God's new Life is changing who we are and giving us a whole new insight into our relationship with God. We now see God's mighty deeds, know Jesus is our savior, and proclaim God's salvation. This Good News cannot be contained.

Jesus is very personal with the man he heals: he touches his ears and tongue, he prays to his Father with a groan, as if his whole being were involved. How much Jesus wishes to touch us, heal us, encounter us! Like the healed man and crowd in the gospel, we cannot keep quiet either. Each encounter with Jesus leads to our proclaiming his nearness, his care, his healing. We only need to open ourselves to Jesus' touch. We only need to open ourselves to the Word who grants us all power to proclaim his nearness to the whole world.

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

#### Readings

**Isaiah 35:4-7a** Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God.

**Psalms 146** Praise the Lord, my soul!

**James 2:1-5** Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.

**Mark 7:31-37** Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.

#### Weekday

**Monday:** Col 1:24-2:3; Ps 62; Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday:** Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 13; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

**Wednesday:** Col 3:1-11; Ps 145; Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday:** Col 3:12-17; Ps 150; Lk 6:27-38

**Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16; Lk 6:39-42

**Saturday:** 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113; Lk 6:43-49

#### Next Sunday's readings

Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

## 23rd week of Ordinary Time

The first part of the week, the first readings are from the **Letter to the Colossians**. Paul is in prison, encouraging this community to put their trust in Christ, not mystical teachings and powers. He challenges them to live their baptism and to walk in the union they have with and in Jesus. Friday we begin reading Paul's First Letter to Timothy. In the first part of this week, following **Luke's Gospel**, Jesus heals a man with a withered hand, on the Sabbath, in front of his religious critics. Then Jesus goes up on a mountain to pray and comes down to name his twelve apostles - all of whom seem to be unknown or questionable at best. When people come to him from all over, he heals them. Jesus announces that the poor, the hungry, those who weep, and those hated or excluded or denounced because of him are the blessed. He warns those who are rich, filled, laughing and spoken well of, for their fates will be reversed. Jesus urges us to love our enemies and pray for those who mistreat us.

## Daily prayer this week

When we place Jesus at the center of our lives, two marvelous graces are given us. We experience God's love for us in the mercy and forgiveness of Jesus. As grateful sinners, we then are able to forgive others.

As we begin each day this week, we can let these two graces be part of our reflection. We can fearlessly ask to understand who we are as sinners, in the concrete ways each of us falls short, gets distracted, becomes uncentered and makes very unfree choices. We can ask to be forgiven and healed. We can ask for the grace to forgive others.

We can choose to focus carefully this week on those people we ask for the grace to forgive. Whose faults do I pay most attention to? Whom do I judge harshly? From whom do I withhold forgiveness? If we begin each day, asking our Lord to reveal the answers to these questions, throughout our day, our days this week will show us deeper places where the Lord can forgive us and where we can share that mercy.

*Creighton University Online Ministries*

### *Create in me faithfulness*

Oh, Lord my God.

You called me from the sleep of nothingness  
merely because in your tremendous love  
you want to make good and beautiful beings.

You have called me by my name in my mother's womb.

You have given me breath and light and movement  
and walked with me every moment of my existence.

I am amazed, Lord God of the universe,  
that you attend to me and, more, cherish me.

Create in me the faithfulness that moves you,  
and I will trust you and yearn for you all my days.

Amen.

—Joseph Tetlow, SJ

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## Fr. Lane's knee surgery recovery

Mahalo nui loa to all who continue to pray for my full recovery after knee surgery. I'm recovering quite well, and my doctor is pleased with my progress. I'm still a bit careful about getting back to my normal ability to do things, so I take it much more slowly. I'm doing some simple therapy on my own and will see if I'll need more intense physical therapy after my next visit with my doctor. I must also compliment the staff at Kuakini Hospital who were excellent and professional care givers of their patients. The staff made me feel welcomed and important. Mahalo — **Fr. Lane**

## Food ministry served 1,749 in July

Aunty Carmen's Kitchen, St. Augustine's food ministry in the heart of Waikiki, served 1,749 hot lunches in July, the highest monthly total to date this year. Many in our community lack access to regular, nutritious meals. Aunty Carmen's Kitchen serves that need. Your donations to this ministry are part of our Christian mission to serve others.

## Cleaning ministry

Every Saturday, members of the Altar Rosary Society, Knights of Columbus Kamiano Council, and the Tongan Community alternate in contributing their time to their parish community and help to clean the church and the church grounds. This ministry of keeping God's house clean and well maintained is a very important one. If you would like to help, please call the parish office to see how you may be of assistance.

## 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.

## Notecards and rosaries

The Altar Rosary Society will sell rosaries, including local hand-made rosaries and olive-wood Jerusalem rosaries, and notecards featuring St. Augustine Church after Sunday morning Masses on 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. These beautiful cards are a watercolor painting of the church by one of the Altar Society members.

## 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. Call 845-0065.

### Stewardship of treasure

Collection for the week ended Aug. 30: \$7,289.67

Collection for Aunty Carmen's Kitchen: \$4,572.49

Children's collection: \$5

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## 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.

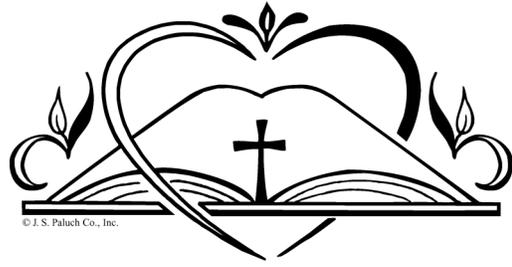
#### **Film presentations**

-- 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](mailto:staugustine-bythesea@gmail.com) or 923-7024.



## Catholic Charities appeal

Jim Dannemiller of our parish will speak at the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. **Sunday Masses this weekend** on Catholic Charities Hawaii and 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. The second collection the weekend of **Sept 12-13** will go to Catholic Charities Hawaii

## Hospitality Sunday this weekend

We celebrate Hospitality Sunday this weekend. Join us on **Sept. 6**, the first Sunday of the month, for pastry, coffee and juice after all Sunday morning Masses. Get to know your fellow parishioners, meet new friends and enjoy fellowship after Mass.

## 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.

## Bulletin bloopers

It can be hilarious when people write without thinking about what they've written. Here are some genuine examples from OTHER church bulletins around the country (not from ours, of course!):

- Don't let worry kill you — let the church help.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- The Sunday night men's Bible study will meet on Saturday at the park, unless it rains. In that case they will meet at their regular Tuesday evening time.
- Let us join David and Lisa in the celebration of their wedding and bring their happiness to a conclusion
- (After the church maintenance man left a note with the church secretary that read "van battery dead," these words were in the bulletin the next Sunday): Pray for the family of Van Battery who died this week.