

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



*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 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, Sept. 20—Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical color: Green

6 a.m. Mass

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Jerry Galang; S/I Ladies of the Altar Rosary Society, living and deceased

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

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Faleaka Green (birthday)

Monday, Sept. 21—St. Matthew

Liturgical color: Red

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass

5:45 p.m. Pastoral Council meeting, Annex Building, upstairs

6 p.m. Faith sharing, Damien Meeting Room

Tuesday, Sept. 22

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

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

Wednesday, Sept. 23—St. Pius of Pietrelcina

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

11:30 a.m. Wedding

5 p.m. Communion Prayer Service

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

7 p.m. Tongan Choir, annex building, upstairs

Thursday, Sept. 24

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass

5:30 p.m. Wedding rehearsal

Friday, Sept. 25

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Saturday, Sept. 26—Sts. Cosmas and Damian; Blessed Virgin Mary

Liturgical color: Green/Red/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Church cleaning: Altar Rosary Society

2 p.m. Wedding

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

Breaking open the Word

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection

For the past three weeks, we have been hearing the Letter of St. James proclaimed as the second reading.

James' letter offers no-nonsense ethical ways to live as Christians.

Written, of course, for early Christians, they still resonate today.

Last week, James reminded us that faith is more than pious sayings, that without works it is dead. Three weeks ago, we were reminded that those who hear the Word are called upon to put it into action.

Today's passage is more interior focused, looking at the inner attributes that guide our ethical lives.

The wisdom from above, James notes, is pure, peaceable, gentle, compliant and full of mercy. *And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.*

(James 3:18). We so often think that peace is an outcome of right living or ethical behavior. That if we follow the golden rule, if we obey ethical principles, if we behave justly, peace will be an outcome. But James, in turning to the interior in his discourse on ethical living, tells us peace must come first, must be cultivated. Out of that will flow right living.

Just think how this world be transformed if each of us, rather than being consumed by the busyness of our lives and our tendencies toward the pettiness of life, were to be, rather, more aware of the urgency in his world to bring peace into everything we do? To make cultivation of peace our touchstone in putting our faith into action.

Anne Harpham

Readings

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 The wicked say: With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test.

Psalms 54 The Lord upholds my life.

James 3:16-4:3 The wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits.

Mark 9:30-37 Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.

Weekday

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19; Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-7; Tb 13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43; Lk 9:18-27

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday's readings

Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



25th week of Ordinary Time

The first reading this week comes from the Book of Ezra, one of the first chroniclers of the post-exile period of Judaism. He is responsible for helping hold the restored people together. We finish the week with brief selections from the prophets **Haggai** and **Zechariah**, who were prophets during this period. "Consider your ways!" "My spirit continues in your midst; do not fear!"

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus urges us to use our gifts: "No one lights a lamp and hides it under a bushel basket." When his family comes looking for him, Jesus uses the occasion to tell us that we are family to him, if we hear his Word and act on it. He encourages his Apostles to freedom, sending them out to teach and heal, taking nothing with them. Herod is wondering who Jesus really is. Jesus asks his disciples who they think he is. Peter replies for them all, "The Christ of God." Jesus doesn't want them to announce he's the type of Messiah they were looking for. Instead, he tells them of his upcoming passion and death.

Daily prayer this week

This is a great week to be reminded that the Christian call is not simple. We are called to serve boldly, not worrying about material needs. This week's readings have a clear call for us to examine how we share God's love with others.

How do we do such serious reflection when it seems we don't have time for it? We can be "contemplatives in action" by beginning our day with a desire, letting that desire come to our consciousness throughout the day in the "background" moments, and by giving thanks for what graces we received at the end of the day.

How do we come up with the desire? The first step to finding "intimacy with God in the midst of our daily lives" is to develop the habit of naming a desire for the day, while we are still just getting started with the day, before our concentration becomes pre-occupied with the worries of the day. These guides can help by suggesting desires that flow from the readings of the week, but the best desires are in the very needs and anxieties that are deep in our hearts. That is where God is working in us, revealing things we can turn over to the Lord and form into a prayer. It can often be just 45 seconds, when we throw on a robe or slippers, or while in the shower or getting dressed. It is deep prayer if we can just say, "Help me, today, Lord. My day is so full. Give me courage, and let me know you are with me all day."

We can use the readings of the week in a variety of ways. We can take a day to imagine being part of Jesus' family, with a desire to hear his word and keep it. We can let Jesus address us one day this week, asking us who we say he is. The words don't need to be complicated - it's just starting conversation with God who loves you deeply, then listening. *Gracious God, I ask you to heal me today as you healed so many others. Bless my eyes that I might appreciate all that I see around me; and my mouth that I may not judge others and speak harshly of them. And bless my feet as you send me on this journey of grace in my life each day.*

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.



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Save the date! Marianist BILAC

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

Stewardship of treasure

Collection for the week ended Sept. 13: \$7,609.41
Collection for Catholic Charities Hawaii: \$3,072.85
Children's collection: \$27.00

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.

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.

New RCIA year begins

St. Augustine Parish's 2015-16 RCIA class is underway and there is still time to join.

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 RCIA class meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Damien Meeting Room.

Call the parish office for more information, or attend the class on Wednesday evening.

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.



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.

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 Lewelyn Marte-Cabanero of the Altar Rosary Society.

Meet the artist

Lewelyn Marte-Cabanero, who created the St. Augustine notecards, was born and raised in the Philippines. She and her husband have lived in Waikiki for the last three years. Loving to paint watercolors, Lewelyn, known as "Lyn" or "Liway" by her friends, joined an art class at the Waikiki Community Center for motivation and techniques just last year.

Wanting to help the Altar Rosary Society with its efforts, Lewelyn decided to paint the façade of St. Augustine and offer the artwork as a gift to St. Augustine parish.

The painting captures the church at daylight standing as a beacon to faith in the heart of Waikiki.

The painting is now reproduced on 5x7 greeting cards with St. Augustine's prayer to the Holy Spirit printed inside.

For Our Families

Heavenly Father,
 you have given us the model of life
 in the Holy Family of Nazareth.
 Help us, O Loving Father,
 to make our family another Nazareth
 where love, peace and joy reign.
 May it be deeply contemplative,
 intensely Eucharistic,
 revived with joy.

Help us to stay together in joy
 and sorrow in family prayer.
 Teach us to see Jesus in the members of our families,
 especially in their distressing disguise.
 May the Eucharistic heart of Jesus
 make our hearts humble like his
 and help us to carry out our family duties
 in a holy way.

May we love one another
 as God loves each one of us,
 more and more each day,
 and forgive each other's faults
 as you forgive our sins.
 Help us, O Loving Father,
 to take whatever you give
 and give whatever you take with a big smile.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen
 ~Blessed Teresa of Calcutta