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# St. Augustine by-the-sea Church

## 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, Dec. 6 --Second Sunday of Advent**

Liturgical color: Violet

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—S/I Sage and the Kong Kee Family, Jean & Paul Whiting (40th anniversary), Edward & Martha Murillo (40th anniversary)

5 p.m. Mass

### **Monday, Dec. 7--St. Ambrose**

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass

6 p.m. Parish Mission

### **Tuesday, Dec. 8--The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

*Jubilee Year of Mercy begins*

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**PARISH OFFICE AND AUNTY CARMEN'S KITCHEN CLOSED**

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

6 p.m. Parish Mission

### **Wednesday, Dec. 9--St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin**

Liturgical color: Violet/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

6 p.m. Parish Mission

### **Thursday, Dec. 10**

Liturgical color: Violet

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Bob Wilber

5 p.m. Mass

### **Friday, Dec. 11--St. Damascus I**

Liturgical color: Violet/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Mrs. Glynn Martino, Catherine Lynch

### **Saturday, Dec. 12--Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Church cleaning: Tongan Society-A/Catechist's Mystery

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

# Breaking open the Word

## Second Sunday of Advent

“The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.” This 2nd week of Advent, with feasts of the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe, we are assured we aren’t alone. We are urged to “off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever.” Why? “Your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception.”

How many of us hide a sadness? What mountain is too high? What failure hides in your heart? There is an answer in Advent: letting God’s depths take up residence in your soul.

Mary’s was a gradual awakening to the Life she bore in her. In the readings this week, we see her absorb the angel’s stunning announcement into the immensity of her faith. We see her begin to prepare, in the confines of her humble life, a dwelling for Jesus who comes not just into our parties, our dreams of a successful career, our happiness and cheer, but also and importantly, into the craggy mountains and deep gorges of our lives. We see her labor to introduce God’s extraordinary secret into the ordinary dimensions of her life. We see her carry Incarnate Grace into the disrupted world of Elizabeth and Zechariah, anointing them with the blessing of her Magnificat.

As we pray with Mary this week, let us hold all mothers in our hearts. We hold our own mothers, whether in presence or in memory. May our prayer embrace single mothers, unwilling mothers, refugee mothers, mothers overburdened by poverty. We include all mothers who are ailing in body, mind or spirit. May any darkness these mothers face be lifted by the gracious hand of Mary who knows their hearts and circumstances.

Mary visits each of us with the same unbounded joy she brought Elizabeth in that ancient Advent. She teaches us the profound yet simple secret of her holiness: that she understood her life to be a sacred channel for God. As we prayerfully wait with our blessed Mother for Christ to be born, may we listen in the darkness for her maternal lessons.

*Sr. Cheryl Wint osf*

### Readings

**First Reading** — A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy (Baruch 5:1-9).

**Psalm** — The Lord has done great things; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

**Second Reading** — May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day of Christ (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

**Gospel** — John proclaims a baptism of repentance for forgiveness of sins. All flesh shall see the salvation of God (Luke 3:1-6).

### Weekday

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

### Next Sunday’s reading

Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

## Food for reflection

*A prayer by poet and painter William Breault SJ*

I wish I could offer you  
a reasonably clean  
and swept house  
to dwell in  
but I can’t.

I can say -- and know the meaning of -- “I am not  
worthy to have you under my roof.”

But you are already there!

Living amidst the once flourishing idols.

The floor is dirty

and at times the room is airless

even for me!

I am ashamed of your presence there

yet you slept in a cave

and on a donkey’s back at night

under the desert stars.

So, if I cannot change your accommodations,

let me rejoice all the same

that you are present.

I must believe strongly, Lord,

that I can’t question this:

that you are at home

with sinners --

and my greatest sin, Lord Christ,

is that I don’t want to be a sinner!

Nor do I easily accept it -- still

the evidence is overwhelming.

But hope is like a green shoot

in the midst of an airless, disordered world.

And that hope comes from your Spirit.

I rest in that hope, Lord.



The Lord has  
done great things.

## Advent Parish Mission Dec. 7-9

This year's Advent parish mission will focus on stewardship and who we are as People of God and who we are called to be. Themes throughout the mission will include gratitude, gift, talent, generosity, faith, trust, the role of the community.

The parish mission will be led by Leisa Anslinger.

Leisa has a degree in theology from the Athenaeum of Ohio and was a pastoral staff member of Immaculate Heart of Mary parish for 12 years with responsibility for faith formation and stewardship. The parish mission will be held at 6 p.m. Dec. 7-9 in the church.

## Book Fair Dec. 5-6

The Daughters of St. Paul, Catholic Sisters who are missioned at the Pauline Book & Media Center at 1143 Bishop St., Honolulu, HI, will hold a book fair Dec. 5 and 6 after all the Masses. The Sisters will have a selection of religious books, music CDs, DVDs and religious articles. The selection will include Bibles, lives of saints, prayer books, and reading materials for all ages. This will be a good opportunity to obtain spiritual materials for yourself and your family to deepen your knowledge of the Catholic faith.

## Thanksgiving food drive mahalo

Mahalo to all who donated to the November food and toiletries collection for the outreach ministry of Our Lady of Kea'au on the Waianae Coast. You have provided food and personal care items for the hundreds of homeless served by this ministry of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities. Our Lady Of Kea'au serves hot meals weekly to homeless individuals and families, those on the beach as well as those in the emergency shelter. In addition, Our Lady of Kea'au provides food packages to those who come to their door seeking help.

## St. Augustine Christmas Party

**Date: Saturday, January 9**

**Place: Hale Koa Hotel @  
the Banyan Tree Room**

**Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

**Cost: \$35.00 per person**

**Aloha Attire**

**There will be entertainment**

**Tickets sold in the parish office and after Mass.**



## Advent Penance services

Advent Penance Services in the East Oahu Vicariate are scheduled for:

- December 9 Sts. Peter & Paul, 6 pm  
Star of the Sea, 6:30 pm
- December 14 University Catholic Center, 7 pm  
St. Augustine Church, 6 pm
- December 17 Holy Trinity, 7 pm
- December 23 Sacred Heart/St. Pius X, 7:30 pm

## Hospitality Sunday this weekend

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

## 2016 envelopes available

Stewardship envelopes for those who give to St. Augustine using the weekly envelope system are available in the sacristy.

If you do not use envelopes and would like to begin, please call the parish office during office hours.

## Faith sharing meets Dec. 21

St. Augustine's faith sharing group meets **Monday, Dec. 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 are reflecting on Chapter 2 of the encyclical currently. Download the encyclical at: <http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/index.html>. We will have copies available at class or you may purchase copies of the book at Pauline Book and Media Center.

## Stewardship of treasure

**Collection for the week ended Nov. 29: \$7,371,28**

**2nd collection for Aunty Carmen's Kitchen: \$4,688.05**

**Children's collection: \$32.00**

## Candle offerings

As a faith community, St. Augustine Parish is committed to outreach to those in our community who need our help for their basic needs. As faith-filled stewards, concern for the poor, the needy and the marginalized should be a part of all of our lives. In furtherance of that philosophy, beginning in Advent this year, \$2.00 from each candle offering in our parish will go to our various parish efforts to feed the hungry and to other programs in the larger community that help the poor and needy. The candle offering thus is being increased to \$5.

## Jubilee Year of Mercy

# Living Mercy

The **Jubilee Year of Mercy** begins **Dec. 8, 2015**. The practice of a jubilee year has ancient roots in the Jewish faith and evidence for it can be found in the Old Testament (for example, see Leviticus 25).

The jubilee year was called every 50 years and was a time for forgiveness.

It stood as a reminder of God's providence and mercy.

The dedication of a year for this emphasis provided the community with a time to come back into right relationship with one another and with God.

As the practice of the jubilee year was adopted into the Catholic Church, these themes of mercy, forgiveness, and solidarity continued.

How can you practice mercy in your every day lives? One way is through living the Corporal Works of Mercy.

The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise.

They respond to the basic needs of humanity as we journey together through this life.

One of the Corporal Works of Mercy is to **feed the hungry**.

There are many in this world who go without food.

When so much of our food goes to waste, consider how good stewardship practices of your own can benefit others who do not have those same resources.

Some suggestions:

~~Donate to a holiday food drive so everyone can have something to eat.

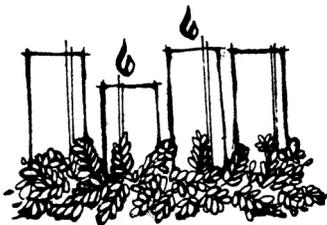
~~Research, identify and contribute financially to organizations that serve the hungry.

~~Try not to purchase more food than you are able to eat.

~~Take part in Family Promise, a program that unites a variety of faith communities in helping homeless families. Our parish helps on a quarterly basis.

## 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.



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## Christmas & New Year's Masses

### Christmas Eve, Thursday Dec. 24

No 7 a.m. Mass

6 p.m. Mass

9 p.m. Mass—Tongan Choir

11:30 p.m. Christmas music—Contemporary Choir

Midnight Mass—Contemporary Choir

### Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25

6 a.m. Mass —Organ Music

8 a.m. Mass—Contemporary Choir

10 a.m. Mass—Contemporary Choir

5 p.m. Mass

### Saturday, Dec. 26

No confessions

### Dec. 28-31

7 a.m. Mass only

### New Year's Day, Friday Jan. 1

8 a.m. Mass only

### Saturday, Jan. 2

No confessions

## Our Liturgy

### The Word of God and Community

The word of God is meant for the community. In the United States, we have an individualistic notion of religion. We tend to relate to God as individuals. This is very different from the Jewish concept of the religious community. God took the people of Israel as the chosen people, not as individuals, but as a whole people. As the people of God gathered by God's call and assembled in Christ's name, we become the Body of Christ in this assembled community. As the CHURCH we have a special relationship with Christ, with God. During the liturgy we pray, "Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church..." We address God in this way because of our relationship through baptism with the greater community of the Church.

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