

St. Augustine by-the-sea Church

Fr. Lane K. Akiona, ss.cc.
Pastor

Fr. Chris Kaitapu, ss.cc.
Parochial vicar

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Anne Harpham

Pastoral associate

Sr. Cheryl Wint, osf
Pastoral associate

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

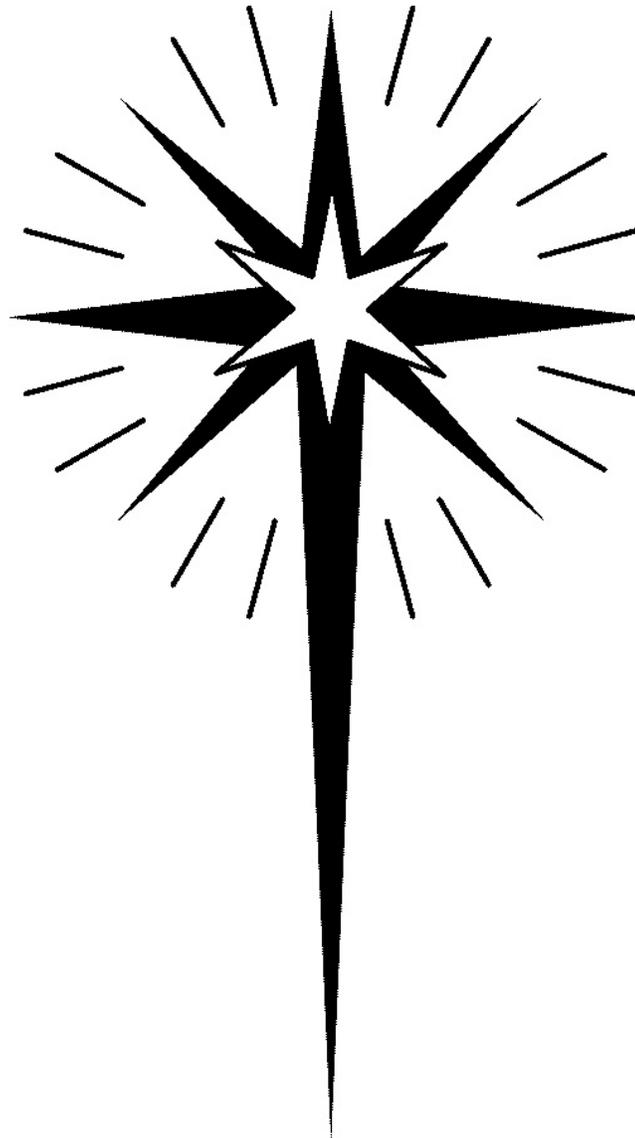


*You have made us for yourself,
Lord, and our hearts are restless
until they rest in you*

-- 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.

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, Jan. 10--The Baptism of the Lord

Liturgical color: White

6 a.m. Mass

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Jerry Galang

10 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Raymond Dysarz, Michael Morano

Monday, Jan. 11

First Week in Ordinary Time

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, Jan. 12

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Noel & Nora Larioza (20th anniversary), Roberto & Cynthia Ganaden (25th anniversary)

5 p.m. Mass

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

Wednesday, Jan. 13--St. Hilary

Liturgical color: Green/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

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

Thursday, Jan. 14

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Nicanor Marasigan

Friday, Jan. 15

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Saturday, Jan. 16--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

Breaking open the Word

The Baptism of the Lord

With confidence St. John the Baptist definitely knows who he is not. He knows his purpose in life and shows no confusion or conflict as to his role vs his cousin. What a great attitude and steadfastness to his calling in life.

Recently, I spoke with a wonderful parishioner who shares a similar resolve. With her permission, I share her story. For 23 years of her marriage, she took care of her disabled husband. He had been injured in a car accident in a remote area of Australia. While lying on the ground very severely injured, near death, and knowing help was not close by, she took the opportunity to ask her husband, who had been an atheist, if he would accept God as his parting gift to her. He looked up at her and with what energy he could muster he called on God three times. As most of us know, we worship a God of second chances and so, as they say, the rest is history. So for 23 years, despite the challenges living in a wheelchair can bring to a marriage, looking into this parishioner's eyes as she recounted this and other stories I know she had no regrets.

Too often, the nostalgia of a great event can so overwhelm us that we can choose to live in the extremes. John and Jesus knew that they could not have an attitude by where they had the mission of God vs. God's mission having them.

Thus with prayer, humility and great resolve let us, too, as baptized Christians carry out what is ours to do in spreading the Good News with an attitude of love and assurance that we do this not on our own. May we continually search Scripture for the purpose of God's life in ours.

Peace and all good, mahalo nui loa for your fellowship in 2015, may 2016 be an even greater reflection of Jesus working through all of us...

Sr. Cheryl Wint osf

Readings

First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) *or* *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11*.

Psalms — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) *or* *Psalm 104*.

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) *or* *Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7*.

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).

Weekday

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-8

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21; Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday's reading

Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Daily prayer this week

In this first week of Ordinary Time, we might find ourselves feeling a little let down after the Christmas season. This is where we can ask for the grace to let the stories of the gospels come alive in our hearts.

The vivid narratives of this week's gospel are packed with stories of Jesus entering into the lives of real people and touching them in extraordinary ways. These are not far-away stories, but ones that have a real meaning for us. This is a week of invitation from Jesus to us, with two invitations for us to ponder in our hearts this week.

Jesus encounters Levi, a Jewish tax collector. Because of his profession, he was probably wealthy but he had humiliated his family and made himself a pariah to most of those around him. Jesus' response to this "outcast" was to invite him to be one of his closest disciples - and to dine at his house.

In our own lives we may find a loneliness or separation from people in our family or others in our lives. We have parts of our lives that are dark and embarrassing and seem unchangeable. It is into this very darkness and discomfort that Jesus extends the same invitation to us - "Follow me." This clear and personal call to us is from Jesus who already knows us and our failings and yet asks us to be with him. We can hear this invitation more clearly if we can be touched with awareness of our own failings and understand more deeply how much we need a savior in our lives. It is then that our hearts open to accept this invitation.

This week Jesus invites us to follow him, as friends and disciples. This is a good week for us to contemplate with Jesus, what we are looking for and how much we want to turn and follow him. We can pray to Jesus for the strength to leave the patterns and habits of our lives that so often turn us away from him and ask for the grace to make a new beginning in our lives. If we can sit with our hands open in humility, we can accept that we can't do this on our own, but know in our hearts that with the help of God, nothing is impossible.

First week in Ordinary Time

During the weekdays, we begin a three-week cycle of captivating readings from the **First Book of Samuel**. We read of Samuel's mother, Hannah, who promises the Lord, "if you give your handmaid a male child, I will give him to the LORD for as long as he lives." Samuel hears a call from the Lord and responds. An epic battle against the Philistines ends in devastating losses for Israel and the capture of the Ark of the Covenant. In his old age, Samuel rules Israel and the elders ask Samuel to appoint a king. Samuel meets Saul. "When Samuel caught sight of Saul, the LORD assured him, "This is the man of whom I told you; he is to govern my people."

From now until the beginning of Lent, the weekday gospels are from **Mark** and offer a look at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Jesus calls his first disciples, Simon and Andrew, then James and John. He drives out evil spirits and heals the sick. He hears the cry of the leper and heals him. Friends lower a paralytic from a roof down into the crowd in front of Jesus, who heals him.

Creighton University Online Ministries

Mahalo nui loa

Mahalo to all who gave of their Stewardship during this Christmas Season and throughout 2015. Your dedicated stewardship to support our parish community and its many ministries and services did make an impact on the people's lives that we serve. Because of our public witness to our faith in action, others have given generously to support us. May God continue to bless you all for what you've shared. Me ke aloha pumehana.

Over 17,000 meals served in 2015

St. Augustine's ministry to the homeless and others who are hungry, Auntie Carmen's Kitchen, served 17,826 free lunches in all of 2015. In just the month of December, 1,428 lunches were given to those who were hungry. Your financial support for this outreach is one way we are living examples of the Gospel. "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me..." (Matthew 25:35).

The Kitchen is open weekdays from 11 a.m. to noon.

New assignment

Beginning February 1, 2016, Fr. Chris Kaitapu, ss.cc. will be transferred to the Leeward side of the island. He will be living at Our Lady of Sorrows and assisting there as well as at St. Michael/Sts. Peter and Paul Mission in Waiialua/Waimea.

In his place, Fr. Benny Kosasih ss.cc. will be my new Parochial Vicar, effective February 1. Blessings to Fr. Chris and Fr. Benny on their new assignments.

Mahalo for special celebration

Mahalo to the Royal Societies of Hawaii nei who took part last Sunday in the 10 a.m. Mass to celebrate the birthday of Princess Abigail Wahiika'ahu'ula Kawananakoa.

Sidewalk remodeling

Beginning this month, the City and County will continue its work of remodeling the Kalakaua Avenue sidewalk. Much of the ewa end of Kalakaua has been remodeled, now it's our turn. With the remodeling of the sidewalk, the driveway onto Kalakaua will no longer be used as an exit. Thus, parking will be a greater challenge when this takes place.

We are looking at other options, such as parking offsite, valet parking, etc. This will be a major detriment for attendance on weekends until the new parking structure is built. We will keep you updated as work progresses. We have requested that the section in front of the church be done at the end of the project.

Pray that we all have patience and understanding.

Presentation on Laudato Si

Archbishop Bernardito Auza, permanent observer of the Holy See to the United Nations, will give a presentation on Laudato Si, Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 6:45 p.m. at the Clarence T.C. Ching Conference Center in Eiben Hall at Chaminade University.

Archbishop Auza has many years of experience in diplomacy for the Holy See. Born in Talibon, the Philippines, he was ordained in 1985 and entered the Holy See's diplomatic service in 1990.

The evening will begin with dinner at 6 p.m. All are welcome, but RSVPs are required. Contact Karen Harp at Karen.harp@chaminade.edu or 735-4827.



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.

Online giving -- easy, convenient

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.com and click on Donate. Need help? Call us at 808 923-7024.

Stewardship of treasure

Collection for Sunday, Jan. 3: \$8,842.52

2nd collection for maintenance and repair: \$5,536.84

Children's collection: \$39.00

Deacon Ordination of Alfred Guerrero

- When:
Fri, 27 May 2016 @ 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM HST
- Where:
Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa 712 North School Street Honolulu, HI 96813



Jan. 18-26

2016 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The 2016 theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is: Called to Proclaim the Mighty Acts of the Lord (1 Peter 2:9). The relationship between baptism and proclamation, and the calling shared by all the baptized to *proclaim the mighty acts* of the Lord was inspired by two verses from the First Letter of St Peter. St Peter tells the early Church that in their search for meaning prior to encountering the Gospel they were *not a people*. But through hearing the call to be God's *chosen race* and receiving the power of God's salvation in Jesus Christ, they have become *God's people*. Baptism opens up an exciting new journey of faith, uniting each new Christian with God's people throughout the ages. In the shared sacred texts of the Bible, we hear of God's saving acts in salvation history: leading his people out of slavery in Egypt, and *the great mighty act* of God: the raising of Jesus from the dead, which opened new life to all of us. As Christians seeking the unity of the Body of Christ we are all called to recognize the *mighty acts* of God in our own lives and the life of the Church.

Living the Year of Mercy

The Jubilee Year of Mercy began Dec. 8, 2015. 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 shelter the homeless.

There are many circumstances that could lead to someone becoming a person without a home. Christ encourages us to go out and meet those without homes, affirming their worth and helping them seek a resolution to the challenges they face.

Volunteer at a homeless shelter.

Donate time or money to organizations that build homes for those who need shelter.

There are millions of children and families who are on the move, fleeing from war, illness, hunger and impossible living conditions, and searching for peace and safety.

Learn about the causes and challenges that these families face to survive, so you are more knowledgeable about the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Seek ways to provide shelter for the homeless locally, regionally, nationally or internationally.

2nd collection next weekend for Black & Indian Mission, Latin America

The second collection next weekend is the annual Black and Indian Mission and Latin American Church appeal.

Your financial support helps the Black and Indian Mission Office raise up new generations of Native American and African American priests with tuition grants and enhance Native American and African American .

The 2016 Latin American campaign will help mission efforts in remote and struggling areas of Latin America. Through the generosity of the rest of the world, the people of Latin America feel the love and support of the universal Church thanks to this appeal.

Faith sharing meets Jan. 18

St. Augustine's faith sharing group meets **Monday, Jan. 18 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."

THE STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

**My parish is composed of people like me.
I help make it what it is.
It will be friendly, if I am.
It will be holy, if I am.
Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.
It will do great work, if I work.
It will be prayerful, if I pray.
It will make generous gifts to many causes,
if I am a generous giver.
It will bring others into its worship,
if I invite and bring them.
It will be a parish of loyalty and love,
of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity,
and mercy,
if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these
same things.
Therefore, with the help of God,
I now dedicate myself to the task of being
all the things that I want my parish to be.
Amen**