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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

Be my rock
of
refuge



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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. 31--Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical color: Green

6 a.m. Mass

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Jerry Galang, Carter Baily Pagan; S/I Sally Myers (healing)

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Dr. Orlando Sanidad (healing), Emma Joseph (birthday); R/S Robert Iraschko

5 p.m. Mass

Monday, Feb. 1

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Aris De La Paz Sr.

Tuesday, Feb. 2--The Presentation of the Lord

Liturgical color: White

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, Feb. 3--St. Blaise, St. Ansgar

Liturgical color: Green/Red/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Purie Cortez (thanksgiving)

5 p.m. Mass

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

8 p.m. Tongan Choir, annex building upstairs

Thursday, Feb. 4

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

3 p.m. Wedding rehearsal

5 p.m. Mass

Friday, Feb. 5--St. Agatha

First Friday

Liturgical color: Red

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Benediction and adoration

Saturday, Feb. 6--St. Paul Miki and Companions

First Saturday

Liturgical color: Red

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

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

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Augustine Closet, Damien Meeting Room

2 p.m. Wedding

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

Breaking open the Word

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection

The Gospel teaching today is brutal and shocking for the leaders, religious prophets, and those who hold power over people. Jesus' teaching challenges them and they felt threatened that their power over the people was in jeopardy of being lost. What was even more frightening was the action taken by these people, an attempt to take the life of Jesus for speaking the truth and to ensure their power is retained. Interestingly, this event took place in a synagogue, where people considered it a place of reverence and righteousness.

This behavior has been repeated over and over again in all parts of the world, including the United States. The atrocity of what a human will do to another human in the name of greed, power, and wealth goes beyond our imagination. What is even more disgusting is the truth that is "hidden" by lies and deception so as not to taint the imagery of the one who seeks power.

Jesus saw through all of their hidden truths and proclaimed that it should not be so. It was sinful to do so and it was against the teaching of God, and each would be accountable for their actions.

Sometimes it is easier if we look at these events and say, "I am not like them." In a greater sense, we may not be. But if we put into action the same elements of deceit, and deception to accomplish a selfish gain, we are no different. A sin is a sin, no matter how small. And if we start off thinking that it is such a small sin and should not matter, it is only a matter of time before it becomes a major sin. Greed will guarantee it.

Most people today live under the same environment of that day in Jesus' time. They suffer greatly in many ways and no doubt their journey of faith is challenged. In many cases, people are forced to choose between lesser choices as illustrated in the increase of homeless people.

We are moving toward history when there were millions of displaced, marginalized, and oppressed people. Each one looked for salvation from the world's plight that pursues greed, power, and wealth. A journey disguised with deception to turn one away from God and to be lost eternally from the grace of God. No doubt this is Satan's plan. It is full of wickedness in disguise.

For the faithful, we must believe God wants to save us from the wickedness of Satan. Scripture tells us of his saving grace as in the case of Noah's Ark, the flight from Egypt, and more. Scripture tells us of his healing, physical and spiritually, for those who have faith and believe.

We must realize that we are not able to save ourselves, only God can save us from this sinfulness of the world which is much more powerful than we are.

Let us pray for strength and courage to endure, with a faith that God will answer our prayers with his love and mercy and save his faithful people.

Deacon Andy Calunod

Readings

First Reading — God appoints Jeremiah as prophet to the nations (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19).

Psalms — I will sing of your salvation (Psalm 71).

Second Reading — Love with its many facets is the most important of the virtues (1 Corinthians 12:31 — 13:13).

Gospel — When Jesus claims his salvific mission is for all people, not just the Jews, he is expelled by the enraged members of the Nazarean synagogue (Luke 4:21-30).

Weekday

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119; Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday's reading

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

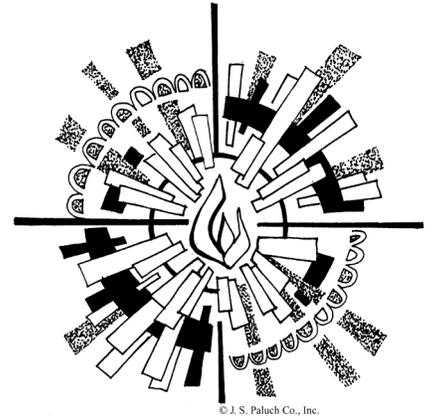
4th Week in Ordinary Time

During the week, the story of David we have been following for the past two weeks will end with his death as we conclude the readings from the **Book of Samuel**. As the narrative

moves to the **Book of Kings**, David's son Solomon, has succeeded him on the throne and for the next week, the tale of notable leaders of Israel's history continues to unfold.

In **Mark's Gospel** this week, Jesus continues to heal and teach. A man in the Gerasenes is healed of unclean spirits and wants to stay with Jesus, but Jesus

tells the man, "Go home to your family and announce to them all that the Lord in his pity has done for you." The young daughter of a synagogue official is sick and on the way to heal her, as Jesus stood in a crowd, he felt the power go out of him as a woman with a hemorrhage touched his cloak. "Your faith has saved you," he reassures her. To the father he says, "Do not be afraid; just have faith" and heals the daughter. He teaches in the synagogue in his hometown "and they took offense at him." He was not able to perform miracles there, because of their lack of faith. Jesus sends his disciples out to preach and heal, telling them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick. Though the demons know who Jesus is, Herod thinks he is John the Baptist, whom Herod had beheaded. Jesus encourages his busy disciples, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." But as they tried to get away "and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things."



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Mardi Gras Feb. 9

Join us for our annual Mardi Gras celebration to usher in the Lenten Season. Begins Tuesday, February 9 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the mauka parking lot. The theme, "Masquerade" means come in costume and win a prize for 1st, 2nd or 3rd place. Only 120 tickets will be available for \$10.00 per person. Sorry, no kids price. Aunty Carmen's Kitchen will cater the event. Get your ticket early----no tickets will be sold at the door.



Sidewalk remodeling

The City and County will soon continue remodeling the Kalakaua Avenue sidewalk. 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 have requested that the section in front of the church be done at the end of the project.

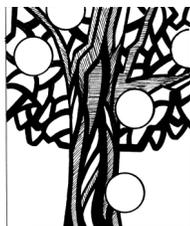
Pray that we all have patience and understanding.

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.

Parish Lenten Mission to be held Feb. 22-24

The parish Lenten Mission will be held Feb. 22-24 at 6 p.m. each evening. There will be a Penance service Feb. 24.



St. Augustine Closet open Feb. 6

The Altar Rosary Society Closet will open on **Saturday, Feb. 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** in the Damien Meeting Room. If you're looking for a treasure and something old or somewhat new, come check us out.

Online giving -- easy, convenient

Did you forget your offering at home? 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.

Diocese of Honolulu 2016 Lenten Regulations

FASTING

☉ In the dioceses in the United States, Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound to fast on both Ash Wednesday (February 10) and Good Friday (March 25).

☉ To *fast* means to consume one full meal a day at most, although taking of other, smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes is permitted. Food and drink between meals (excepting water and medicine) is not permitted on fast days.

ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

☉ Catholics aged 14 and up are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.

☉ To abstain means refraining from eating beef, veal, pork, or poultry at least, although eggs, milk products, or meat broths or condiments made from animal fat are OK. The consumption of fish and shellfish is permitted.

EASTER DUTY

☉ All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept is to be fulfilled during the Easter Season unless it is fulfilled, for a just cause, at some other time during the year. This period is extended to include all the weeks of Lent and the Easter Season up to Trinity Sunday (**May 22**).

LENTEN PRACTICES

☉ The faithful are encouraged during Lent to attend daily Mass, receive Holy Communion, participate in penance services, and receive sacramental absolution; to take part in public and private exercises of piety, give generously to works of religion and charity, perform acts of kindness toward the sick, aged, and the poor; to practice voluntary self-denial, especially regarding food, drink, and worldly amusements; and to pray more fervently, particularly for the intentions of the Holy Father.



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. Spiritual 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 **bury the dead**

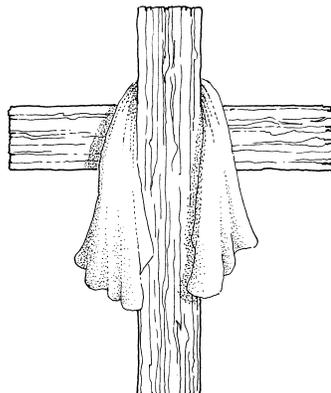
Funerals give us the opportunity to grieve and show others support during difficult times. Through our prayers and actions during these times we show our respect for life, which is always a gift from God, and comfort to those who mourn.

- Send a card to someone who has recently lost a loved one.
- Visit the cemetery and pray for those you have lost.

Our Liturgy

Lenten resolutions

We tend to think of Lenten resolutions as things that we will give up for Lent, like chocolate, or sweets in general, or coffee. We think it should be something that feels like a true sacrifice. These can be good things to do to build our will power and to help us focus on what is important in our lives. Instead, or in addition, it might be a good idea to do something extra for Lent. One can join a Bible study group or other parish discussion group that will help us grow in our spirituality or prayer life. We can also sacrifice our time to do things that will help others. We can offer to drive people to church, or to doctor appointments. We can cook a meal for someone who is ill. Just think about what might be a benefit to others and give it a try.



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How does Laudato Si speak to all of us in the parish?

The St. Augustine faith sharing group has been reading and reflecting on Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, "Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home." In this encyclical, the Pope asks all of us to look deeply at our consumer-driven society and throw-away culture and the results of our actions – or inaction.

As part of its ongoing reflection, the faith-sharing group seeks to reach out to all of the parish to ask parishioners to share in the ongoing reflection.

The group was struck by Pope Francis' citation of a question raised by the Catholic bishops of New Zealand: "What does the commandment 'Thou shalt not kill' mean when 'twenty percent of the world's population consumes resources at a rate that robs the poor nations and future generations of what they need to survive?'"

What are our responsibilities as Catholics in response to the question posed by the New Zealand bishops? How can we improve our treatment of others, animals, and mother earth as a whole? Does it call us to lifestyle changes individually, as a state, as a nation?

St. Augustine's faith sharing group meets next on **Monday, Feb. 15 at 6 p.m.** in the Damien Meeting Room.

Family Promise mahalo

Mahalo to all the Tongan Society members, including youth and young adults, at St. Augustine who helped with Family Promise by providing dinner and entertainment on Jan. 30 and cleaning the Makai House at Holy Trinity before the families' arrival.

Family Promise is a program in which church congregations house homeless families and provide meals on a rotating basis. St. Augustine provides support to Holy Trinity, which is a host congregation.

The next Family Promise opportunity will be in April, please call the parish office if you would like to assist.

Second collection this weekend for Aunty Carmen's Kitchen

Did you know that last year Aunty Carmen's Kitchen served more than 17,000 meals to those in our community who are hungry? Or that your donations keep this ministry going? We see the news daily, that so many are homeless or without food. You are helping those in need through your generosity. The second collection **this weekend** will benefit Aunty Carmen's Kitchen, which offers a free meal from 11 a.m. to noon weekdays.