

St. Augustine by-the-sea Church

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Sunday Liturgy

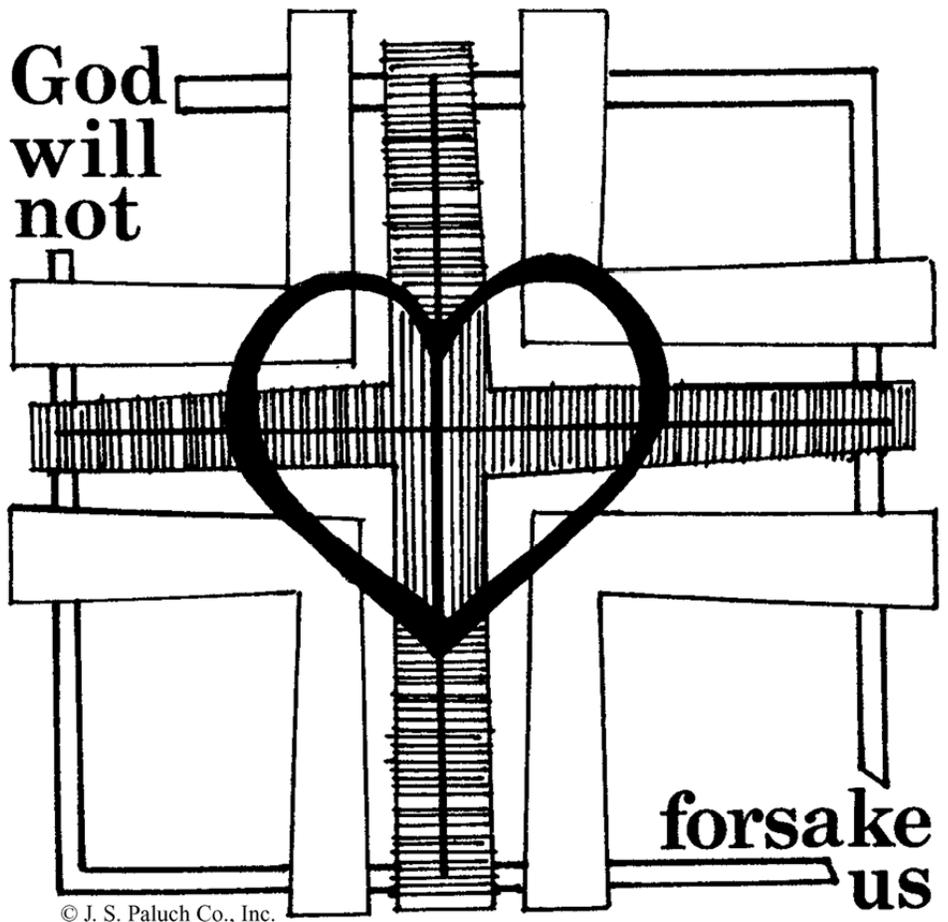
5 p.m. Saturday

6, 8, 10 a.m., 5 p.m. Sunday

Daily Liturgy

7 a.m. Monday-Saturday

5 p.m. Monday-Friday



*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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of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus
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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, March 13--Fifth Sunday in Lent

Liturgical color: Violet

6 a.m. Mass

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Jerry Galang, Zeb Rich, Jean Orig; S/I Jack & Joan Hall (72nd anniversary)

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Dr. Orlando Sanidad (healing), Sage and the Kong Kee Family

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Roland Tharp

Monday, March 14

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Communion Prayer Service

6 p.m. Knights of Columbus, Damien Meeting Room

Tuesday, March 15

Liturgical color: Violet

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, March 16

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Fr. Lane Akiona (birthday)

5 p.m. Mass

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

Thursday, March 17

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Communion Prayer Service

7 p.m. Chrism Mass at Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa

Friday, March 18

Day of Abstinence

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Benedict Twigg-Smith (birthday)

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Br. James Dunn ss.cc.

5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

6 p.m. Soup and bread supper following Stations, Damien Courtyard

7 p.m. Stations of the Cross -- Tongan Community

Saturday, March 19

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Remedios Alday

Church cleaning: Tongan Society, Catechist's Mystery

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

Breaking open the Word

Fifth Sunday in Lent

For most people this Lent, our desert may have been a commitment made around fasting. We are to remember that our fasting is not for show but to open a space inside us to allow the Holy Spirit to work. By having the entry blessing fonts in the Church be empty we are reminded how thirsty we are for the Living waters. This week we are reminded to look forward to a new exodus that God promises through the prophet Isaiah, not events of the past. God promises to restore His people after they have suffered in exile.



The second reading is a warning about false teachers. The first teachers taught that to be a Christian, you first had to be a Jew: to be circumcised and to obey all 613 Old Covenant commandments. This question of whether Gentile converts to Christianity had to first become full and legal Jews prompted the Council of Jerusalem.

In the Gospel we see the Scribes and Pharisees having a problem with being right and being righteous. To be righteous even when we are right is to think that our correctness is all our own doing, forgetting that God's grace got us there. That our better-than-thou attitude towards others who are not 'correct' is justified because of our position in the Church or that we have the pastor's ear. There is also right and being good, and our rightness can be done in a mean-spirited way. One of the most helpful and powerful formulas is Truth + Love, we must have both. One without the other leads us in all the wrong directions. Thus Jesus' last instructions to the woman, or as Pope Francis shared to deepen our prayer life during this Lenten journey:

Using the fingers on your hand, start with the thumb and pray these intentions in this order:

- 1.) The thumb is closest finger to you. So start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the persons easiest to remember. To pray for our dear ones is a "Sweet Obligation."
- 2.) The next finger is the index. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others. Always keep them in your prayers.
- 3.) The following finger is the tallest. It reminds us of our leaders, the governors and those who have authority. They need God's guidance.
- 4.) The fourth finger is the ring finger. Even though it may surprise you, it is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for the weakest, the sick or those plagued by problems. They need your prayers.
- 5.) And finally we have our smallest finger, the smallest of all. Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself.

When you are done praying for the other four groups, you will be able to see your own needs but in the proper perspective, and also you will be able to pray for your own needs in a better way.

Sr. Cheryl Wint, osf

Fifth Sunday in Lent readings

First Reading — The LORD does something new for the chosen people (Isaiah 43:16-21)

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

Second Reading — The supreme good is knowing Jesus as Lord (Philippians 3:8-14)

Gospel — A woman caught in the act of adultery is brought to Jesus. He challenges anyone without sin to throw the first stone (John 8:1-11)

Weekday

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Ps 23; Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Next Sunday's reading

Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

Daily Prayer

This is the last full week of Lent. We can feel the conflict and struggle developing in the readings. As we read about the drama that surrounded Jesus' last days on earth and reflect upon its meaning, we experience how the drama that is going in our own hearts is more intense the closer we get to the end of Lent. The Spirit of the Lord is trying to help us be more open to receive the graces our Lord wants to offer us.

There is another spirit that is fighting just as hard to distract us, discourage us, and prevent us from being open and attentive to God's gifts. The closer we get to the mystery of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection for us, the more we can experience struggle. If I experience myself somewhat "at war" with myself, then these are very important days to keep deliberately asking our Lord to help me.

It is also a great time to begin to prepare to renew the baptismal promises at Easter. We can reject the unloving choices we've made, all that is unjust, dishonest, disrespectful and violent. We want to refuse to be mastered by empty promises.

If we have developed the habit of naming a desire the first thing each morning, and carrying on a conversation with our Lord in the brief background moments of the day, we are already comfortable with letting the Word or the Season interact with the concrete events of the week. This way of finding intimacy with our Lord, through our daily interaction - even in a very busy life - is so appropriate for the Fifth Week of Lent. We can discover areas that are still resistant to God's grace. We can ask for help to practice new ways of being free, or new ways of loving. We can find ways to make financial sacrifices to give to the poor this week.

Creighton University Online Ministries

LENT

During Lent, the Church calls us to prayer, fasting, almsgiving and penance. Prayer deepens our relationship with God. Fasting helps us to be more aware of our sisters and brothers in need and reminds us to be selfless. Almsgiving is a way of practicing generosity and reminds us that all that we have is a gift and is meant to be shared. Through penance and the Sacrament of Reconciliation we can change sinful patterns.

The Church offers us many opportunities to grow in Lent:

Prayer

Mass: Monday-Friday, 7 am & 5 pm.; Saturday: 7 am

Liturgy of the Hours: 6:30 a.m. Monday-Saturday

Stations of the Cross: 5:30 pm Fridays, 7 pm in Tongan.

Fasting

The two days of fasting during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. But penitential fasting in Lent is a wonderful exercise when we want to ask for an important grace from God. It is not that our fasting "earns" God's attention, but by fasting, we clarify our thinking and our feeling. It purifies and prepares us to pray more deeply.

Almsgiving

Operation Rice Bowl: Practice almsgiving through Operation Rice Bowl and benefit those served by Catholic Relief Service throughout the world. Rice bowls will be available at the church entrances. Return the Rice Bowl with your monetary donations at Holy Thursday Mass.

Lent food drive: Collection of non-perishable, unopened food items (not past expiration date) to Palm Sunday.

Sacrificial giving: Lent is a good time to practice sacrificial giving. Do I need that latte or new outfit? Would my money be better spent in outreach to the poor and marginalized?

Penance

To abstain is to not eat meat or any meat by-products (such as gravy some soups). Its purpose is to be an act of penance - an act of sacrifice, that helps us grow in freedom to make much bigger sacrifices. The prescribed days of abstinence are Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent.

Fasting and Feasting

By William Arthur Ward

Lent should be more than time of fasting. It should also be joyous time of feasting. Lent is a time to fast from certain things and to feast on others. It is a season in which we should:

Fast from judging others; feast on the Christ indwelling them.

Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of all life.

Fast from apparent darkness; feast on the reality of light.

Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.

Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify.

Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.

Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.

Fast from worry; feast on divine order.

Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.

Fast from negatives; feast on affirmations.

Fast from unrelenting pressures; feast on unceasing prayer

Fast from hostility; feast on non-resistance.

Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.

Fast from personal anxiety; feast on eternal truth.

Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.

Fast from facts that depress; feast on verities that uplift.

Fast from lethargy; feast on enthusiasm.

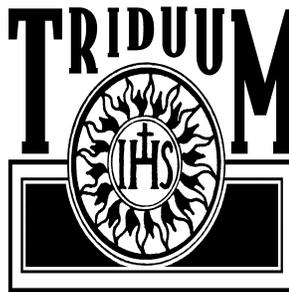
Fast from suspicion; feast on truth.

Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on promises that inspire.

Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that under girds.

Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence.

Amen



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Holy Thursday Mass: 7 p.m. March 24

Good Friday service: 3 p.m. March 25

Easter Vigil Mass: 7 p.m. March 26

Easter Day Masses: 6, 8 & 10 a.m., 5 p.m.

Bring your Operation Rice Bowl donations on Holy Thursday. The Good Friday collection will support the work of the Franciscans in the Holy Land. This collection keeps Christianity alive in this area made holy by the life, suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The second collection for Easter will support our extended outreach projects and ministries within our community.

Join us for Stations, soup on Fridays

The Knights of Columbus are providing a light soup supper on Fridays in Lent after the 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross. Please join us in the Damien Meeting Room for food and fellowship immediately following the Stations of the Cross.

Lenten food drive for the homeless

Every Tuesday, the outreach ministry of Our Lady of Kea'au on the Waianae Coast serves more than 300 hot meals to homeless individuals and families. This includes those who live on the beach as well as those in an emergency shelter.

As a part of our outreach ministry the parish of St. Augustine will be collecting nonperishable food items and toiletries for the Outreach Ministry at Our Lady of Kea'au from Ash Wednesday through Palm Sunday. The food drive will end this next weekend, Palm Sunday.

The greatest need is for nonperishable food items, particularly canned meats and canned meals such as spaghetti and canned vegetables and fruit. Do not bring paper products.

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.

Parishioners remembered in prayer

The parishioners of St. Augustine will be remembered in the prayers and the works of the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts at Regina Pacis Convent **March 13-19**, 2016. If you have intentions you would like the Sisters to remember, please let the Sisters know by phone, mail or email.

Regina Pacis Community
1120 Fifth Ave.
Honolulu HI 96816-5828
Tel: 737-5822
Email: reginasscc@cs.com

Family Promise: Be a good steward

St. Augustine Parish will assist Holy Trinity Parish in its Family Promise ministry again in April. Each quarter, we assist our neighboring parish in this ministry for homeless families who are seeking to find permanent housing. St. Augustine's Tongan youth and young adults help by cleaning the house where the families stay. Our parish also provides dinner one night in the week. This quarter, we're planning a picnic for **April 30**.

Have a favorite picnic dish? Won't you consider sharing your talent, time and treasure by helping with the picnic supper?

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.

Congratulations/ Ho'omaika'i

On behalf of our parish community, our visitors and friends I would like to extend our heartfelt "Ho'omaika'i" to Aunty Leimoni, Kauhane Aiu and members of Keali'ika 'a Punihonua Ke'ena A'o Hula for 32 years of commitment to our Hawaiian culture and its spirituality, its mele/song and hula/dance. We as a parish community are grateful for your presence and continued support of St. Augustine. We know that Akua/God will continue to bless and guide you, Aunty Leimoni, and your Hula halau. We are the beneficiaries of your gift. Mahalo nui loa for all that you do. Me ke aloha pumehana.

— Fr. Lane K. Akiona ss.cc.

Book Fair March 19-20

The Daughters of St. Paul, who are missioned at the Pauline Book & Media Center at 1143 Bishop St., will hold a book fair **March 19 and 20** after all the Masses. They will have religious books, music CDs, DVDs and religious articles. The selection will include Bibles, lives of saints, prayer books, and reading materials for all ages. If you have any special requests, please call the Pauline Book & Media Center at 521-2731.

Catholic Relief Services collection

Next weekend, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people. Next week, please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and help Jesus in disguise.

Faith sharing meets March 21

St. Augustine's faith sharing group meets **Monday, March 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. Download the encyclical: <http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/index.html>.

Stewardship of treasure

Collection for the week ended March 6: \$8,950.90

2nd collection for maintenance fund: \$5,519.98

Children's collection: \$67.00

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