

# St. Augustine by-the-sea Church

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## Sunday Liturgy

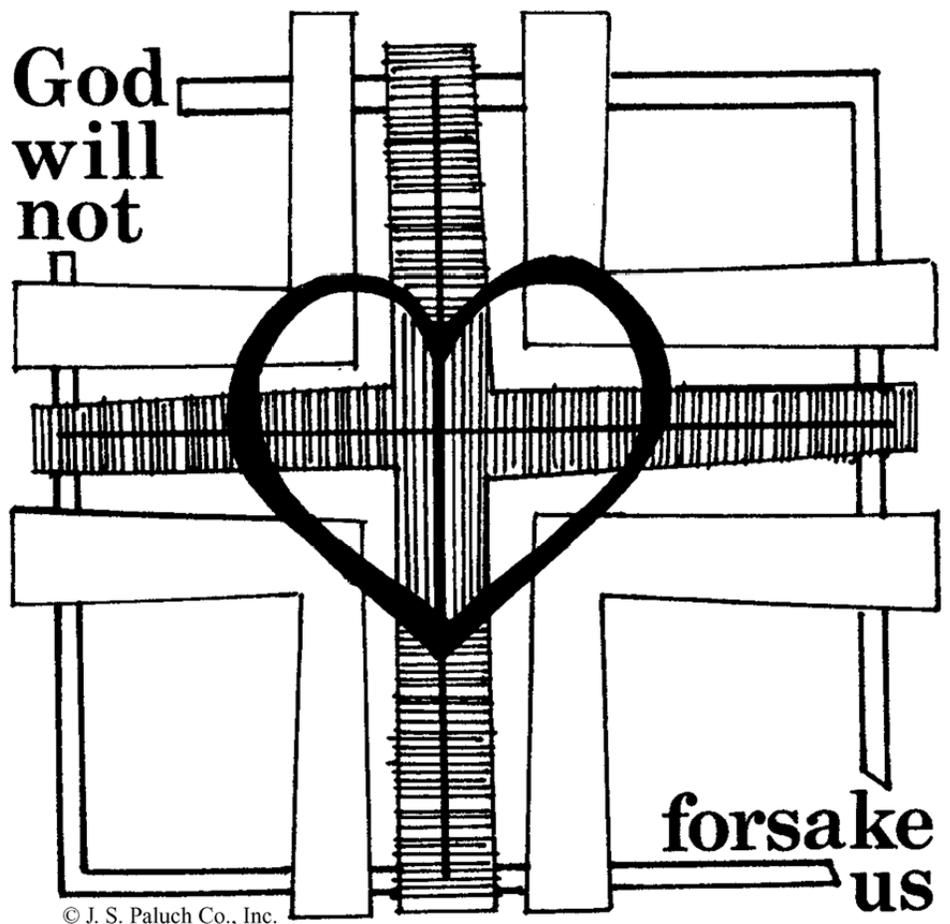
5 p.m. Saturday

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*

*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](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, March 6—Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Liturgical color: Violet/Rose

6 a.m. Mass—R/S Henry Zak; S/I Purie Cortez (thanksgiving)

8 a.m. Mass—Fr. Lusius Nimu (birthday); R/S Zeb Rich, Jean Orig

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Dr. Orlando Sanidad (healing),

Sheena Moroney (healing), Sage and the Kong Kee Family

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Sacramento Family, living and deceased;

R/S Catalino Sacramento

### **Monday, March 7—Sts. Perpetua and Felicity**

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass

### **Tuesday, March 8—St. John of God**

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Ellamae Reyes

5 p.m. Mass

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

### **Wednesday, March 9—St. Frances of Rome**

Liturgical color: Violet

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, March 10**

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

### **Friday, March 11**

Day of Abstinence

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

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 12**

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Rose Varaljai (100th birthday)

Church & grounds cleaning: Altar Rosary Society and Knights of Columbus

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Sage and the Kong Kee Family, Rose Varaljai (100th birthday)

# Breaking open the Word

## *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

On this 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, in the second half of Lent in this Year of Mercy, we hear the powerful story of forgiveness and compassion, the parable of the Prodigal Son. He was the son who squandered his money, lived a dissolute life and then, when he reached rock bottom, returned home repentant. Did he get a tongue-lashing? No. Did he have to beg for forgiveness? No. Rather, his return was celebrated by his father. Indeed, in Luke's Gospel account, the father saw the son from a distance and ran to him, embracing him.

The older brother, however, had trouble with the father's compassion and celebration. Why the celebration for someone who squandered money and lived *la dolce vita*? He'd been the dutiful, respectful son while the other brother had lived the fun life. And so bitterness set in when the younger brother was showered with love and forgiveness.

What the older brother, in his bitterness, could see was that it was really he who had been living the good life – a rich and fulfilled life – not the younger brother, who was living a shallow empty life.

“My son, you are here with me always, everything I have is yours.” Those are the words of the father to the older brother, showing just as much compassion to the son consumed by bitterness as the son now repentant for his indolence and indulgence. Does not God also shower us with the same love and compassion, whether we are like the older brother or the younger?

Our challenge is to live in gratitude. There is grace in every encounter in our lives: in every family, church, workplace and community duty. We can succumb to bitterness, like the older brother, or we can realize that it is those who live within the compassion of God, who learn empathy through their responsibilities and challenges who truly live life.

*Anne Harpham*

### **Readings**

**First Reading** — God's people enter the promised land, observe the Passover, and eat of the produce of the land (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12)

**Psalm** — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34)

**Second Reading** — We are now ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

**Gospel** — We must rejoice when our brother who was dead in sin repents and comes back to life (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)

### **Weekday**

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7; Jn 7:40-53

### **Next Sunday's reading**

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

# Daily Prayer

The gospels this week make it very clear that Jesus faced opposition that couldn't accept who he is. We see that Jesus comes to lay down his life that we might live. So, this week of Lent is an important time for us to ask ourselves if there are any parts of our hearts, any of our patterns, that oppose Jesus and his desire to give us life. This kind of honesty can transform our lives. It can allow the grace of God to bring reconciliation and healing we might not have imagined.

Even if it hasn't been easy to get really engaged with Lent so far, we can still make a beginning. The key is openness and desire. If we can feel any attraction, any sign that the Lord is possibly drawing us, then the Lord can work with us - no matter what resistance or fear we might also be experiencing. All we have to do is simply ask the Lord for the grace to help us be more honest and more open to what he is offering us.

For example, we can ask for the grace to examine our consciences more thoroughly. We could try a different approach to facing any resistance we might have to the Lord's working in us. We might not commit the big sins, but we may not have examined what we fail to do. Who am I failing to love, to forgive, to be generous to? From whom am I withholding affection, care, reconciliation? Where can I live more honestly, with more integrity? How might I change my own personal patterns of escape with patterns of care for others?

It is a time of grace when we experience moments of “recognition,” or self-understanding. But it is *not* a grace to beat up on ourselves or become self-absorbed in our own guilt. It *is* grace to feel grateful to the Lord for showing us obstacles to the life he is offering us. It is grace to feel our spirits lighten as we feel drawn to greater freedom and peace. It is incredible grace when we are drawn to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This week, let us give thanks to the Lord who deeply desires our greater freedom and joy. At the end of the day, let us thank the Lord for what we saw that day and renew our desires for the next day of grace.

*Creighton University Online Ministries*

## Operation Rice Bowl

Every Lent, Catholics in the United States do something amazing.



Their prayers, fasting and almsgiving become lifesaving aid for millions of individuals living in conditions of poverty around the world. The hungry are fed; the thirsty are given drink; the homeless find shelter. And this has been going on for more than 40 years. That's the impact of CRS Rice Bowl. That's how what you give up for Lent can change lives. A simple cardboard box—a CRS Rice Bowl—inspires prayers, fasting and almsgiving within Catholic families across the U.S., and delivers hope to millions around the world. Rice Bowls are available at the church entrances.

Through CRS Rice Bowl, we devote our Lenten prayers, fasting and gifts to change the lives of the poor. Let the CRS Rice Bowl be your ticket to global solidarity as you pray, fast, learn and give this Lent in order to change the lives of our brothers and sisters in need.

# LENT

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

## 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. Fasting purifies us 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 gadget? Do I share with the poor?

## Penance

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** 6:30-6:45 am. and 4:30-4:45 pm. Tuesday-Thursday; 3-4 pm. Saturday.



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**Holy Thursday Mass: 7 p.m. March 24**

**Good Friday service: 3 p.m. March 25**

**Easter Vigil: 7 p.m. March 26**

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

The Good Friday collection will support the work of the Franciscans in the Holy Land. All money collected throughout the United States on Good Friday is used to care for the people and places of 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.

## Stewardship and Lent: Almsgiving

Dean Martin echoed a basic truth in his signature song, “Everybody Loves Somebody.” Love’s reach extends beyond song and art into religion. Jesus, whose life is our greatest lesson about love, identified love as the path to salvation. Love goes beyond well-wishing to action, the “laying down” of life. Jesus saved us through giving. He gave us himself.



We’ve all experienced the joy of giving, the excitement of presenting an unsolicited gift or a particularly generous one. We enjoy witnessing the joy our gift brings. Parents experience this when they give to young children. We all experience it when we give to a friend, a neighbor, a charity, a stranger.

However, the warm feeling that accompanies giving is the least important part of the experience. The truth is we need to give because we grow by giving. The world would have us believe that we grow by getting: the more I have, the more I am. In this view, persons are defined by things. Personal possessions count more than personal qualities, like character and virtue. But a fast car or a flashy cellphone is a poor means of self-expression. In order to express ourselves, we need to share our uniqueness with others, to create and to give.

Giving allows us to grow socially. We need relationships and relationships are enriched by giving.

Giving helps us to understand the true purpose of our possessions. We should own things in order to increase our ability to serve others. Do our possessions also extend our ability to love? If they are shared with others, they can.

We sometimes hold back our giving because of fear. If I volunteer my time and donate my money, will I have enough left for me? Am I willing to risk sacrifice? Giving and sacrifice strengthen relationships. And when we give, we strengthen the community. As St. Paul says, “Love never fails” (1 Corinthians 13:8).

We all have a need to give – a need to love “somebody sometime.” Because God loved us first, he has given us abundant life and a unique combination of gifts. Through our baptism, Jesus calls us to join his mission of salvation, and our gifts are tools which contribute to that mission. When we give, we obey the first commandment, we practice the greatest virtue, and we reveal ourselves as Christian stewards.

*International Catholic Stewardship Council*

## Stewardship of treasure

**Collection for the week ended Feb. 28: \$10,191.02**

**Children’s collection: \$23.00**

## 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. This annual Lenten food drive brings home to us the very real needs of so many of our brothers and sisters. Drop off your nonperishable food items (particularly canned meats and canned meals such as spaghetti and canned vegetables and fruit) and unopened toiletries in marked boxes in the church.

## 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." You may download the encyclical at <http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/index.html> or you may purchase copies of the book at Pauline Book and Media Center.

## 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.

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## 2nd collection for repair fund

The second collection next weekend will be for the parish repair and maintenance fund. Your donations support necessary repairs and upkeep of our beautiful church.

## "Glory in His Soul"

Glory in His Soul, a one-hour musical drama based on the life of Hawaii's first Christian, Henry Opukaha'ia, will be presented April 23 and 24 at 6 p.m. at Kalihi Union Church. Admission is free. The program includes three original songs, two hymns and a hula depicting Henry's prayer of salvation. The program is put on by the Randy and Gay Hongo Music Education Center.

## Jubilee Year Weekend of Mercy Sponsored by the Marianist Center of Hawaii

Morning of Recollection

**Saturday, March 12 – 8:30am – 12 noon**

Mystical Rose Oratory~Chaminade/St. Louis campus  
*Following Pope Francis' Call for a "Tenderness Revolution"*

Prayer Liturgy with Marty Haugen

Inspiring Reflections from :

~Mark Patterson, former WCCC warden and now HYCF warden

~Dr. Janet Davidson, – Chaminade criminal justice professor

~Kimmy Takata – witness for power of faith-based tenderness

~Catholic Relief Services – University Student Ambassadors

To register, call 232-6691 or go to [marianisthawaii.wordpress.com](http://marianisthawaii.wordpress.com) Suggested donation:\$20.

## Mackey Lecture

**Sunday, March 13—4 p.m.**

**"Pope Francis and The Jubilee Year of Mercy"**

**Marty Haugen**

**Mystical Rose Oratory**

Marty is fresh from a recent concert and speaking tour of most of the major cities of Australia. Inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudate Si* and his declaration of a Holy Year with the theme of a Jubilee Year of Mercy, Mr. Haugen designs his presentation to give special meaning to this special year. What is a Holy Year? What is a Jubilee Year of Mercy? What is God calling us to today? These are some of the questions that Marty will explore in his presentation.



Marty Haugen is a liturgical composer, workshop presenter, performing and recording artist & author from Eagan, Minnesota. For the past 30 years, Marty has presented workshops and concerts across North and Central America, Europe, Asia and the Pacific.

## Sidewalk remodeling

The City and County will soon continue the remodeling of 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. We are looking at other options, such as parking offsite, valet parking, etc. Pray that we all have patience and understanding.