

# St. Augustine Church by-the-sea

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*Pastoral associate*

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## Sunday Liturgy

5 p.m. Saturday

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

## Daily Liturgy

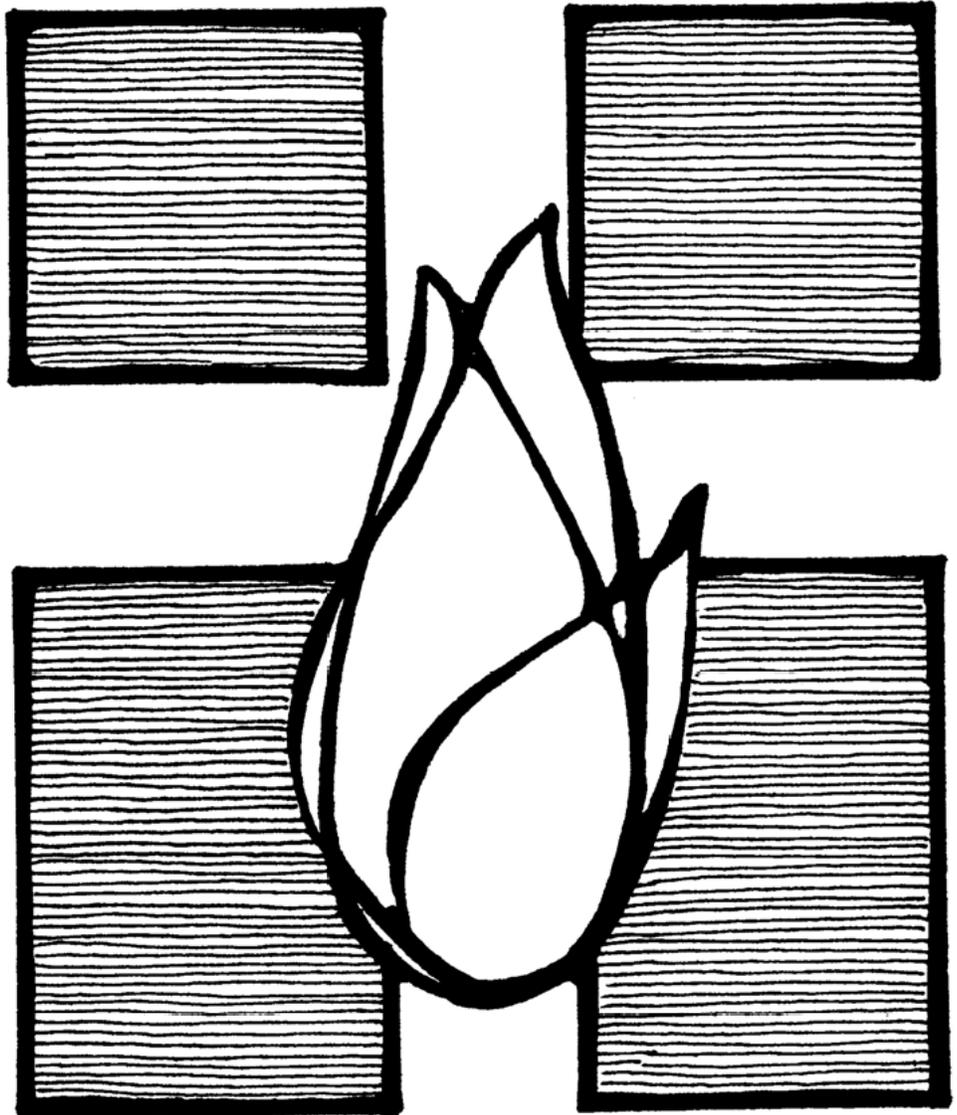
7 a.m. Monday-Saturday

5 p.m. Monday-Thursday



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

*-- St. Augustine of Hippo*



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## **St. Augustine by-the-sea Parish**

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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, Aug. 28—22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Liturgical color: Green

6 a.m. Mass—R/S Rita Shimabuku, Richard Mau, Rosalie Huch

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Jerry Galang, Pua Bow

10 a.m. Mass— R/S Zeb Rich; S/I Sage and the Kong Kee Family

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Walter Mackowski

### **Monday, Aug. 29--The Passion of St. John the Baptist**

Liturgical color: Red

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

5:45 p.m. Pastoral Council meeting, Damien Meeting Room

### **Tuesday, Aug. 30**

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass

6 p.m. Marriage preparation in the church

### **Wednesday, Aug. 31**

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

5:30 a.m. Wedding rehearsal

6 p.m. Knights of Columbus officers' meeting, Damien Meeting Room

### **Thursday, Sept. 1**

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

11:30 a.m. Wedding

5 p.m. Mass

5:30 p.m. Wedding rehearsal

### **Friday, Sept. 2**

First Friday

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Sala Shafer (birthday)

Benediction and adoration

2 p.m. Wedding

### **Saturday, Sept. 3—St. Gregory the Great**

First Saturday

Liturgical color: White

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Anna Magy

Church & grounds cleaning: Tongan Society—A/President's Mystery

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

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Sage and the Kong Kee Family, Hongyeun Kim & Eun-jung Cho; R/S Herbert Texeira

# Breaking open the Word

## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Jesus told a parable about a person who thinks that he is as important as others. He doesn't hesitate to sit in the VIPs' place before the host tells him to sit in that place. He assumes that nobody is as important as himself.

If our main concern in life is to make ourselves look important, eventually we will be considering others as less important than us. However, when we seek adulation or acknowledgment from others, there may be some embarrassing situations happen.

When one is free from craving acknowledgment, he or she will know that one's quality of life is inherent in his or her being and not in the way other people would perceive him or her. When we also understand this, then we are capable of treating others genuinely. We treat others well not simply because of his or her status in society but because they are God's creatures like us.

Jesus' concern is not the world's acknowledgment but God's, whose eyes are not discriminatory. He knows that what is important in life is not what people might think or their opinion of others but the integrity that he genuinely built based on his relationship with God who is Love and Truth. He built his personal integrity by being a man of compassion and wisdom knowing what is right and wrong. May we learn from Him the futility of relying on others' acknowledgment and build our own integrity by being faithful to the truth and life. For God favors those who seek his truth and learn from Him to be people of integrity.

*Fr. Benny Kosasih, ss.cc.*

### Readings

**First Reading** — Conduct your affairs with humility and God will favor you (Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29).

**Psalms** — God, in your goodness you have made a home for the poor (Psalm 68).

**Second Reading** — You have approached Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant (Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a).

**Gospel** — When invited to dine, take the lowest place. Those who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 14:1, 7-14).

### Weekday

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119; Mk 6:17-29  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145; Lk 4:31-37  
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33; Lk 4:38-44  
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24; Lk 5:1-11  
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37; Lk 5:33-39  
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145; Lk 6:1-5

### Next Sunday's reading

Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

## Daily Prayer

Among the many healing stories in this week's gospels is the story of the call of Peter. It is powerful for us because we see the very human moment of Peter's self-doubt: he realizes the power of Jesus, falls down in an awareness of his own sinfulness and wants Jesus to turn away from him because he is too sinful.

All of us can have moments of feeling we are unworthy - and the truth is that we can never

be worthy of the unending love Jesus offers us. But how blessed we are if we realize that we are loved without limits even though we have done nothing to deserve that kind of love.

Knowing in a balanced humility that we are sinful is not a bad thing - but if we get stuck there, and are tempted to turn away from Jesus as Peter did, then we have become more focused on ourselves than on the love we are being offered. This week is a week to rejoice in that love and healing Jesus wants to give us. It is a prayer we can carry throughout our days.

Each morning as we awake, we can ask the Lord to open our hearts in gratitude for what we will be offered this day. We might pause to imagine ourselves being healed and touched by Jesus. For just a moment, we might see Jesus in front of us, his eyes filled with such love, reaching out to give our ears or tongue a healing touch; to lift us from an invalid's bed or to drive the unclean spirits from us.

Throughout the day we can remember that gentle touch from Jesus and ask him to continue drive out any of those unclean spirits we may be carrying today. What is Jesus calling me to? Who am I being invited to listen to and speak on behalf of today? Who will come across my path today that needs Jesus' healing through my own care and kind words?

*Dearest Jesus, be with me in this day. I can feel how much I long for a deeper connection with you, and yet I am ashamed of my weaknesses. Touch my heart so that I might be open to your healing love.*

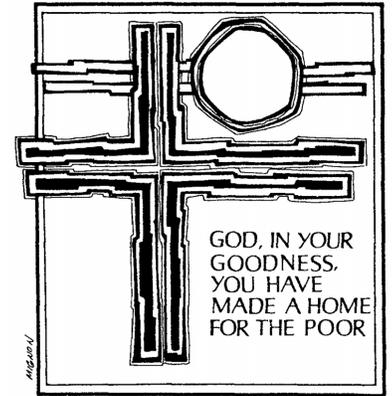
*Let me be open to all of those you put in my life today and let me be aware of their needs and care for them before I worry about my own. Give me an awareness of the love that is already there for me and a generosity of heart that allows me to share it with others.*

*Creighton University Online Ministries*

## Attention social ministry volunteers!

Whether you feed the hungry, visit those in prison, give comfort to the bereaved, welcome the stranger, reach out to the hurting or provide basic necessities for the poor - all who do Social Ministry are encouraged to attend our vicariate ENRICHMENT GATHERING on Saturday, September 10, 2016 from 8:30 AM till 12 Noon at the Co-Cathedral of St Theresa.

Call the Diocesan Office for Social Ministry at 203-6702 to RSVP your attendance TODAY! You can also email your response to [itamashiro@rcchawaii.org](mailto:itamashiro@rcchawaii.org).



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## FROM THE PASTOR:

### Ho'omaika'i St. Augustine

Mahalo Ke Akua for blessing our parish community of St. Augustine for the past 162 years. Our parish has seen many changes from the days of its first beginnings until today. Our church stands tall and proud of the legacy that has been given to us to continue. As a people of faith, we must be steadfast in our resolve to bear witness to Jesus Christ and his principles of MERCY and LOVE. This is all that is needed today. Let us learn from our kupuna (ancestors) who came before us so that we carry on their heritage of dedication, faithfulness and strengthen of faith. Let us remember those in heaven who continue to pray for us, so that our heritage will continue.

Mahalo nui loa to all those who attended our 2016 Ho'ohalia Gala event at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel. All enjoyed themselves with exceptional fellowship, food, entertainment by Raiatea Helm and especially the numerous raffle items. Some of my treasured framed Hawaiian quilts, koa box, etc. found new homes to be enjoyed. Blessings to all who participated in this annual event.

Join me in always praising and thanking Akua/God for all that we have received and as good stewards let us return to him in thanksgiving what is His.

Me ke aloha pumehana. I remain,

**Fr. Lane Akiona, ss.cc.**

### A remembrance of Hawaii

Unique crosses made of driftwood, sea glass and shells by a Hawaii artist are available here at St. Augustine after Mass or in the parish office during office hours. These crosses are one-of-a-kind creations, masterpieces of the sea and are a beautiful remembrance of Hawaii. Come after Mass outside the church and see them for yourself. They will be available the second and fourth Sundays of each month. They are sure to be a unique remembrance of your time in Hawaii.



### Notecards and rosaries

The Altar Rosary Society is selling 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.

### Religious education begins Sept. 18

All children from second grade through high school who are not in Catholic school must be enrolled in a regular faith formation program. St. Augustine's 2016-17 religious education classes begin **Sunday, Sept 18**, which is Catechetical Sunday. Register your children by calling the parish office, 923-7024.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has chosen the theme of "Prayer: The Faith Prayed" for Catechetical Sunday this year. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

### RCIA begins Sept. 14

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) was established by the Church for individuals who wish to become Catholic.

This class, over 10 months, takes inquirers and catechumens through the tenets of our faith, Scripture and Tradition, the sacraments, liturgy, faith sharing and spiritual growth, morality and conscience and justice and peace issues.

St. Augustine's 2016-17 RCIA program begins **Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Damien Meeting Room. Please call the parish office to register in advance of the first class.

### Session offered at Capitol on program mandated by the state

Catholic parents face a heroic challenge as they raise their children in a culture that does not always support the values of their faith. Today, children are literally bombarded with media influences that trivialize human sexuality and schools have sex education programs that are dissociated from moral principles. Beginning this school year (2016-2017), the state of Hawaii now mandates the teaching sexuality education in all public schools starting with Kindergarten.

In order for parents/guardians to understand what this policy mandate means for their children and families, all are invited to an hour long presentation at the state capitol auditorium on Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM. The program, "Alert, Empower and Engage," is being put together by Representatives Bob McDermott, Andria Tupola, and Gene Ward.

Information will be provided so that all will have the opportunity to make an informed decision regarding the education of their children.

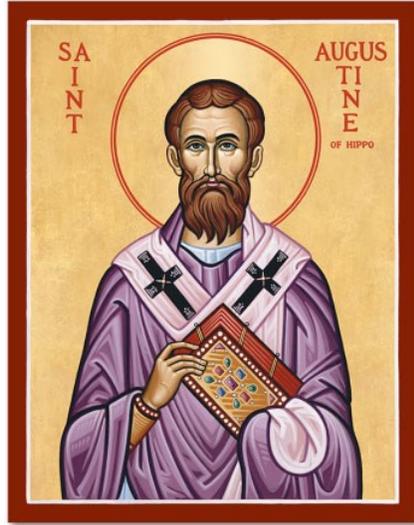
### Stewardship of treasure

**Collection for the week ended Aug 21: \$7,387.30**

**2nd collection/Augustine Legacy of Giving: \$3,636.38**

# St. Augustine of Hippo

*“Too late have I loved you, O Beauty of ancient days, yet ever new! Too late I loved you! And behold, you were within, and I abroad, and there I searched for you; I was deformed, plunging amid those fair forms, which you had made. You were with me, but I was not with you. Things held me far from you—things which, if they were not in you, were not at all. You called, and shouted, and burst my deafness. You flashed and shone, and scattered my blindness. You breathed odors and I drew in breath—and I pant for you. I tasted, and I hunger and thirst. You touched me, and I burned for your peace” (St. Augustine, Confessions).*



A Christian at 33, a priest at 36, a bishop at 41: Many people are familiar with the biographical sketch of Augustine of Hippo, sinner turned saint. But really to get to know the man is a rewarding experience.

There quickly surfaces the intensity with which he lived his life, whether his path led away from or toward God. The tears of his mother, the instructions of Ambrose and, most of all, God himself speaking to him in the Scriptures redirected Augustine’s love of life to a life of love.

Having been so deeply immersed in creature-pride of life in his early days and having drunk deeply of its bitter dregs, it is not surprising that Augustine should have turned, with a holy fierceness, against the many demon-thrusts rampant in his day. His times were truly decadent—politically, socially, morally. He was both feared and loved, like the Master. The perennial criticism leveled against him: a fundamental rigorism.

In his day, he providentially fulfilled the office of prophet. Like Jeremiah and other greats, he was hard-pressed but could not keep quiet. “I say to myself, I will not mention him,/I will speak in his name no more./But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart,/imprisoned in my bones;/I grow weary holding it in,/I cannot endure it” (Jeremiah 20:9).

Augustine, whose feast day is Aug. 28, is still a prophet for today, trumpeting the need to scrap escapisms and stand face-to-face with personal responsibility and dignity.

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## Parish Calendar

- Aug. 29 Pastoral Council meeting, 5:45 p.m. Damien Meeting Room.  
Marriage Preparation, 6-9 p.m., Church
- Sept. 3 St. Augustine Closet, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.,  
Damien Meeting Room
- Sept. 4 Hospitality Sunday. Join us for pastries and  
coffee after morning Masses.  
Second collection for parish repair and  
maintenance fund.
- Sept. 5 Labor Day. Parish office and Aunty  
Carmen’s Kitchen closed.
- Sept. 6 Marriage Preparation, 6-9 p.m., Church
- Sept. 12 Knights of Columbus, 6 p.m., Damien  
Meeting Room
- Sept. 13 Marriage Preparation, 6-9 p.m., Church
- Sept. 14 RCIA, 6:30 p.m., Damien Meeting Room
- Sept. 18 Religious education, 9 a.m., annex building

### Aunty Carmen's Kitchen

We are looking for a part-time cook for the kitchen. Working hours are 10 hours a week. If interested please contact Fr. Lane or Deacon Andy. Mahalo

### St. Augustine Closet open Sept. 3

The Altar Rosary Society Closet will open on **Saturday, Sept. 3 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.



**The Diocese of Honolulu will celebrate its 75th Anniversary with a special Mass presided by Bishop Larry Silva. Saturday, September 10, 2016 10:00 a.m. Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace**

