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St. Augustine Church by-the-sea

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



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*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, Dec. 4—Second Sunday of Advent

Liturgical color: Violet

6 a.m. Mass—R/S Henry Zak

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Pua Bow, Jerry Galang; S/I Jocelyn and Douglas Reyes

9 a.m. Religious education, Annex Building

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Sage & the Kong Kee Family; R/S Zeb Rich, Fr. Joseph Priestley

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Purie Cortez (thanksgiving); R/S Viola Palepale; Sione Manupuna

Monday, Dec. 5

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Carlinn Reyes (birthday); R/S Ausasala Palepale

Tuesday, Dec. 6—St. Nicholas

Liturgical color: Violet/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

8 p.m. Tongan Choir, Annex Building, upstairs

Wednesday, Dec. 7—St. Ambrose

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Purie Cortez (thanksgiving); R/S Saturnino, Pilar & Julie Idefonso

5 p.m. Mass

8 p.m. Tongan Choir, Annex Building, upstairs

Thursday, Dec. 8—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America

Holy Day of Obligation

PARISH OFFICE AND AUNTY CARMEN'S KITCHEN CLOSED

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Abraham & Rosenda Foronda

5 p.m. Mass

Friday, Dec. 9—St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Liturgical color: Violet/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Jocelyn Reyes (birthday)

Saturday, Dec. 10

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Church cleaning: Tongan Society: President's Mystery

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Sage & the Kong Kee Family; R/S Patrick Park

8 p.m. Tongan Choir, Annex Building, upstairs



Breaking open the Word

Second Sunday of Advent

*A voice of one crying out in the desert,
Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.*

John the Baptist came from the desert and he said, “Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand.” He urged people to prepare the straight way for the Lord, referring not to a physical path but to a right disposition of mind and heart. His message came from his concern about direct relationship with God. In his time, people were getting far away from an intimate relationship with God. He invited people to get back to the pure understanding of the presence of God in the now.

When John heard the Pharisees and Sadducees asking to be baptized, he spontaneously criticized them. John caught their subtle intention. They were only curious to know what they would get from John’s baptism. What do I get if I repent? Is it worthwhile? They lost direct perception of what was false and what was true about their own life. Repentance is an expression of having found God or having had an encounter with the truth that liberates the person from his bondage. The repentance itself is a profound grace. The one who really repents would never ask, what will I get if I repent? Therefore, while simple people could reflect on their own life and express their repentance through baptism, the Pharisees and Sadducees used baptism as an experiment. That is why John the Baptist called them a “brood of vipers.”

John then referred to Jesus as the one who will give people another kind of baptism. “I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” Jesus’ baptism is more than a sign of repentance. It is about the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit who is the spirit of wisdom will lead people to a direct relationship with God. Both the intellectual and the emotional part will be balanced if we let Him work in us. May this Advent be the time for us to be more open to the work of the Holy Spirit. Let Him reveal us to ourselves and liberate us from everything hidden and unnoticed that prevent us from experiencing the presence of God, the presence of happiness, peace, love, the sacred, and truth in our life.

Fr. Benny Kosasih ss.cc.

Daily Prayer

Finding intimacy with God in the midst of our busy lives begins with getting in touch with our own desires. Advent is a wonderful time to ask myself, “What am I looking for? What do I desire? What longing can I recognize in my heart?” The answers to those questions will be our best guide for daily prayer.

We can begin by trying to get in touch with a part of my heart that is divided, perhaps with a desert separating the two parts. For example, is there a disconnect between my primary commitments and the amount of time and attention that I give to them? Is there a distance between who I say I am and who I actually am? Do I experience something missing between what I believe and how I live those beliefs? We all have these contradictions and inconsistencies within us. These are the places into which we can let our Advent desiring grow. This week, we can imagine the prophet saying, “There will be a path between what is separate or divided or at a distance in your life!” or “What is desert, barren, dry and life-less in you will come to life!” We can hear, “You will find freedom and comfort, where you have been finding yourself in a captivity to pattern and routine, where you have felt weak and weary.” “Learn from the Lord and learn real wisdom.”

When one or more of these desires strikes a chord in our hearts, Advent begins for us. Each morning this week, we can turn to our God and simply ask: “Come, Lord. Come into this place, into this embarrassing place of need in my life.” Advent is about our coming to a felt sense of our need for a Savior and letting our Savior into our hearts to save us. Advent comes alive for us as we identify our desires and let them be expressed as longing and expectant hope. Into this space our Lord comes with good news, healing and a peace the world can’t give. As we taste our desires and longing grow, we can give thanks each evening before we go to bed, to acknowledge we are being given a great grace of a growing intimacy with our God, right in the midst of our very busy days.

Creighton University Online Ministries

Readings

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

Weekday

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday’s reading

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, on Thursday Dec. 8, is a holy day of obligation in the Diocese of Honolulu. Masses will be at 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Religious education holiday schedule

There will not be religious education classes for the following holiday weekends:

Sunday December 25

Sunday January 1

2017 envelopes available

Stewardship envelopes for those who give to St. Augustine using the envelope system are available in the sacristy. If you do not use envelopes and would like to begin, please call the parish office during office hours.

Advent Penance Services

The East Honolulu Advent Penance Services are:

December 5 @ 7 pm Newman/Holy Spirit

December 7 @ 6 pm Sts. Peter and Paul

December 13 @ 6:30 pm Mary, Star of the Sea

December 14 @ 6 pm St. Augustine

December 15 @ 7 pm Holy Trinity

Advent Parish Mission

The parish Advent Mission will be the evenings of Dec. 12 and 13. Our parish Advent Penance Service will be Dec. 14 at 6 p.m.

A Pilgrimage Through Time'

A Pilgrimage Through Time"
Celebrating the Year of Consecrated Life
in the Diocese of Honolulu
November 30, 2014-February 2, 2016

Have you ever wondered how the Catholic Church began in these islands? And who started the Catholic educational system and social ministry arm of the church in Hawaii?

Some of the answers can be found in this book dedicated to all the faithful of the Roman Catholic Church in Hawaii during the 10th anniversary year of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Larry Silva. Purchase a copy and share this valuable information with your loved ones. The cost is \$30 and proceeds help support vocations and the youth and young adults of St. Augustine parish.

National Night of Prayer for Life

The National Night of Prayer for Life, Dec. 8-9, has been organized to pray for an end to abortion. During the hour of unity, midnight to 1 a.m. EST (7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 8 Hawaii time), many will be united in prayer across the country.

Daughters of St. Paul Book Exhibit

The Daughters of St. Paul will be visiting our parish for a Book Exhibit December 10 and 11. Pauline Books & Media is part of their larger apostolic mission of spreading the Gospel through social communication. The Sisters will be bringing books for all ages, DVDs about the lives of Saints, music by the Daughters of St Paul Choir, and much more. These items will be available for purchase after the Masses. This is a great opportunity to purchase reading materials for yourself or gift someone with a book during this season of Advent and in anticipation for the Christmas season to come. You can visit their Pauline Books & Media Center at 1143 Bishop Street, Honolulu, HI 96813. Their hours of operation are Monday & Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Tuesday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Telephone number: [1-808-521-2731](tel:1-808-521-2731)

Stewardship of treasure

Collection for the week ended Nov. 27: \$7,409.77

Children's collection: \$9.00

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.

Box jellyfish collection

Knights of Columbus volunteers collected 63 box jellyfish Nov 22-24. They spent a little over an hour each day collecting the jellyfish and providing information to visitors and local residents about these stinging members of the ocean community. The next jellyfish influx will be Dec. 21-23. If you would like to join the Knights on their jellyfish project, they meet at 6:30 a.m. at St. Augustine Church parking lot. Contact Doc Hall at 808-312-3336.

Save the date!

The Parish Christmas Party will be January 7, 2017. Check future bulletins for more information.

Advent Prayer

By Henri Nouwen

Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparation for Christmas.
We who have so much to do
seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.
We who are anxious over many things
look forward to your coming among us.
We who are blessed in so many ways long for
the complete joy of your Kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy
seek the joy of our presence.
We are your people,
walking in darkness yet seeking the light.
To you we say
“Come, Lord Jesus.”
Amen.



Hospitality Sunday— Dec. 4

Please join us

This Sunday is Hospitality Sunday at St. Augustine Parish. Please join us for coffee, juice and pastry after Sunday morning Masses. Also, please get to know members of our Pastoral Council.

"We're excited for our Meet & Greet your Pastoral Council Members on Hospitality Sunday. We welcome our parishioners and visitors to join us after Mass to meet the Pastoral Council members, have some refreshments and share an idea or story on what you love about the church and/or what we can improve. I look forward to spending time with you."

*God Bless & Aloha,
Theresa Kong Kee Luke*

St. Augustine Pastoral Council

Chair: Theresa Kong Kee Luke

Secretary: Petronilla Sole

Council members

Liz Anderson

Zohn Cepeda (youth member)

Alamoni Copney

Maki Gallagher

Rick "Doc" Hall

Joseph Manlolo

Jennifer Ngo

Barbara Okamoto

Meet the Pastoral Council

(Each month we will showcase one member of the Pastoral Council.)

Consuelo Elizabeth Anderson, known as Liz to parishioners, serves on the Faith Formation Committee of the Pastoral Council. She also serves as lector and Eucharistic minister. Liz grew up in a large African-Filipino American Catholic household in San Francisco along with 10 siblings. Her family is in the book "Filipinos of San Francisco." In January, Liz and her husband, Peter, will celebrate 25 years of marriage. They have been parishioners at St. Augustine for almost 20 years.



Liz attended the University of San Francisco, where she graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Applied Economics, and Chaminade University, where she earned two Masters' degrees in Business Administration and Special Education.

Church is important to her because "it keeps what's important in life in front of me"

Her two favorite saints are St. Paul because of his eloquence and St. Josephine Bakita for her generous heart of forgiveness.

WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH AS A PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBER?

Before my council term ends, I would like to be instrumental in developing a program that helps visitors nurture their faith and bring a spiritual renewal to their lives before returning home. Is there a better place for a spiritual renewal than being in a place surrounded by water?