

St. Augustine Church by-the-sea

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Sunday Liturgy

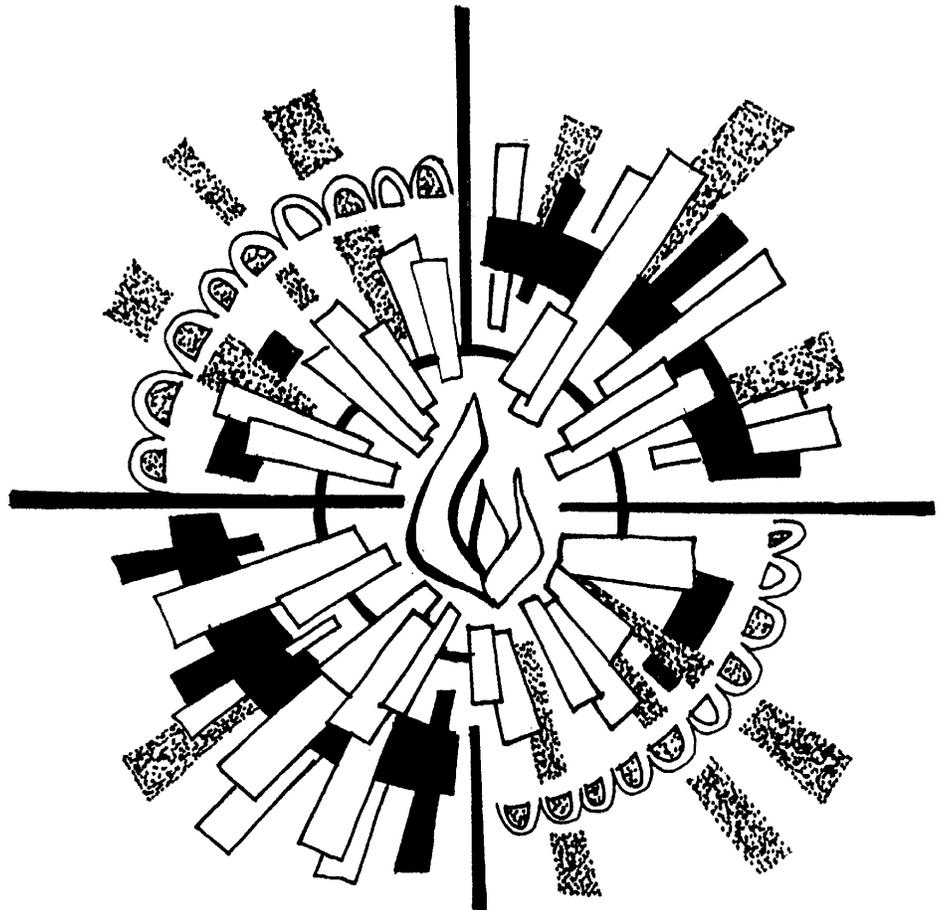
5 p.m. Saturday

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

Daily Liturgy

7 a.m. Monday-Saturday

5 p.m. Monday-Thursday



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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
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. Sat-
urday.

Baptism: Call the parish office for infor-
mation.

Marriage: Email [staugustineweddingcoor-
dinator@gmail.com](mailto:staugustineweddingcoor-
dinator@gmail.com) before making ar-
rangements.

Confirmation: Call the parish office for
information.

Funerals: Call the parish office when final-
izing 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 Initia-
tion 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, Feb. 26—Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical color: Green

6 a.m. Mass—S/I Kelly Navarro (healing)

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Jerry Galang

9 a.m. Religious education, Annex Building

10 a.m. Mass—R/S Cristiano Family

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Gentile Family

Monday, Feb. 27

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Bev Tavake (birthday)

Tuesday, Feb. 28

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Dr. Jorge Camara

5 p.m. Mass—In honor of the holy faith of Jesus

5:30-8:30 p.m. Mardi Gras party, church parking lot

Wednesday, March 1—Ash Wednesday

Day of fast and abstinence

Liturgical color: Violet

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

Thursday, March 2—Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Maria Luisa Opulencia

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Stanislaw Gac (birthday thanksgiving)

Friday, March 3—Friday after Ash Wednesday

Day of abstinence

First Friday

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Benediction and adoration

5 p.m. Mass

5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

6 p.m. Soup supper, Damien Courtyard

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

Saturday, March 4—Saturday after Ash Wednesday, St. Casimir

Liturgical color: Violet

7 a.m. Mass

Church cleaning; Tongan Society, President's Mystery

5 p.m. Mass



Breaking open the Word

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's gospel speaks of being anxious or having anxiety. It's interesting that it should speak of this and how we should react to it. For many of us, we do experience it from time to time, especially as we encounter challenges along the way.

Anxiety comes about when we need to make a decision, one way or another. We struggle through it all because we refuse or deny the reality of what is being asked of us. We hold fast to the saying "we want our cake and eat it too." The best of both worlds.

But Scripture today tells us we cannot have that. It is one or the other when it comes to our faith belief. We have to choose between God or something else. In the scripture it explains why we should choose God above everything else. It illustrates the greater value that each of us will obtain eternally. Nothing on this earth can compare to what it promises.

So the next time you are anxious about something, take out your Bible and read Matthew 6:24-34. You will find that only one thing that really matters: God should come first in your life.

Deacon Andy Calunod

Readings

First Reading — God will never forget you (Isaiah 49:14-15)

Psalms — Rest in God alone, my soul (Psalm 62).

Second Reading — Make no judgments; the Lord will judge (1 Corinthians 4:1-5).

Gospel — God feeds the bird and clothes the flowers. Do not be anxious; God knows all your needs (Matthew 6:24-34).

Weekday

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86; Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11

Daily Prayer

This week before Lent begins can be a great time for us to reflect upon the journey that each of us is on. We are on the road with Jesus and we sometimes seem to be partially blind. We hear him describe for us how much he wants us to be intimately involved in his self-giving love for others, yet our everyday concerns are too often self-absorbed. And, for the big decisions and small choices we continually face, we seek wisdom, clarity, the path that is just, honorable, even heroic. The readings for this week really can help us shape the desires we talk with our Lord about in the background of our daily journey each day.

We can start by asking for the grace not to be possessed by our possessions. A simple look around will help us get in touch with how attached we are to things that limit our availability to more completely follow Jesus. Even when we know how rewarding it is to follow our Lord, we are tempted to turn it into a temptation. Who doesn't ask, "Who is the greatest?" We need grace this week to be renewed in our conviction that our mission is as servants, placing ourselves at the needs of others before our own. It is difficult to know what we are unable to see. We can ask Jesus to heal our blindness and to allow us to follow him on the road, especially when it leads us to Jerusalem - taking up our crosses, out of grateful love.

Sometimes, the most ordinary of weeks can carry the deepest graces. The "work" we do to "place ourselves" in grace-filled situations is all about focus. It starts in the morning, in getting ourselves to a place in which we can name a need, a desire, which might not be very obvious, even though it is sitting in the center of our hearts. It takes a little practice to get good at this self-examination and humble openness to grace. After a while, it is so fulfilling, because it is so real.

One part of the joy of this journey is coming to realize, to experience personally, that the God I deeply desire to find, wants infinitely more to be in a loving relationship with me. In every Ordinary Time life, there are "good days" and "bad days," but in this type of daily prayer, none of our days is ever alone.

Creighton University Online Ministries

Stewardship

Servants of Christ

Saint Paul reminds us as baptized Christians, as those who have shared the Eucharist with one another, that we are "servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God." We are not to define ourselves by our age, ethnicity, gender, social status, work, vocation or avocation. Our primary self-understanding should be that of servants and stewards of the Lord and all that has been entrusted to us. Can we accept this self-understanding? Do we find it encouraging?

International Catholic Stewardship Council

LENT

Lent begins on Wednesday, March 1, and the readings make God's call to us clear: "Return to me with your whole heart." 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 many opportunities to grow in Lent:

Prayer

Daily Mass: Monday-Friday 7 a.m. & 5 p.m.; Saturday 7 a.m.

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

Stations of the Cross: 5:30 p.m. Friday, 7 p.m. in Tongan

Build prayer into your daily life through online resources: Sacredspace.ie, Prayingeachday.org, ebreviary.com, apostleshipofprayer.org, lectio.americanbible.org

2017 Lenten Regulations

FASTING

☐ Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday (March 1) and Good Friday (April 14).

☐ To *fast* means to consume one full meal a day at most; taking of smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes is permitted. Food and drink between meals (except water and medicine) is not permitted.

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.

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 (June 11).

LENTEN PRACTICES

☐ The faithful are encouraged to attend daily Mass, receive Holy Communion, participate in penance services, and receive sacramental absolution; 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 poor; practice self-denial, especially food, drink, and worldly amusements; and pray fervently, particularly for the intentions of the Holy Father.

Lenten food drive for the homeless

Every week the outreach ministry of Our Lady of Kea'au on the Waianae Coast serves hot meals and provides food packages to homeless individuals and families.

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, unopened 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.

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 Penance services

Communal Lenten Penance services with individual confessions will be offered:

March 16 @ 7 pm Holy Trinity
March 20 @ 6 pm St. Augustine
March 22 @ 7 pm St. Patrick
March 22 @ 7 pm Sacred Heart
March 28 @ 6:15 pm Mary, Star of the Sea

CRS Rice Bowl — encountering Lent

Join our faith community in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl at entrances to the church and don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app. May these 40 days of Lent better prepare us to encounter ourselves, our neighbors and our God.

What about "giving up something"

When many of us were children, we gave up candy for Lent. As we grew up, it was often more difficult to decide what to do, to make Lent special.

What would help me grow in freedom? That's the question to ask. For some of us, it could be, committing ourselves to give up judging others. For others, it could be giving up a bad habit. For many of us, the choice may not be to give something up, but to add something to our daily lives. We may commit ourselves to extra prayer time or service to the poor. We may choose to increase our almsgiving, perhaps related to something we choose not to do, e.g., some might choose not to go out to eat one night a week.

Whether it is fasting, abstaining or other acts of penance, the whole desire we should have is to use these means to help us grow closer to our Lord and prepare ourselves "to celebrate the paschal mystery with minds and hearts renewed." (First Preface of Lent)

A report from Deacon Andy

A report from Deacon Andy last week on how he is doing:

First week at home to recover from surgery. Implicit instructions on what I cannot do. Simple things like opening and closing a car door. No use of arms to carry anything 5 pounds and over or to help me stand up from a sitting position. This is a challenge by force of habit. Light exercise as the body permits.

2. Second week doctors visits with surgeon, primary care provider, cardiologists, and others. Increase exercise to body tolerance.

3. Third week follow up appointments. Continue to increase exercise as tolerable.

4. Fourth week I'm allowed to drive. So most likely I will be in the office from then on. However, maybe sooner if I am physically able to do things.

5. My re-hab program may start at this time. Two weekly sessions of 4 hours each for nine weeks. I should be back to normal activities during this time.

Each day I take my temperature, weigh myself, take my sugar level, and blood pressure. And record the information in a log. Since they have put me on a blood thinner, I have to be monitored. I am now a vegetarian and hopefully it will clear my arteries in the long term.

I am doing okay and recovering a little bit more each day. Coffee or tea is no longer in my diet. Even decaf ones. The incisions are healing together and can feel the nerves connecting. Sometimes it is a bit painful but manageable. It sure is a big incision and a great reminder to be mindful of what I eat. It can happen again.

My best to all for thoughts and prayers which really did help me to persevere a serious challenge and most importantly strengthen my faith even further. It is an experience of a lifetime.

Deacon Andy Calunod

Adult classes for Confirmation

Classes for any adult over the age of 18 who has not received the sacrament of Eucharist or Confirmation will be offered during the Lenten Season. Contact the parish office for more information.

Let it be done.....

A reflection on the Feast of the Annunciation

Sponsored by St. Anthony Retreat Center



Where: Rose Hill at St. Anthony Retreat Center

When: Saturday, March 25, 9 a.m. to noon
Call to register. Light refreshments will be served.

Donations accepted.

For more information or to register: 845-0065

Mardi Gras party: Feb. 28

Mardi Gras Night -Theme: Year of the Rooster

When: Tuesday, February 28th

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Where: St. Augustine Church parking lot

Come and join us for fun, food, entertainment & win a lucky number.

Tickets will be sold after Mass and in the parish office.

Donation: \$10.00 per person

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 12-18, 2017. 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

Knights of Columbus car wash 3/11

The Knights of Columbus are having their spring car wash Saturday March 11 in the Church parking lot from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cars are \$8 trucks and vans are \$10. The Knights will be selling tickets after all the Masses.

The Knights want everyone to know that we are an inclusive group, we will wash clean cars as well dirty cars.

Reporting our Stewardship

Beginning March 1, with the Season of Lent, we will publish the income of our parish every quarter. It may seem that the Church has lots of financial resources to function; in actuality this is far from the truth.

We have financially managed what we have received from people's generous stewardship. We will publish those organizations that the parish supports as part of our sharing outside of ourselves.

There will definitely be a different focus on how reporting of our stewardship is made to our parish community. Mahalo in advance for your understanding and continued kokua.

Fr. Lane

Stewardship of treasure

Collection for the week ended Feb. 19: \$9,790.05

2nd collection for SS.CC retirement fund: \$5,766.44

Children's collection: \$53.00