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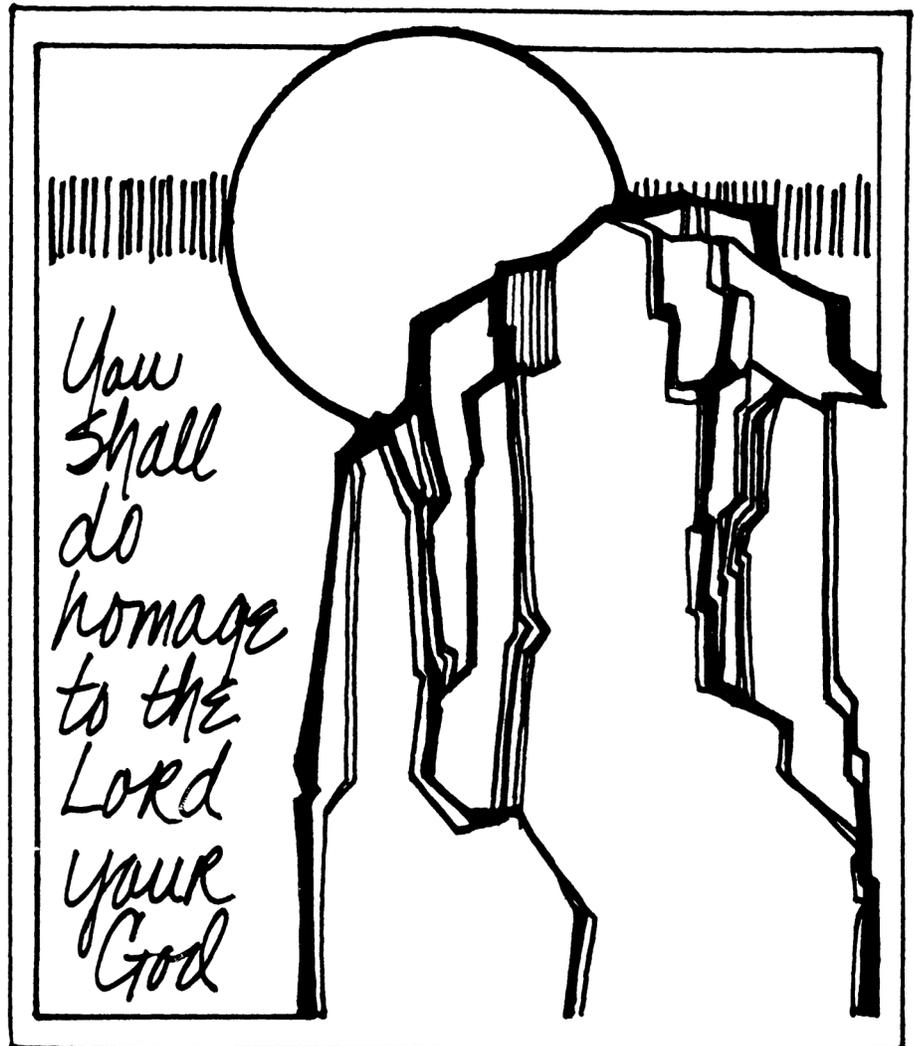
# St. Augustine Church by-the-sea

## 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*

*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. Sat-  
urday.

Baptism: Call the parish office for infor-  
mation.

Marriage: Email [staugustineweddingcoor-  
dinator@gmail.com](mailto:staugustineweddingcoor-<br/>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.

### **Aunt 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 12—Second Sunday in Lent**

Liturgical color: Violet

6 a.m. Mass—R/S Adrienne Connolly

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Jerry Galang

9 a.m. Religious education, Annex Building

10 a.m. Mass— R/S Jane Hrabel

5 p.m. Mass

### **Monday, March 13**

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass

5 p.m. Homebound ministry training, Damien Meeting Room

6 p.m. Parish Mission

### **Tuesday, March 14**

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I JoFay Umbhau (surgery)

9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Altar Rosary Society meeting, Annex Building, upstairs

5 p.m. Mass—S/I JoFay Umbhau

6-9 p.m. Marriage Preparation in the church

### **Wednesday, March 15**

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I JoFay Umbhau

5 p.m. Mass

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

### **Thursday, March 16**

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Fr. Lane K. Akiona ss.cc.

5 p.m. Mass

5:45 p.m. Scripture reflection, Damien Meeting Room

### **Friday, March 17—St. Patrick**

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 supper, Damien Courtyard

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

### **Saturday, March 18—St. Cyril of Jerusalem**

Liturgical color: Violet

7 a.m. Mass

Church cleaning: Tongan Society, Catechist's Mystery

10 a.m. Altar Rosary Society meeting, Damien Meeting Room

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Teresa Paulino (birthday)

# Breaking open the Word

## Second Sunday in Lent

*Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."*

When Peter saw the vision of Jesus' transfiguration, he was so delighted he wanted to make the vision permanent. He wanted to put up three tents: for Jesus, Moses and Elijah. Moses, who led the Jews to the promised land, and Elijah, who nurtured the faith of the chosen people by reminding them of God's covenant. But the vision did not last. When the voice from the cloud announced who Jesus was, Peter, James and John fell prostrate. For them, this experience strengthened their belief that Jesus has a special relationship with God since Jesus was surrounded by the icons of Jewish faith. It was a great honor for them to have witnessed that event. However, Jesus then came and touched them. When they opened their eyes, they saw only Jesus before them - as they know Him. Jesus brought them back to the present instead of letting them indulge in their ecstasy.

Jesus realized his disciples would share their experience with others. However, He warned them not to tell anybody. What was important for Jesus was not adulation but how people could follow his way of life. That transfiguration was only a small aspect of His life. What was far more important was related to his cross, His dying and rising from the dead.

In our journey as disciples of Jesus, we might be blessed with having a beautiful spiritual experience. We would feel God is so close to us. However, those experiences are not the only way to feel the presence of God. Often the intimate relationship with God happens when we are faced with situations we have never had before, such as a serious illness, an economic downturn, or separation from a loved one.

Just as Jesus ignored Peter who wanted to make a tent at the site and reminded him, John and James not to tell others of that experience, He wants us to realize that our life's journey together with him is not finished. There is no time to build a tent or to perpetuate the situation we now enjoy. To some degree everybody must be able to detach himself or herself from a memorable situation in order to grow.

What is important is our readiness to face any situation in our lives together with him, not only in a wonderful transfiguration but also in the dark valleys of our lives. When we face such dire situations, we also accompany Jesus when He faced his cross and death. This is the meaning of becoming true disciples of Jesus, journeying though life together with him whatever we may encounter.

*Fr. Benny Kosasih ss.cc.*

## Readings

**First Reading** — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

**Psalm** — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading** — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

**Gospel** — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9).

## Weekday

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

## Next Sunday

Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

## Weekly Scripture discussions for lectors and all interested parishioners

Lectors have an important role in helping the congregation hear and understand the readings each Sunday. It is important for lectors to really know the reading and understand what they are proclaiming to the congregation. Preparation and studying the readings are important in this ministry. There are ongoing preparation sessions for all lectors Thursdays at 5:45 p.m. in the Damien Meeting Room to discuss and reflect on the readings for the following Sunday.

All lectors – and anyone interested in deepening their knowledge of Scripture – are encouraged to attend. Lectors scheduled to read the following Sunday are expected to attend.

## Lenten Penance services

Communal Lenten Penance services with individual confessions will be offered:

March 16 @ 7 p.m. Holy Trinity

March 20 @ 6 p.m. St. Augustine

March 22 @ 7 p.m. St. Patrick

March 22 @ 7 p.m. Sacred Heart

March 22 @ 6 p.m. St. Peter and Paul

March 28 @ 6:15 p.m. Mary, Star of the Sea

April 3 @ 7 p.m. Newman Center/Holy Spirit

## Catholic Relief Services 2nd collection

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

# LENT

The readings in Lent 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 during Lent:  
**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. Fridays, 7 p.m. in Tongan.  
**Parish Mission:** March 13 at 6 p.m.  
**Communal Penance Service:** March 20 at 6 p.m.

## Praying

Lent is the time to start new patterns of prayer. Perhaps I haven't been praying at all. This is a great time to choose to begin. It is important to begin realistically. I can start by simply pausing when I get up and taking a slow, deep breath, and recalling what I have to do this day, and asking for grace to do it as a child of God. I may want to go to bed a half an hour earlier, and get up a half an hour earlier and give myself some time alone to read the readings for the day, and just talk with the Lord about those readings or about the stuff of the day. I may choose to go to Mass each day during Lent. I may choose to get to church on Sunday 15 minutes earlier so I can reflect a bit. Lent may be a time I start to journal the day-to-day reflections that are coming, the desires I'm naming and asking for, the graces I am being given.

## 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.

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## Aunty Carmen's Kitchen: Helping those who are hungry

In February, Aunty Carmen's Kitchen, the St. Augustine Parish ministry to those who are hungry, served 1,526 meals. The total number of meals served so far this year is 3,025. This ministry is supported through the generosity of St. Augustine parishioners and our many visitors. The next second collection for Aunty Carmen's Kitchen will be on April 30. Mahalo for all that you do.

## Rules, Rules, Rules

Want to learn more about Canon Law and why it is important for the life of the Church? On Monday March 13, at 6 p.m. Fr. Mark Gantley, the Judicial Vicar of the Diocese will have a Q & A session about Canon Law and how it governs the life of the Church.

Our next Q & A session will feature Deacon Keith Cabilies on the Scriptures.

## 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 is collecting nonperishable food items and toiletries for the Outreach Ministry at Our Lady of Kea'au In Lent.

This annual 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, vegetables and fruit) and unopened toiletries in marked boxes in the church.

## Fundraiser to support seminarians

Since 1827, the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (SS.CC) has ministered to this local church and provided an experience of church into this 21st century. Even though our numbers are less, we are HOPEFUL for the future. We have 11 seminarians studying in Fiji at the Pacific Regional Seminary and three students in our Novitiate program here in Hawaii.

We are grateful to God for all his blessings with an increase of vocations to the religious life/priesthood.

You are invited to join us for a fundraiser on April 29 to support our seminarians who are in our Province Formation Program. Our Brothers come from different cultures and experiences of church and we hope they will continue the strong missionary zeal and spirit of those who came before us, such as our brother Damien.

Join us at a Mass of Thanksgiving at 10:00 a.m. April 29 with Cardinal Soane Patita Paini Mafi, Diocese of Tonga, as presider and a luncheon with entertainment to follow at St. Ann Church, Kaneohe.

Tickets for lunch/entertainment are \$30 per person. Contact the parish office for more information.

## Homebound training

The Plaza, one of the newest senior living residences here, is close to Waikiki on the western side of Kalakaua, across from the Convention Center.

Fr. Lane visited the resident Catholics at The Plaza and they are happy that we will be providing outreach ministry there.

If you are interested in being a homebound minister, a training session will be held on Monday, March 13 at 5 p.m. in the Damien Meeting Room. Please contact the parish office if you will be attending. Mahalo.

## What Love means to 4-8 year old kids ...

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 year-olds,  
'What does love mean?'

The answers they got were broader, deeper, and more profound than anyone could imagine!

**'When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore.. So my grandfather does it for her all the time , even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.'**

*Rebecca- age 8*

**'When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth.'**

*Billy - age 4*

**'Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on cologne and they go out and smell each other.'**

*Karl - age 5*

**'Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs.'**

*Chrissy - age 6*

**'Love is what makes you smile when you're tired.'**

*Terri -age 4*

**'Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him to make sure the taste is OK.'**

*Danny - age 8*

**'Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and just listen.'**

*Bobby - age 7*

(Wow!)

**'If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate. '**

*Nikka - age 6*

(we need a few million more Nikkas on this planet)

**'Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well.'**

*Tommy - age 6*

**'During my piano recital I was on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore.'**

*Cindy - age 8*

**'Love is when Mommy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford.'**

*Chris - age 7*

**'You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget.'**

*Jessica - age 8*