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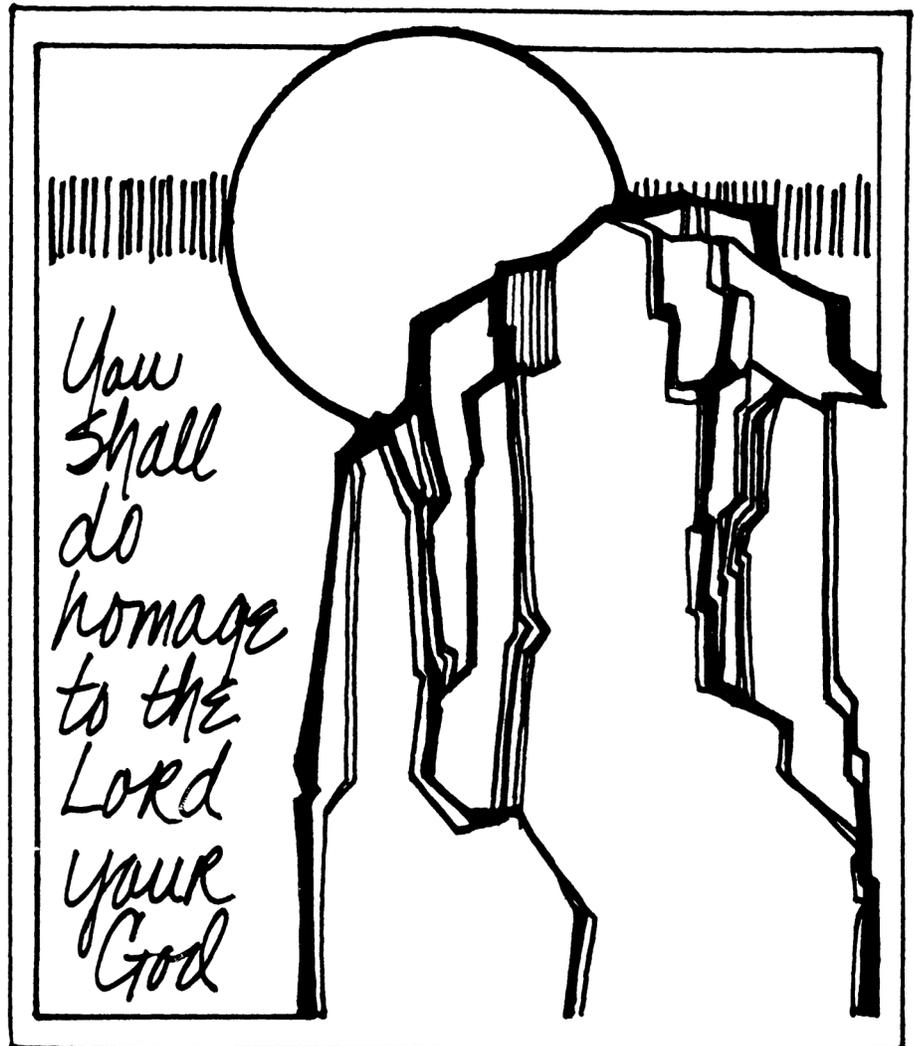
St. Augustine Church by-the-sea

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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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, April 9—Palm Sunday

Liturgical color: Violet

6 a.m. Mass—R/S Eleanor Mackowski

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Albert & Mae Loebenstein

9 a.m. Religious education, Annex Building

10 a.m. Mass— S/I Kong Kee Family (healing)

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Walter Eugene Rogers

Monday, April 10—Monday of Holy Week

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass

6 p.m. Knights of Columbus, Damien Meeting Room

6 p.m. Lector practice session for Groups 1,2,3

Tuesday, April 11—Tuesday of Holy Week

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Arnel Foronda (birthday)

9-11 a.m. Altar Rosary Society executive meeting, Annex Bldg. upstairs

5 p.m. Mass

6-9 p.m. Marriage Preparation, Church

Wednesday, April 12 —Wednesday of Holy Week

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

8:30 a.m. HCAP Kupuna Independent Living Series, Damien Mtg Room

5 p.m. Mass

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

Thursday, April 13—Holy Thursday

PARISH OFFICE CLOSÉS AT NOON

Liturgical color: White

7 p.m. Mass

Friday, April 14—Good Friday

PARISH OFFICE AND AUNTY CARMEN'S KITCHEN CLOSED

Day of Fast and Abstinence

Liturgical color: Red

3 p.m. Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 15—Holy Saturday

Liturgical color: White (Vigil Mass)

Church cleaning: Tongan Society-A/President's Mystery

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

7 p.m. Vigil Mass—S/I Amy Cherwin (birthday)



Breaking open the Word

Palm Sunday

We cry this day "Hosanna!" but, unlike the people of the city of Jerusalem long ago, we need not ask "Who is this?" This is the one who models for us the mystery of life: die to self so that we might be exalted, raised to new life. This week we celebrate in pointed liturgies the meaning of our whole Christian living: dying to self so that God can raise us up, too. This dying can be as simple as setting aside the time to participate in all the Triduum (meaning "three days") liturgies or as demanding as entering into the depths of the paschal mystery by our own self-giving.

Perhaps this week we need to stop thinking of ourselves and our own needs first, ahead of others. Perhaps we must make Jesus the center of our lives instead of making ourselves the center of attention. Perhaps we need to calm down the frenetic pace of our own lives and cut some things out so we can concentrate on our loved ones more, or help out those in need more. In these three examples what we give up leads to a new lease on life. Most importantly, it leads to new and deeper relationships and richer experiences. This is all new Life for us. This is what this week and the three days of the Triduum are all about.

Fr. Lane K. Akiona ss.cc.

Readings

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalms — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22)

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66).

Weekday

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

Saturday: Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104; Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; Rom 6:3-11; Mt 28:1-10

Next Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9



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Holy Thursday Mass: 7 p.m. April 13

Good Friday service: 3 p.m. April 14

Easter Vigil: 7 p.m. April 15

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.

Daily prayer

This is the week we call "Holy" because it is a memorial of God's saving deeds for us in Jesus. There is a solemn nature to this week. We might be tempted to be sad or conflicted this week. It is not easy to get close to the reality that we are sinners and our Lord and Savior went through this betrayal, suffering and death for us. So, sometimes, we avoid looking at this week closely, and praying with it, because we fear getting into our guilt.

The invitation this week is to come closer to the reality of God's profound love for us. Yes, we are all sinners. But, we are loved sinners. We are being invited to be grateful, not to beat our breasts. We are invited, in this spirit to feel all that we can feel this week. Yes, we will feel some discomfort - after all, we feel discomfort when anyone puts themselves through some sacrifice for us. And, the sacrifice here is the gift of his very self - so that we might always know how completely Jesus entered into the reality of our human existence - "even death, death on a cross." [Phil. 2:6-9]

This week we follow our ongoing pattern of connecting with our Lord, as early as we can each morning. For even a few moments we name our desire: "Lord, let me be with you this week and open my heart to feel what you want me to feel about your love for me, personally." Then, throughout the day, in many background, in between moments, we can continue our brief conversations with our Lord as we relate this desire with the people and events of our day. Finally, each night, we can pause, perhaps before a crucifix, or placing ourselves in our imagination before the cross, and speaking to our Lord, friend to friend, the gratitude we feel for the gift of mercy and eternal life his love has gained for us.

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Pilgrimage to Kalaupapa

On March 28, 17 parishioners from St. Augustine, members and friends of the Altar Rosary Society, arrived in Kalaupapa for a pilgrimage. The group, on Damien Tours organized by Ed Lane, was led by Pat Boland and Sister Cheryl. They met Father Patrick Killilea ss.cc., who celebrated Mass at St. Philomena' Church in Kalaupapa. Father Pat wore one of the vestments that the Society had given him. They also visited St. Elizabeth Chapel, Bishop Home (St. Elizabeth Convent) and Mother Marianne's gravesite. All too soon, they were back at the airport and flying back to Honolulu, their devotion to Saints Damien and Marianne deepened and strengthened by their pilgrimage.



Aunty Carmen's Kitchen:

Helping those who are hungry

In March, Aunty Carmen's Kitchen, the St. Augustine Parish ministry to those who are hungry, served 1,854 meals. The total number of meals served so far this year is 4,879.

The next second collection for Aunty Carmen's Kitchen will be on **April 30**.

The parish is looking for volunteers to help with serving meals at Aunty Carmen's Kitchen. If you are interested in helping, please contact Sr. Cheryl Wint in the parish office, 923-7024.

Stations of the Cross

St. Anthony Retreat Center presents Stations of the Cross 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Holy Saturday (**April 15**) at the walking Stations on the center grounds. Meet in the Bishop Libert Parking Lot and bring an umbrella and comfortable shoes. The walk is on uneven ground with a slight incline. Register by calling 845-0065.

Punchbowl Sunrise Service

The 116th annual Punchbowl Cemetery Easter Sunrise Service will be held at 6:15 a.m. Sunday **April 16**. The gates will open at 4:30 a.m. Celebrate the joy of Easter with Hawaii's long-standing tradition. Music will be provided by the Royal Hawaiian Band. The Easter message will be given by the Rev. Brandon Duran, minister of spiritual formation at Central Union Church. Parking is available in the crater.

Book Fair April 8-9

The Daughters of St. Paul, who are missioned at the Pauline Book & Media Center at 1143 Bishop St., will hold a book fair **this weekend** after all the Masses. They will have religious books, music CDs, DVDs and religious articles. The selection will include Bibles, lives of saints, prayer books, and reading materials for all ages.

Lenten food drive for the homeless

Every week the outreach ministry of Our Lady of Kea'au on the Waianae Coast provides food to homeless individuals and families. St. Augustine will be collecting nonperishable food and toiletries for this ministry through Palm Sunday.

This annual Lenten food drive brings home to us the 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. The food and toiletries that have been collected in Lent will be delivered to Our Lady of Kea'au on Monday, **April 10**.

Celebrating St. Damien feast day



The feast day of St. Damien deVeuster, **May 10**, will be celebrated with a 10 a.m. prayer service at the Damien statue at the State Capitol. At 6 p.m. there will be a Mass in honor of St. Damien at the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace.

Reflection on God's invitations

At the parish mission on April 3, Deacon Keith led participants through a reflection on discerning and answering God's invitations in our lives. This is excerpted from his presentation:

When discerning an invitation from God, start with God first; spending silent time with Him. God wants us to be pushed, as Pope Francis says, to the peripherals of our comfort zones, in order for us to grow. We've heard it before: To reach the next level, get Comfortable with being Uncomfortable. Change never happens in your comfort zone.

Jesus calls each of us by name, calling us to community. We all work together for the common good. The first letter of Peter, chapter 2:4-5 says:

Come to him, the living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house...

There's that invitation: Come. Come to Him: Be living stones. Come together and build the Church with Jesus. Come together and create Good in the name of Jesus. Come, be the church that feeds the hungry, shelters the homeless, cares for the sick, tends to the needy.

No matter what time in our life we are invited into God's Vineyard, God will always be a generous God. Isn't that comforting? Whenever we answer, whoever we are, no matter what skill level, no matter what talents or gifts, whether we are a saint or sinner: God's grace and love is offered freely and generously, without bias or conditions.

We might be unconvinced about ourselves when He calls, so we don't respond, because maybe we don't think we're worthy enough. However....

It's not primarily about your ability, but it's more about your availability.

The following is for your reflection. How will YOU answer Yes to God?

List your talent and skills

What are your life's passions?

Indicate the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit you recognize in yourself:

Wisdom	Peace
Understanding	Patience
Counsel	Kindness
Strength	Goodness
Knowledge	Humility
Fear in the Lord	Gratefulness
Piety	Modesty
Charity	Self-Control
Joy	Chastity

How have you used your gifts, talents, skills and your passions in service to Jesus and his Church? Do you wish to do more?

History of Palm Sunday

Ceremonies began in the 4th Century

As soon as the Church obtained her freedom in the fourth century, the faithful in Jerusalem re-enacted the solemn entry of Christ into their city on the Sunday before Easter, holding a procession in which they carried branches and sang the *Hosanna* (Matthew 21, 1-11). In the early Latin Church, people attending Mass on this Sunday would hold aloft twigs of olive.



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The *Palm Sunday* procession, and the blessing of *palms*, seems to have originated in the Frankish Kingdom. The earliest mention of these ceremonies is found in the Sacramentary of the Abbey of Bobbio in northern Italy (beginning of the eighth century). The rite was soon accepted in Rome and incorporated into the liturgy.

Everywhere in medieval times, following the Roman custom, a procession composed of the clergy and laity carrying palms moved from a chapel or shrine outside the town, where the palms were blessed, to the cathedral or main church.

Eventually this dramatic celebration was restricted more and more to a procession around the church. The crucifix in the church yard was festively decorated with flowers. There the procession came to a halt. While the clergy sang the hymns and antiphons, the congregation dispersed among the tombs, each family kneeling at the grave of relatives. The celebrant sprinkled holy water over the graveyard, the procession formed again and entered the church. In France and England they still retain the custom of decorating graves and visiting the cemeteries on Palm Sunday.

The inspiring rites and ceremonies of ancient times have long since disappeared, only the sacred texts of the liturgy are still preserved. Today the blessing of palms is performed within churches.

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Graduates invited to May 25 Mass

All middle school, high school, and college/university graduates are invited to celebrate Mass with Bishop Larry **May 25** at the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace at 6 p.m.

A reception with light refreshments will follow the Mass in the Kamiano Center. RSVP to oyyam@rcchawaii.org.

Lector practice sessions

Lector practice sessions will be held at 6 p.m. on:

April 10 for Groups 1,2, 3

April 17 for Groups 4,5,6,7

April 24 for Groups 1,2,3

May 1 for Groups 4,5,6,7

Lectors who are unsure of which group they are in should check the schedule in the sacristy.