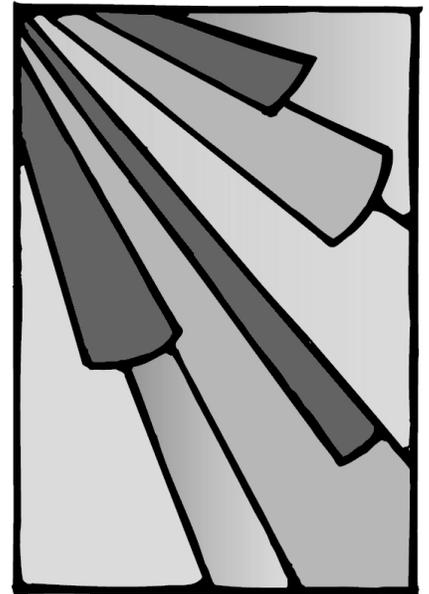
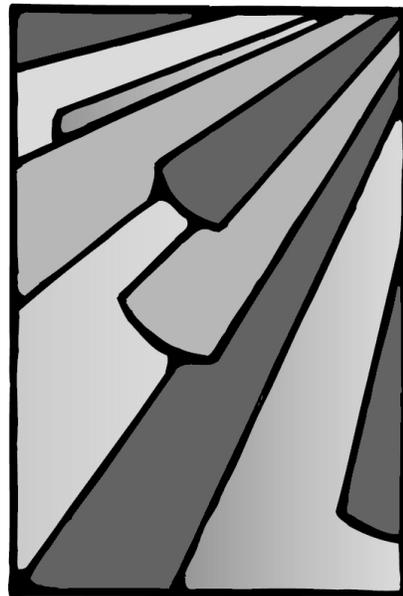
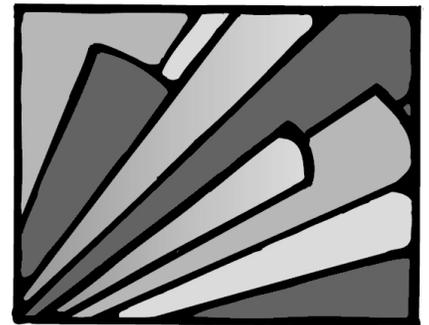
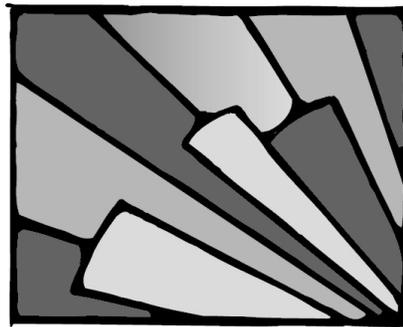


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St. Augustine Church by-the-sea

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



*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. 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.

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, July 16—Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical color: Green

6 a.m. Mass

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Pua Bow

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Kong Kee Family

5 p.m. Mass

Monday, July 17

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Raffaella Calianese

5:30 p.m. Eucharistic Minister meeting, Church

Tuesday, July 18—St. Camillus de Lellis

Liturgical color: Green/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Barbara & Michael Uschan (44th anniversary)

9 a.m. Rosary making, Damien Meeting Room

5 p.m. Mass

7 p.m. Tongan Choir practice, Annex Building

Wednesday, July 19

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

7 p.m. Tongan Choir practice, Annex Building

Thursday, July 20—St. Apollinaris

Liturgical color: Green/Red

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

6 p.m. Scripture reflection, Annex Building, upstairs

Friday, July 21—St. Lawrence of Brindisi

Liturgical color: Green/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Eloise A. Bruns

Saturday, July 22—St. Mary Magdalene

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

Church cleaning: Tongan Society/President's Mystery

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Kong Kee Family

7 p.m. Tongan Choir practice, Annex Building

Breaking open the Word

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We have all had the experience of talking about something important to someone and having the sense that our words are falling on deaf ears. We might even exclaim "will you please listen to me?" When we are saying something important to others, we want them to listen to our hearts, listen to our lives, listen to us. We want them to take us into themselves. Listening is a relational activity. It is an exchange of person with person. This gospel challenges us to listen to the words of Jesus. It challenges us to an exchange of person with Person.

Jesus tells a parable about sowing the seed-word, receptivity to the seed-word, and fruitfulness of the seed-word. He even explains to his disciples what the parable means. Ultimately, to bear fruit the seed-word must take root in rich soil. And we can take the parable and its interpretation one step further. The sower and seed is Jesus, the Word. The rich soil is our hearts open to hearing and understanding that Word. Are our hearts open? Will we listen to Jesus as a relational activity, exchanging person with Person?

Because Jesus' word challenges us to conform ourselves more perfectly to him, we tend to close our hearts to listening to it and limit our response to living it. Yes, there is resistance to Jesus' word and only he can overcome it. Jesus sows the seed-word and desires that his word be heard with the heart and lived (bear fruit).

"Such large crowds gathered around" Jesus. He is scattering "the word of the kingdom" far and wide. Yet, many "look but do not see and hear but do not listen to understand." These look for the wrong seed and its fruit. Jesus is the Sower who is sowing the seed of himself, the Word of God. Leave the sowing of the seed to God — God does so with abandon and produces abundance. Leave the listening with our hearts to each of us — which we must also do with abandon to produce abundance.

Fr. Lane K. Akiona ss.cc.

Readings

First Reading — My word will achieve the end for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:10-11).

Psalm — The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest (Psalm 65).

Second Reading — We, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).

Gospel — Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23)

Weekday

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124; Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Next Sunday

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

Daily Prayer

This is a great week to grow in a sense of not being alone. It is so difficult to find intimacy with God in the midst of our everyday lives if we go through our lives, either trying to do it alone or simply not acknowledging the fact that God is always with us. We could make this the special gift we ask for each week: "Lord, let me know and experience that you are with me, every day, all the time." If we only came to realize that God is as faithful to us in our slavery as God was in the Exodus story, we'd feel so different each day.



We'd express our gratitude more. We'd sing God's praises.

If we walk through each day this week with a little more confidence in God's presence, God's merciful love for us, God's protection and care for us, then the Gospel message of Jesus can find a way into our hearts much more freely. Imagine if with this confidence, we could start asking Jesus:

Lord, I don't want to keep seeking myself this week. I don't want to be so absorbed in my needs, in winning, in manipulating, in criticizing, in using my power to protect myself. I want to find myself, the life you offer me, by surrendering more, by letting go of what I cling to. Help me be freer this afternoon and when I get home from work.

We could make this prayer, have this conversation with Jesus, while walking from one place to another, while shopping, over a lunch break, while doing laundry, sitting at an airport or driving to a meeting. Sometimes it is easiest to make this request precisely when I catch myself failing in some way, being particularly selfish or demanding in some way. When the Word can confront us, this is the doorway to naming a new desire.

What is important is that we grow in the habit of connecting with Jesus throughout the day, in these brief moments in the background of our lives. We have these moments, and we can easily get better at finding them. Then we can quickly grow in recognizing how the desires in our hearts can get formed and deepened through letting the Word into our hearts. We can practice beginning each day with a moment of prayer, asking for a desire and then repeating and refining that desire throughout the day.

We will experience ourselves growing in gratitude as God is generously giving us what we ask for, and we are indeed finding intimacy with Jesus each day.

Creighton University Online Ministries

Weekly Scripture discussions

Our weekly Thursday evening Scripture Reflection continues at 6 p.m. in the Annex Building. All lectors — and anyone interested in deepening their knowledge of Scripture — are encouraged to attend weekly. Lectors scheduled to read that Sunday are expected to attend.



Cardinal Mafi to visit July 16

Cardinal Soane Patita Paini Mafi of Tonga will visit our parish on **July 16** and will preside at the **5 p.m.** Mass.

Come and welcome him to our parish.

The cardinal fell ill in April and could not travel to Hawai'i for the special event held by the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts to raise funds for our seminarians in Fiji.

New altar candles

It's becoming more of a challenge to keep our liquid altar candles lit during Mass because the air conditioning extinguishes them. Therefore, Fr. Lane is considering purchasing four new altar candle stands. These candle stands can be a wonderful way to remember loved ones.

If an individual or family is interested in donating toward the purchase of these altar candle stands, please contact Fr. Lane.

These candle stands can be donated in memory of loved ones.

St. Augustine Gala Aug. 24

Plans are in full swing for our annual **Ho'ohali'a (A Fond Reflection) Gala -- Thursday, August 24 at the Monarch Room of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel.** This annual event commemorates the feast day of our patron, St. Augustine, as well as the many blessings we have received as a parish in our 163 years of dedicated service and witness of faith in Waikiki. Proceeds will support the building of a NEW Damien and Marianne Museum! Join us at this year's Gala and help create this new legacy! Watch the weekly bulletin for more Gala details!

Real devotional candles

With the recommendation of the Catholic Mutual Group, our insurance carrier, we have decided to purchase two devotional candle stands with real candles.

The order has been placed and the candle stands should be arriving in a couple of weeks.

Look for these new stands and enjoy the good old days.

Eucharistic minister meeting July 17

There will be a meeting for all Eucharistic ministers Monday, July 17, at 5:30 p.m. in the church.

New prospects for this ministry are welcome to attend.

A Stewardship Prayer

Dear Lord, Thank You for teaching me to be generous as You have been generous with me.

Thank You for showing me that all I am and have are gifts from You and that these gifts from you, Lord, are meant to be shared.

Show me the joys of generosity. Help me to understand that others, perhaps unknown to me, depend on me for help.

Remind me that my world, my parish, needs "Good Samaritans" to heal the wounds of our times.

Make me a gift to others in Your name.
Amen.

Confirmation is Not a Passage Into Adulthood

*Reflections on the Original Order
Diocese of Honolulu*

Questions? kdeneve@rcchawaii.org

Many Catholic Christians see Confirmation as a rite of passage into adulthood. Yet Confirmation is a sacrament of beginning, of initiation. It is not a sacrament of transition, of becoming an adult.

The Catechism states, "Although Confirmation is sometimes called the 'sacrament of Christian maturity,' one must not confuse adult faith with the adult age of natural growth. ... Age of body does not determine age of soul. Even in childhood one can attain spiritual maturity." (no. 1308)

In the Eastern Catholic Churches, infants are routinely confirmed ("Chrismation" in the eastern traditions). In the Roman Catholic Church, young children in danger of death are confirmed. At the other end of the age spectrum, if an elderly person is baptized, then he or she is immediately confirmed. The fact that infants, children, teenagers, young adults and the elderly can all be confirmed shows that Confirmation is not about becoming an adult. It is about being sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Soon, seven year-olds who were baptized as infants will complete their sacraments of initiation in this original order. (When this will happen depends on your parish plan.) Specifically, children will be confirmed prior to receiving First Communion. They will not "transition" into adulthood. They will be fully initiated into our faith.



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No'ohali'a GALA
(A FOND REFLECTION)

Thursday, August 24, 2017

Royal Hawaiian Hotel, Monarch Room

5:30 pm Cocktails | 6:30 pm Dinner and Program

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