

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

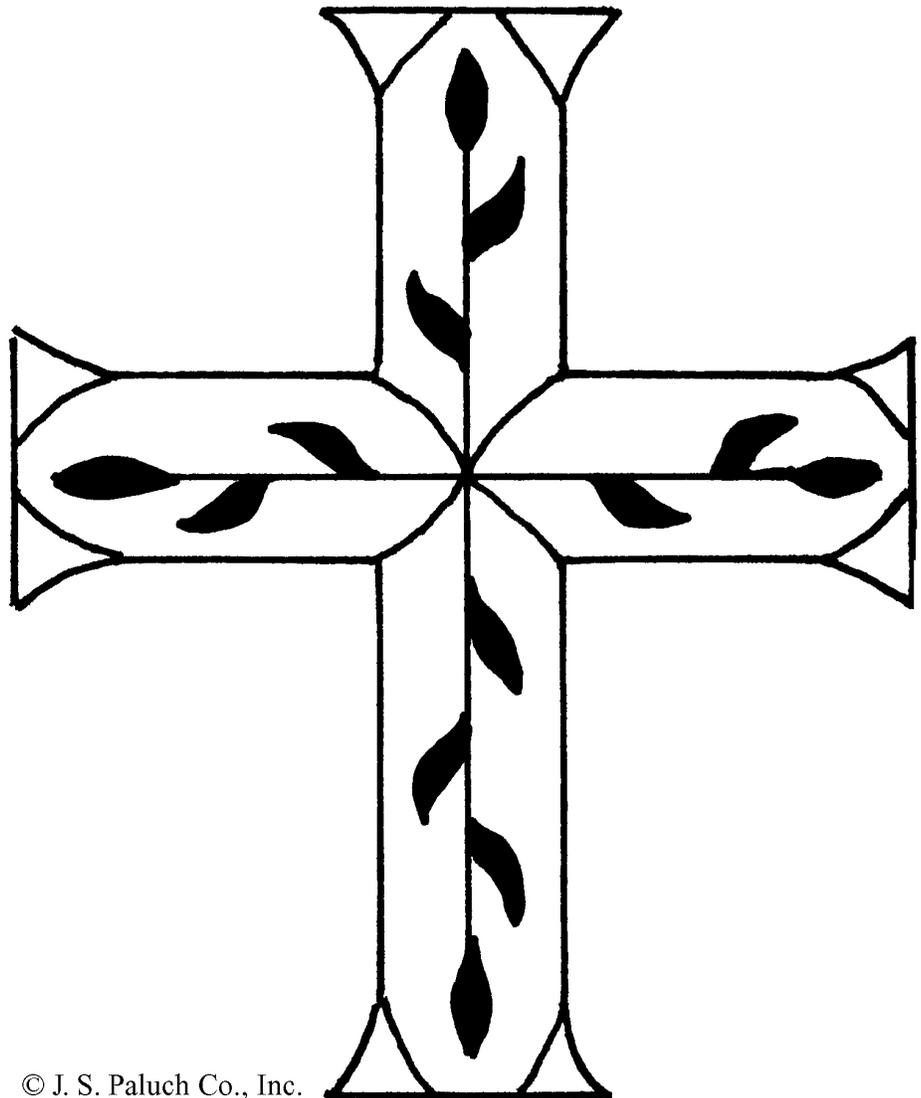
7 a.m. Monday-Saturday

5 p.m. Monday-Thursday



*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, Sept. 17—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical color: Green

6 a.m. Mass

8 a.m. Mass— R/S Dr. Jorge Camara

10 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Bruce Sicknick

Monday, Sept. 18

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Robert Wyles

Tuesday, Sept. 19—St. Januarius

Liturgical color: Green/Red

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

9 a.m. Rosary making, Damien Meeting Room

5 p.m. Mass

5:30 p.m. Wedding rehearsal

Wednesday, Sept. 20—Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha- sang and Companions

Liturgical color: Red

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

11:30 a.m. Wedding

5 p.m. Mass— S/I Faleaka Green (birthday)

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

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

Thursday, Sept. 21—St. Matthew

Liturgical color: Red

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Rita Shimabuku

5 p.m. Mass

5:30 p.m. Wedding rehearsal

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

Friday, Sept. 22

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Saturday, Sept. 23—St. Pius of Pietrelcina

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

Church cleaning: Altar Rosary Society and Knights of Columbus

7 a.m. Mass

2 p.m. Wedding

5 p.m. Mass

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



Breaking open the Word

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Forgiveness is a beautiful word,” said C.S. Lewis, “until you have something to forgive.”

Forgiveness, as we know, is hard. It goes against the grain. It seems, even, unfair to many. We put a cost to transgressions – for society teaches us that people must “pay” in some way for wrongs. Scripture, however, calls on us to look at forgiveness differently.

In today’s Gospel, Peter struggles with forgiveness. He tries to set a boundary around it, a limit on just how much he must forgive. No doubt he thought he was generous in offering forgiveness seven times.

But Jesus had an answer that upended Peter’s “generosity.” Not seven times, but rather seventy times seven, Jesus responded. And then he recounts the parable of the unforgiving servant, who fails to live out the limitless forgiveness of his master. The parable illustrates a passage we find in Isaiah 55:7-9 “Let the wicked forsake their way, and sinners their thoughts; Let them turn to the LORD to find mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways—oracle of the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, my thoughts higher than your thoughts.”

So long as we are open to it, we are the beneficiaries of God’s limitless mercy – a mercy with no boundaries. Let us not reject the infinite love and mercy of God through our own unforgiveness.

Anne Harpham

Readings

First Reading — Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30 — 28:9).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).

Gospel — Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).

Weekday

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19; Mt 9:9-13

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100; Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday

Is 55:6-9; Ps 145; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

Daily Prayer

Who among us hasn’t wondered about how much is enough? How many times do we need to forgive? How much of the goods of this earth do I need to have? How generous am I able to be? The parables Jesus uses often shock our attention and give us a rich fruit for reflection.



These days, the news stories are centered on war and conflict, and on financial collapse centered on greed. We are not always aware of the scope of the human tragedy that goes on in our neighborhoods, in our cities, in our world. Many people on the earth suffer in so many ways - in the Sudan, in sub-Saharan Africa and in the Middle East. We can see stories of pain and suffering on the other side of the world and we feel it here. We might be filled with horror and compassion and fear. Insecurity, powerlessness can bring us to our knees and to the Lord. This week’s readings help us with continuing reflection that can guide our integration of a confidence in God’s love and mercy.

One of the great things that any tragedy brings forward is examples of great heroism and generosity. We also know that the human spirit can be tempted to the worst things imaginable. But, when we see people sacrificing their own lives to help others or showing with their generosity and passionate care how deeply they value human life, it lifts our own spirits and helps us be more generous and free.

We could ask the Lord this week to help us assess what we really need. Do riches become a trouble for us? Do anxieties and the pleasures of life choke my reception of the Word? Can we ask for the desire to walk through our days with trust in Jesus’ power to heal, to bring what is dead to life? Each of us can make this daily desire request and reflection very concrete. And, as we prepare for the weekend, we can begin reflecting on how happy I am that God is merciful and generous, even toward those that I don’t think “deserve” it. As we begin each day with a desire, we can end each day with gratitude for what we received.

Creighton University Online Ministries

A Stewardship Moment

Today’s Gospel reading continues Jesus’ instructions on being good stewards of others – the direction that if we love Jesus Christ, we must forgive an individual 77 times. The reading compels us to consider one of the most difficult practices of Christian discipleship. Forgiveness is the way of Jesus, the way of the cross. Vengeance, bitterness and hatred seem so much easier and certainly more desirable. Forgiveness is a hard road to travel, but it is the only road that leads to life in Christ. Consider this week who you need to forgive.

Weekly Scripture discussions

"By reading the scriptures I am so renewed that all nature seems renewed around me and with me. The sky seems to be a pure, a cooler blue, the trees a deeper green. The whole world is charged with the glory of God and I feel fire and music under my feet." Fr. Thomas Merton

Our weekly Scripture Reflections are held at 6 p.m. Thursdays in the Annex Building. They are open to all who interested in deepening their knowledge of and appreciation for Scripture through reflection, discussion and study of the readings for Sunday.

Please bring a Bible with you or a printout of the readings for the following Sunday. Come and learn more about Scripture.

RCIA begins Sept. 20

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) was established by the Church for individuals who wish to become Catholic. This class, over 10 months, takes inquirers and catechumens through Scripture and Tradition, the sacraments, liturgy, faith sharing and spiritual growth, morality and conscience and justice and peace issues.

St. Augustine's 2017-18 RCIA program begins **Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Damien Meeting Room. Please call the parish office to register in advance of the first class.

Tour Kalaupapa with the Bishop

Kalaupapa is a sacred and historic settlement, a testament to the legacies of St. Damien and St. Marianne and a tribute to the thousands banished there. Bishop Larry Silva has made special arrangements, through Seawind Tours & Travel, Inc., for a limited number of visitors to accompany him as he visits this spiritual place.



The Kalaupapa Pilgrimage includes round-trip air transportation from Honolulu, ground transportation in Kalaupapa, Mass at St. Philomena Church, a tour of Kalaupapa and Kalawao and a picnic-style lunch.

The tour operates from approximately 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost of the day-trip is \$399 per person and early registration is recommended as space is limited. The Kalaupapa Tour also includes visits to St. Damien's grave, St. Marianne's grave, Papaloa Cemetery, St. Francis Church, Bayview Home, and Waihanau Valley.

Holy Trinity Christmas sale

Holy Trinity parish is holding a Holiday Preview Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Holy Trinity Gym. The sale will include Christmas Wonders such as Santas & sleds, ornaments & trim, fabulous fabrics and crafters' delights.

Catechetical Sunday: Living as missionary disciples

The Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday on September 17, 2017, with the theme "Living as Missionary Disciples." Those who the community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. We celebrate the importance of these catechists to our children and the role they – and the parents of our religious education students -- play in teaching our children about faith and living as Catholics.



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The Church teaches that parents are the first teachers of their children and the family is the first school.

Together, catechists and parents play a vital role in the formation of the next generation. For it is within the family where children are raised and formed as human beings.

Today is also a day to remember that all Catholics are called to be evangelists, to be missionary disciples. As Pope Francis has written, "Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say that we are "disciples" and "missionaries", but rather that we are always "missionary disciples". (Evangelii Gaudium, 119)

Let us keep all of our children, their families and their catechists in our prayers. And may all of us recognize -- and model -- our own role as missionary disciples.

Fr. Lane K. Akiona ss.cc.

Parish Calendar

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| Sept. 17 | Religious education begins, 9 a.m., annex building |
| Sept. 19 | Rosary Making, 9:30-11 a.m. Damien Meeting Room |
| Sept. 20 | RCIA begins, 6:30 p.m., Damien Meeting Room |
| Sept. 21 | 6 p.m. Scripture Reflection, Annex Bldg. |
| Sept. 23-24 | Ministry Fair after all Masses. |
| Sept. 26 | Rosary Making, 9:30-11 a.m. Damien Meeting Room |
| Sept. 28 | 6 p.m. Scripture Reflection, Annex Bldg. |

Ministry Fair next weekend

The Stewardship Committee of St. Augustine Parish is hosting a Ministry Fair after all the Masses next weekend, Sept. 23-24.

It's an opportunity to learn about the different ministries in the parish and to talk with parishioners who are involved in those ministries. Stop by and be educated on all that the parish is involved in.

Hurricane Relief opportunity Sept. 23-24

There will be a second collection next weekend, Sept. 23-24, for all those affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Hurricane Harvey caused enormous damage to parts of Texas and Louisiana and Hurricane Irma has damaged many islands in the Caribbean as well as all of Florida and neighboring states. The recovery needs will be multi-faceted and they will require the assistance of those who live outside the affected areas.

This second collection for Hurricane Relief will be sent to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, which will distribute the funds either through Catholic Charities USA for humanitarian relief or through the affected dioceses for help in rebuilding churches, schools, and other buildings used as infrastructure for evangelization.

Your generosity to those in need at this critical moment will be richly rewarded by the Lord and much appreciated by our sisters and brothers.

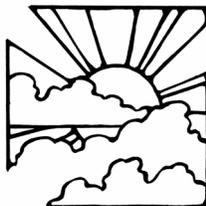
Harlem Globetrotters tickets

\$20 tickets are available for the Harlem Globetrotters game at the Neal Blaisdell Arena for Saturday, October 14, 2017. Peter Uiagalelei and musicians will be doing the national anthem before the game begins. Seating is on the upper arena area. Original online price is \$42.40. Contact the parish office for more information.

2nd collection for Catholic University

The Catholic University of America is unique among universities in the United States – even among Catholic universities. Established by Pope Leo XIII and the U.S. bishops in 1887, it is the national university of the Catholic Church. In addition to alumni who hail from this diocese, Catholic University claims one third of the U.S. bishops and 12,000 priests and religious as alumni. In Washington, D.C., the University provides an education based in the Catholic intellectual tradition to almost 7,000 students through its 12 schools.

This weekend, the second collection will go to The Catholic University of America. Your support will enable Catholic University to expand its impact in preparing the next generation of leadership for our Church and nation. We appreciate your generosity. You can learn more at: collection.cua.edu.



Statement of U.S. Bishops on migrants and refugees

The following statement was issued by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), clarifying the USCCB position on advocacy and care for migrants and refugees:

"It is preposterous to claim that justice for immigrants isn't central to Catholic teaching. It comes directly from Jesus Himself in Matthew 25, 'For I was hungry and you gave me food... a stranger and you welcomed me.' Immigrants and refugees are precisely the strangers we must welcome. This isn't Catholic partisanship. The Bible is clear: welcoming immigrants is indispensable to our faith.

Caring for and about the 'Dreamers' is nothing more than trying to carry out that seemingly simple, but ultimately incredibly demanding, commandment. It is a commandment found throughout Sacred Scripture, reaching back to the Hebrew scriptures, including Leviticus, 'when an alien resides with you in your land, do not mistreat such a one' (Lv. 19:33).

In fact, the Church has been pro-immigration since God called Abram to leave Ur: 'Go forth from your land, your relatives, and from your father's house to a land that I will show you' (Gn. 12:1). To suggest otherwise is absurd.

The witness of the Catholic bishops on issues from pro-life to pro-marriage to pro-health care to pro-immigration reforms is rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ rather than the convenient political trends of the day.

We are called not to politics or partisanship, but to love our neighbor.

Let's reject the forces of division that insist we make a false choice between our safety and our humanity. It is both possible and morally necessary to secure the border in a manner which provides security and a humane immigration policy.

Our pro-immigration stance is based on fidelity to God's word and honors the American dream.

For anyone to suggest that it is out of sordid motives of statistics or financial gain is outrageous and insulting."