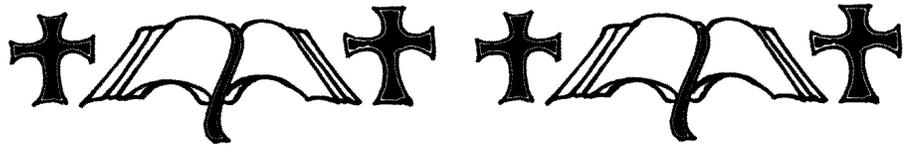


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# St. Augustine Church by-the-sea

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

The word  
of God  
is at work  
in you



*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  
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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](mailto: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.

### **Auntv 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, Nov. 12—32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Liturgical color: Green

6 a.m. Mass—R/S Catherine Lynch

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

9 a.m. Religious education, Annex Building

10 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass —R/S Keoni Vincent-Falquet

### **Monday, Nov. 13—St. Francis Xavier Cabrini**

Liturgical color: Green

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

### **Tuesday, Nov. 14**

Liturgical color: Green

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. Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

6 p.m. Christmas Concert practice, Annex Building

### **Wednesday, Nov. 15—St. Albert the Great**

Liturgical color: Green/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass

6 p.m. Christmas Concert practice, Annex Building

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

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

### **Thursday, Nov. 16—St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude**

Liturgical color: Green/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

5:30 p.m. Wedding rehearsal

6 p.m. Scripture Reflection, Annex Building

### **Friday, Nov. 17—St. Elizabeth of Hungary**

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Francisco Cruz

### **Saturday, Nov. 18—The Dedication of the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul;**

**St. Rose Philippine Duchesne**

Liturgical color: Green/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

Church cleaning: Altar Rosary Society and Knights of Columbus

7 a.m. Mass

9 a.m. Florence Kong Kee funeral — visitation

Noon Florence Kong Kee Funeral Mass

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Altar Rosary Society meeting, Damien Meeting Room

2 p.m. Wedding

5 p.m. Mass

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

# Breaking open the Word

## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you.'" Matthew 25:9*

In today's gospel, Jesus gives us a parable about two groups of virgins, the wise and the foolish. When the wise virgins wake up at the loud announcement of the bridegroom's coming, their lamps still burn bright, enabling them to easily approach the bridegroom and join the procession to the wedding party. Their spare oil keeps their lamps burning brightly, lighting their own steps and they are in sync with the wedding procession.

On the other hand, when the foolish wake up, their lamps have already become dim. It is hard for them to see even their own steps. Running out of lamp oil would make them unable to find their way around and thus be left behind by the wedding procession. Because of the lack of oil they miss the procession and the party. They remain in the dark.

Talking about the "wise" and the "foolish" reminds us of another story in the gospel when Jesus talks about the need to build a house on solid rock and not on sand. Jesus encourages us to build the foundation of our lives on solid rock. His words and teaching or the wisdom we receive from Him are symbolized by the oil that lights the lamps.

We need to learn from Jesus and understand the essence of life in order to handle life's challenges. Without it, we cannot experience the full enjoyment and peace in life. However, most of the time we don't really want to learn and acquire the wisdom of life, such as the impermanence of things or the consequence of attachments to material goods. We assume that when we meet certain challenges in life we are well equipped, but we become shocked and confused by the reality of events. We experience continuous sadness, become resentful, and are incapable of appreciating the beauty of life and directing our life's journey to God. Others who are wise, even though faced with the same situation will thrive, will stand firm and will continue their journey with the Lord and find Peace and Happiness, like a wedding party at the end of the journey with the "Groom."

Jesus asks us to base our lives on His words and teaching. Like the wise virgins who prepared oil for any contingency or unpredictable situation, may we develop and cultivate life's wisdom so we can be ready to face any life challenges together with God.

*Fr. Benny Kosasih ss.cc.*

### Sunday

**First Reading** — Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16).

**Psalm** — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

**Second Reading** — Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]).

**Gospel** — Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13).

### Weekday

Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105; Lk 18:1-8

### Next Sunday

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

## Daily Prayer

In finding intimacy with God in the background of our every day busy lives, we can see that prayer is not really "saying prayers" but is a relationship that needs to be nourished in an ongoing way. No matter how hectic our week is, it is easy to think about our daily relationship with Our Father, with Jesus, in the Holy Spirit.

As we look ahead to the landscape of our week - with a few big things coming up, a host of ordinary responsibilities, and perhaps several bruised or difficult relationships that trouble us - we can begin to locate and formulate into words, the desires in our hearts for our Lord's help along the way. Perhaps we will have time to review a reflection each day or the readings of the day. We may only have time to have a general sense of the Word of God addressed to us - from last Sunday and what is coming up this coming Sunday. That Word will further inform and shape how we will be in an ongoing dialogue with our Lord this week.

The rest is about developing the habit of focusing more intentionally on our relationship with our Lord, anticipating the events of our day, preparing for them, and letting our Lord be there in it with us. This is what it is to keep enough oil in our lamps. This is what it is to know that the presence of God is in our midst. This is what it takes to be good stewards of all that our Lord has entrusted to us.

So, we ask for what we need and desire, each morning, as soon as we can. We return to that desire, in brief moments, throughout the day. At the end of our day, we give thanks for this gifted relationship that sustained us and allowed us to be his disciples this day.

## Good stewardship

Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven with ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were prudent.

The foolish did not prepare for the wait, they brought no extra oil to keep their flames burning bright. The prudent bridesmaids brought extra oil, just in case the wait was longer than they had expected. And the wait was long.

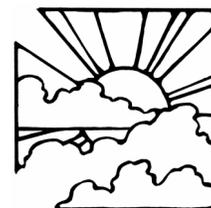
Some of those who were supposed to be waiting were not prepared for the wait, with disastrous consequences.

Good stewards heed Jesus' warning: Be prepared to wait for the Lord's return.

Is your faith strong enough to endure the wait?

Will the "flames" of passion for the Lord endure?

What are you doing to keep your passion for the Lord from burning out?



## **Mandatory Nov. 27 meeting for all involved in parish ministries**

There will be a mandatory meeting at 6 p.m. on Nov. 27 for all lay ministers (including ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers), all members of parish councils (Pastoral, Finance, Stewardship), and all others who do church-related ministry, such as flowers, money counting. The topic will be "Why Am I Involved in Ministry." Lay ministers who do not attend will not be commissioned.

## **Food drive for Our Lady of Kea'au**

The outreach ministry of Our Lady Of Kea'au on the Waianae Coast weekly serves hundreds of hot meals to homeless individuals and families. Again this year, as a part of our outreach ministry the parish of St. Augustine will be collecting nonperishable food items and toiletries to support the Outreach Ministry at Our Lady of Kea'au from Nov. 1 through Thanksgiving. We ask that you bring canned foods, rice and toiletries such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste. Do not bring paper products. This annual food drive brings home to us the very real needs of so many of our brothers and sisters. We have supported the Franciscan Sisters who operate this outreach ministry for several years. Drop off your nonperishable food items and unopened toiletries in marked boxes in the church up until Thanksgiving Day.



## **Shoe drive**

We are assisting St. Michael's parish in Waialua in their drive to collect 25,000 pairs of shoes in a fundraising effort. If you want to help, donate used shoes in good condition. The shoes must be wearable (no holes or cracks) and have laces if applicable. No roller skates, rollerblades or ice skates. If you have shoes to donate, please call the parish office.

## **Thanksgiving turkeys needed**

We are accepting donations of frozen turkeys for our Thanksgiving outreach, both for those individuals and families served by Our Lady of Kea'au and those served by Auntie Carmen's Kitchen in our parish.

Frozen turkeys (no more than 12 pounds each) may be dropped off at Auntie Carmen's Kitchen Mondays through Fridays between 11 a.m. and noon up to Nov 22. Or you may drop them off at the parish office during office hours.

## **Religious Ed holiday schedule**

Religious education classes will not be held on Nov. 26 (Thanksgiving weekend) and Dec. 24 and 31.

The families of our Religious Education youth are encouraged to participate in the St. Michael's shoe drive, the food drive for Our Lady of Kea'au's mission on the Waianae Coast, and in donating frozen turkeys for Auntie Carmen's Kitchen.

## **Thanksgiving Day Mass at 8 a.m.**

There will be one Mass on Thanksgiving Day, at 8 a.m., and the collection will support parish outreach projects. Thanksgiving Day is also the last day to bring in non-perishable food and toiletries for Our Lady of Kea'au's mission to the homeless on the Waianae Coast. Mahalo for your generosity and sharing of your own abundance

## **Christmas Mass schedule**

Christmas is on a Monday this year. With Christmas Eve on Sunday, there will be no 5 p.m. Sunday Mass. You can fulfill your Sunday Mass obligation at the Saturday 5 p.m. or Sunday morning Masses.

The Christmas Eve and Christmas Day schedule is:

### **Christmas Eve, Sunday Dec. 24**

6 p.m. Mass --Contemporary Choir

9 p.m. Mass—Cantor/Piano

11:30 p.m. Christmas music— Tongan Choir

Midnight Mass—Tongan Choir

### **Christmas Day, Monday, Dec. 25**

6 a.m. Mass —Cantor/Organ

8 a.m. Mass—Contemporary Choir

10 a.m. Mass—Contemporary Choir

5 p.m. --Cantor/Organ

### **Dec. 26-29**

7 a.m. Mass only

## **Volunteers needed**

As we prepare for the silent part of our Capital Campaign, we are looking for volunteers to help us.

If you are available and interested please contact the parish office and leave your contact information and email address. A training date will be set soon. Mahalo

## **Annual Christmas concert Dec. 1**

You'll want to mark your calendars now for St. Augustine Parish's annual Christmas Concert, scheduled this year for 6 p.m. Dec. 1 in the church.

## **Weekly Scripture discussions**

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 copy of the readings for the following Sunday. Come and learn more about Scripture.

## **Helping those living in poverty**

Next week, our second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 46 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. By supporting this collection, you give people a hand up, not a hand out.

## Blessing for all of our veterans

\There will be a special blessing for all of our veterans at all Masses this weekend. Let us honor the courage, strength, dignity and valor of all of our veterans and thank them for their service.

## To the Soldier, To the Veteran

These things I do not know:

The sound of a bullet.

The power of a blast.

The blood of a comrade.

The depth of your wound.

The terror at midnight.

The dread at dawn.

Your fear or your pain.

These things I know:

The sound of your honor.

The power of your courage.

The blood of your wound.

The depth of your strength.

The terror that binds you.

The dread that remains.

Your dignity and your valor.

For these things I pray:

The sound of your laughter.

The power of your voice.

The blood of your yearning.

The depth of your healing.

The joy that frees you.

The hope that remains.

Your wholeness and your love.

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## Parish Calendar

- Nov. 13 6 p.m.. Knights of Columbus meeting, Damien Meeting Room
- Nov. 14 9 a.m. Rosary making, Damien Meeting Rm
- Nov. 14 6 p.m. Christmas concert practice, Annex Bldg.
- Nov. 15 6 p.m. Christmas concert practice, Annex Bldg.
- Nov 16 6 p.m. Scripture class, Annex Building
- Nov. 18 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Altar Rosary Society meeting, Damien Meeting Room
- Nov. 21: 9 a.m. Rosary making, Damien Meeting Rm
- Nov. 23 8 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Mass/Last day to drop off food, toiletries for November drive
- Nov. 24 Parish office and Aunty Carmen's Kitchen closed
- Nov. 27 Mandatory meeting of lay ministers, council members, 6 p.m. Church
- Nov. 30 6 p.m. Scripture class, Annex Building
- Dec. 1 6 p.m. Parish Christmas concert, in church
- Dec. 2-3 Lay minister commissioning at Sunday liturgy Masses
- Dec. 3 Hospitality Sunday, pastries after all Sunday morning Masses
- Dec. 7 6 p.m. Scripture class, Annex Building
- Dec. 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

## Parish Advent Mission

Archbishop Emeritus Sylvain Lavoie of the Archdiocese of Keewatin-The Pas, Canada, will lead our Advent Parish Mission Dec. 11-12 at 6 p.m. and will preach at the Sunday liturgies Dec. 9-10. The Advent communal penance service will be at 6 p.m. Dec. 13.

Archbishop Lavoie is a missionary Oblate who has spent more than 35 years ministering among the Indigenous peoples. His ministry has included lecturing and giving workshops and retreats on Indigenous ministry, spirituality, grieving and the Twelve Steps, liturgy, faith renewal, personal healing and community development. He ministers at the Star of the North Retreat and Renewal Centre in St. Albert AB as chaplain and spiritual director. He is the author of three books: "Drumming From Within" on Indigenous ministry, "Together We Heal," and "Walk A New Path" on addictions awareness. He is now working on a fourth book.