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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

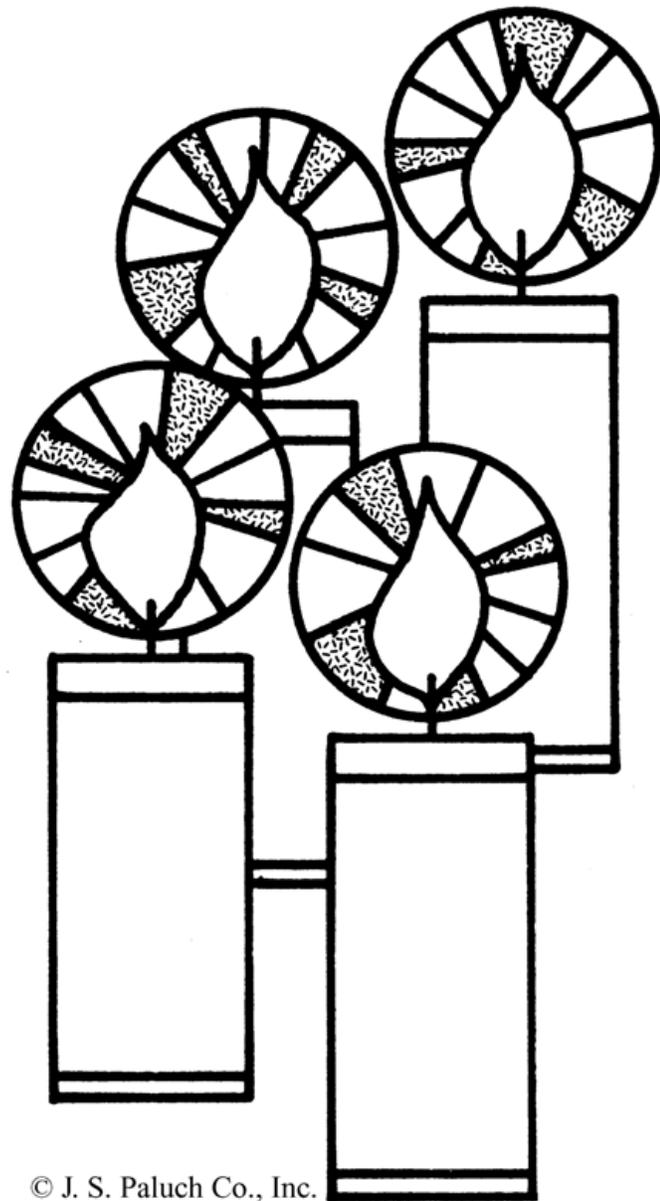
## Daily Liturgy

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](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.

### **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**

## **This week at St. Augustine**

### **Sunday, Dec. 10—Second Sunday in Advent**

Liturgical color: Violet

6 a.m. Mass—R/S Catherine Lynch

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Albert Loebenstein

9 a.m. Religious education, Annex Building

10 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

### **Monday, Dec. 11—St. Damasus I**

Liturgical color: Violet/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Glynn Martino

6 p.m. Advent Parish Mission

### **Tuesday, Dec. 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Ricky Nomura (healing)

9 a.m. Rosary making, Damien Meeting Room

5 p.m. Mass

6 p.m. Advent Parish Mission

### **Wednesday, Dec. 13—St. Lucy**

Liturgical color: Red

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Ricky Nomura (healing)

5 p.m. Mass

6 p.m. Advent communal penance service

7 p.m. RCIA, Damien Meeting Room

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

### **Thursday, Dec. 14—St. John of the Cross**

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Ricky Nomura (healing)

5 p.m. Mass

6 p.m. Scripture reflection, Annex Building

### **Friday, Dec. 15**

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Ricky & Faletau Nomura (healing)

### **Saturday, Dec. 16**

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

Church cleaning: Altar Rosary Society and Knights of Columbus

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Edward Lapnewski

5 p.m. Mass

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



## Breaking open the Word

### *Second Sunday in Advent*

The church gives us the opening verses of Mark's gospel for the Second Sunday of Advent. As a lion, Mark pounces on his subject matter. A one-line intro is followed by a mishmash of Scripture quotes attributed to Isaiah. In actuality, Mark combines Malachi 3.1 with Isaiah 40.3 and applies both to the enigmatic figure of John the Baptist. It's as though Mark doesn't have the time for precise details. He charges in. This is why Mark is often portrayed as a lion.

With John the Baptist's unkempt appearance and fiery, apocalyptic preaching, he gathered crowds of those acknowledging their sins and seeking forgiveness. In the first of perhaps many theological quandaries created by the presence of John the Baptist, he proclaimed a "baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." The problem is created when Jesus comes forward to be baptized. Of course, for modern Christians (and even some ancient Christians) the question naturally arises, why would Jesus need to be baptized as he is without sin? Such questions seem to be beyond the scope of Mark's quick narrative. They are left for others like Luke and Matthew to address, each in his own way. In the Gospel of John of course there is simply no baptism of Jesus at all, but only John the Baptist testifying to Jesus.

But in the Gospel of Mark, the first canonical gospel written, the reader is carried forward swiftly.

John the Baptist proclaims, "One mightier than I is coming after me." This person will baptize with the Holy Spirit. In these short verses the stage is set for Jesus. Mark has no infancy narrative such as Matthew or Luke would have it. There is no dramatic, cosmic prologue attuned to the opening words of Genesis as the Gospel of John would have it. Instead, Mark charges in, immediately quoting Scripture before introducing John the Baptist. We readers are swept up in the story.

Perhaps it is appropriate that we read these opening verses on the Second Sunday of Advent with our busy lives, shopping lists, and details to which we must attend. The gospel, and especially its opening, seems to lend itself to our frenetic pace. Still there is the proclamation that something, someone, is coming. He is mightier than John the Baptist, mightier than our concerns for the season, mightier than our lists of things to get done. He will baptize with the Holy Spirit and our lives will never be the same. Advent blessings.

*Fr. Lane K. Akiona ss.cc.*

## Daily Prayer

Finding intimacy with God in the midst of our busy lives begins with getting in touch with our own desires. Advent is a wonderful time to ask myself, "What am I looking for? What do I desire? What longing can I recognize in my heart?" The readings this week offer some ways to talk with the Lord about our desires.

We can begin by trying to get in touch with a part of my heart that is divided, perhaps with a desert separating the two parts. For example, is there a disconnect between my primary commitments and the amount of time and attention that I give to them? Is there a distance between who I say I am, and who I actually am? Do I experience something missing between what I believe and how I live those beliefs? We all have these contradictions and inconsistencies within us. These are the places into which we can let our Advent desiring grow.

This week, we can imagine the prophet saying, "there will be a path between what is separate or divided or at a distance in your life!" "What is desert, barren, dry, life-less in you will come to life!" "You will find freedom and comfort, where you have been finding yourself in a captivity to pattern and routine, where you have felt weak and weary." "Learn from the Lord and learn real wisdom."

When one or more of these desires really strikes a chord in our hearts, Advent begins for us. Each morning this week, we can turn to our God, and simply ask: "Come, Lord. Come into this place, into this embarrassing place of need in my life."

Advent comes alive for us as we identify our desires and let them be expressed as longing and expectant hope. Into this space our Lord comes with good news, healing and a peace the world can't give. As we taste our desires and longing grow, we can give thanks each evening before we go to bed, to acknowledge we are being given a great grace of a growing intimacy with our God, in the mist of our very busy days.

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## Readings

### Sunday

**First Reading** — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

**Psalm** — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

**Second Reading** — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

**Gospel** — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

### Weekday

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

### Next Sunday

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

## Daughters of St. Paul Book Fair

The Daughters of St. Paul are visiting our parish for a Book Fair this weekend. Pauline Books & Media is part of their larger apostolic mission of spreading the Gospel through social communication. The Sisters will be bringing books for all ages, DVDs about the lives of saints, music by the Daughters of St Paul Choir, and much more. These items will be available for purchase after the Masses. This is a great opportunity to purchase reading materials for yourself or gift someone with a book during this season of Advent and in anticipation for the Christmas season to come. You can visit their Pauline Books & Media Center at 1143 Bishop Street, Honolulu, HI 96813. Their hours of operation are Monday & Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Tuesday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Telephone number: 521-2731

## 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.

## St. Augustine Christmas party Jan. 6

Mark your calendars! Save the date! St. Augustine Parish's Christmas party will be held on Saturday, Jan. 6, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel. The theme will be :Hawaiian Country Christmas. The cost is \$35 per person.

## Religious Ed holiday schedule

Religious education classes will not be held Dec. 24 & 31.

### 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

## 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.

## 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.

## 2018 envelopes available

Stewardship envelopes for those who give to St. Augustine using the envelope system are available in the sacristy. If you do not use envelopes and would like to begin, please call the parish office during office hours.

## 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.

## Help religious communities

"Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to the Dec. 17 second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

## Advent penance services

East Honolulu Advent Penance services are:

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| Mary, Star of the Sea | December 12 @ 6:15 pm |
| St. Augustine         | December 13 @ 6 pm    |
| Holy Trinity          | December 18 @ 7 pm    |

## Parish Calendar

Dec. 9-10 Daughters of St. Paul Book Fair after all Masses

Dec. 11-12 6 p.m. Advent Mission

Dec. 12 9 a.m. Rosary making, Damien Meeting Room

Dec. 13 6 p.m. Parish communal penance service

Dec. 13 7 p.m. RCIA, Damien Meeting Room  
7 p.m. Tongan Choir, Annex Building

Dec. 14 6 p.m. Scripture reflection, Annex Building

Dec. 16 7 p.m. Tongan Choir, Annex Building

Dec. 19 9 a.m. Rosary making, Damien Meeting Room



### **Enriching the Advent Journey**

One way of enriching our Advent journey is to keep in mind the three comings of Jesus, and how they relate to one another. Jesus was born into our history - at a fixed point in time in the past. Jesus comes to us now in a variety of ways. Jesus promised he will come again in glory, at the end of time.

#### **The Incarnation: Jesus has come**

This is not the coming we await. The first coming of Jesus has happened. Our preparation to celebrate his birth is the occasion for our deeper reflection. On the first level, it is important we let ourselves experience the power of the Incarnation: God is with us. That God became one of us means that "human" is one of the ways God can be. The deeper we contemplate this mystery the more we enter into the grace of "God with us." The more we let ourselves be touched by this mystery, the more we see the connection between Christmas and Easter: all of this is "for me" - for my salvation - to free me from the power of sin and death.

#### **My Life Now: Jesus comes to me**

When we plead, "Come, O Lord," we are experiencing our desire for the Lord to come to us and touch us with the grace of salvation - that we might live it with greater freedom and peace. Jesus is present whenever we need him to be present. Jesus is alive and active in us when we read God's Word and let it into our hearts and when our sufferings unite us with his own mission. Advent is a special time to experience our longing for the presence of Jesus with us now - in all the places we need him most.

#### **Our Future: Jesus comes again, in glory**

One of the most transforming graces of Advent is given us as our longing deepens. The more grateful we become for how God saved us in Jesus, the more deeply we enter into the mystery of how Jesus is with us now. The closer we come to experiencing joy at how our Lord, Jesus Christ came into our world, faithful to God and faithful to our life journey in the flesh, the closer we come to experiencing the mystery of salvation in our everyday lives. And, as our longing is filled with the utter fullness of God's gift to us, we begin to long to be with him in God. We live more at home in this world because our God made a home in this world. But the whole story draws us to a complete picture of who we are and where we belong.

### **Christmas Trolley ride**

Join your fellow St. Augustine parishioners on a festive trolley ride to see the Christmas lights on Friday, Dec. 29, at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person and the trolley ride starts at St. Augustine. There is limited seating, so don't wait to get your tickets! Tickets are available



in the parish office.



### **Learning Lectio Divina**

Lectio Divina or "Divine Reading" is an ancient Benedictine practice of reading, meditating, and praying on Scripture to increase faith and draw closer to God. Bring your Bible and learn and practice Lectio Divina with Sr. Marie Lemert, ss.cc. and Malulani Kamanu on Saturday, Jan. 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Anthony Retreat Center. Open to women and men 18 years and older. Lunch provided. Free will offering. Registration required by Jan. 16. Call 845-0065.

