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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

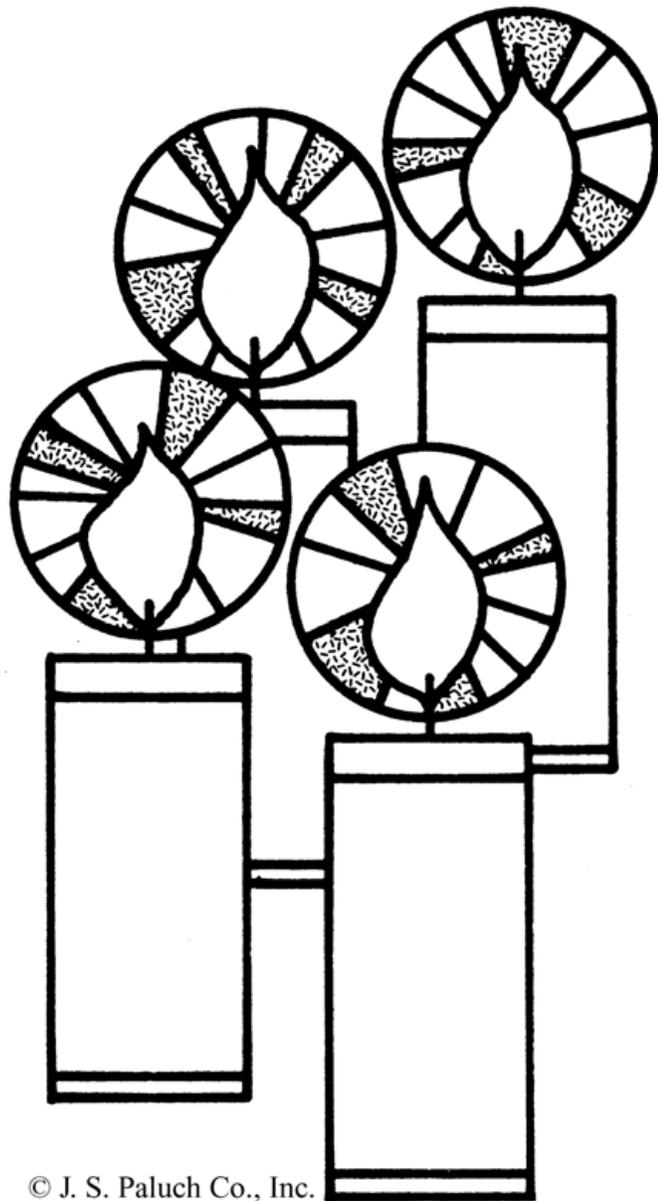
## Daily Liturgy

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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Keith Cabiles and Margaret Stafford

### **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-<br/>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.

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

### **Sunday, Dec. 17—Third Sunday in Advent**

Liturgical color: Violet/Rose

6 a.m. Mass

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Dr. Jorge Camara

9 a.m. Religious education, Annex Building

10 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

### **Monday, Dec. 18**

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Tim Cubero (birthday)

### **Tuesday, Dec. 19**

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Sau & Pule Ngata (anniversary)

9 a.m. Rosary making, Damien Meeting Room

5 p.m. Mass

### **Wednesday, Dec. 20**

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

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

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

### **Thursday, Dec. 21—St. Peter Canisius**

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Mary Gahler

6 p.m. Scripture reflection, Annex Building

### **Friday, Dec. 22**

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Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5:30 p.m. Wedding rehearsal

### **Saturday, Dec. 23—St. John of Kanty**

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

Church cleaning: Tongan Society/Catechist's Mystery

7 a.m. Mass

2 p.m. Wedding

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Elvin Boggs

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



# Breaking open the Word

## *Third Sunday in Advent*

When we reflect on the Gospel reading today, we need to keep in mind that the teaching is also applicable today. Sometimes we have a distant understanding and it remains as such when we read or listen to it.

What John did, continues today. *Point others to Jesus Christ.*

John was as human as the person next to you. He ate, drank, and lived a modest lifestyle in keeping with what he believed. He had only one mission in life, to help others in their struggles to overcome sin, suffering, and death. He showed them the way, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Point others to Jesus Christ.* We should also do it ourselves and not only expect others to do it. How we do it would be reflective of living a righteous life. A life that keeps the commandments that was given to us, which serves as a guide for our thoughts and actions.

A good place to start is our families, then our friends, our workplace, the needy, and our community we live in. Let the Light of Christ shine brightly in us so others may follow and have their own light to share with others. If we all join together Glorifying God, then this season may be the best ever as we wish peace, happiness, and joy to all.

*Deacon Andy Calunod*

### Sunday

**First Reading** — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will GOD make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

**Psalm** — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

**Second Reading** — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

**Gospel** — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

### Weekday

Monday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72; Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71; Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14; Ps 33; Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25; Lk 1:57-66

### Next Sunday

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-

38

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## Daily Prayer

This third week of Advent, begins with Gaudete (rejoice!) Sunday. Our daily prayer continues to allow us to become much more concrete about naming our desires and preparing the way for the Lord. We begin this week with joy, knowing that our celebration of all the ways our Lord comes to us is getting nearer.

In these familiar readings is an invitation to us to ask again for help, perhaps especially in dealing with our fears.

In the midst of what our culture tells us should be a picture-perfect holiday season, we can step back and get in touch with our fears and ask God to help us deal with the relationships we are afraid of, the family tensions that make us apprehensive and the stress that can take us out of the spirit of Advent reflection. If we pause for just a minute, we can feel in our hearts that Jesus is saying gently to us each day: "Do not be afraid."

These very busy days can still be a time for us to focus our desires, perhaps each morning at the side of our bed, while in the shower or while going about our daily errands. We can ask God to remind us again that what we are doing in our daily lives is touched by the sacred because God is present in even the most mundane tasks.

"Lord, let me place my trust in you. I get so independent and think I need to fix everything myself. Let me remember not to be afraid of so much and to ask you for the healing that my heart needs so badly. Give me the patience this week to deal with the relationships in my life that need mending and the forgiveness that I can give others and that I need so badly myself. Be with me through the darkness so that I can see the light that you bring to us and the joy with which you want to fill our hearts."

We are moving toward the end of our Advent journey. Even if we don't feel like we have "started" on Advent yet, we can begin today. We are being invited: "Do not be afraid!"

*Creighton University Online Ministries*

## A Stewardship Moment

In today's second reading Paul concludes his letter to the Christian community at Thessalonica by providing it with actions to take as they wait for the return of the Lord. The first action is to rejoice always and give thanks in all circumstances. This sounds easy but it's not. The two words that make this task difficult are "always" and "all." This means giving thanks and rejoicing even when our circumstances are not always moments of joy and thanksgiving, or when we are confronted with a broken world. Prayerful stewards rejoice and give thanks in all circumstances because they are people of hope. A good reflection this week would be how the season of Advent can give you reason to hope.



## 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

## Purchasing Archbishop Sylvain's books

If you wish to purchase any of Archbishop Emeritus Sylvain Lavoie's books they may be ordered from amazon.com or you may order them directly from the archbishop.

His books are: "Walk a New Path," a guide based on the 12-Step Program to recovery and emotional strength for those who are dealing with grief, addiction or depression; "Drumming From Within: Tales of Hope and Faith from Canada's North;" and "Together We Heal," a 12-step approach for the healing of sexual abuse.

You may email Archbishop Lavoie at [sylvain-mi@icloud.com](mailto:sylvain-mi@icloud.com). His web page is [www.archbishopsylvainlavoie.com](http://www.archbishopsylvainlavoie.com).

Archbishop Lavoie, who led our recent Advent Mission, 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.

## Holiday hours

In observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays, the parish office will be closed Dec. 22, 25, 26, 29 and Jan. 1 and 2.

Aunty Carmen's Kitchen will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

## Christmas second collections

The second collection at the Dec. 24 Masses (Fourth Sunday of Advent) will be for the Christmas Offering. The second collection at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses will be for Parish outreach ministries.

## 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.. There will not be a Scripture reflection session on Dec. 28. The class will resume on Jan. 4.

## 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.

## 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 this weekend's 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!

## 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. Tickets are available in the parish office or outside the church after Sunday Mass.

## Shoe drive

We are assisting St. Michael's parish in Waiialua 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.

## Mass ushers

Ushers serving at each Mass should designate one of the ushers to be the contact person. This will ensure that eucharistic ministers who are selecting gift bearers and identifying those with special needs know which usher to coordinate with. Mahalo to all of our ushers for their ministry and kokua.

## Religious Ed holiday schedule

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

## Parish Calendar

- Dec. 17 9 a.m. Religious education, Annex building  
Dec. 19 9 a.m. Rosary making, Damien Meeting Room  
Dec. 20 6:30 p.m. RCIA, Damien Meeting Room  
7 p.m. Tongan Choir practice, Annex building  
Dec. 21 6 p.m. Scripture reflection, Damien Meeting Rm  
Dec. 22 Parish office closed  
Dec. 23 7 p.m. Tongan Choir practice, Annex building  
Dec. 25 Parish office and Aunty Carmen's Kitchen closed  
Dec. 26 Parish office closed  
Dec. 27 7 p.m. Tongan choir practice  
Dec. 29 Parish office closed  
Dec. 29 6 p.m. Christmas trolley ride. Tickets required.  
Jan. 1 Parish office and Aunty Carmen's Kitchen closed  
Jan. 2 Parish office closed  
Jan. 3 6:30 p.m. RCIA, Damien Meeting Room  
Jan. 4 6 p.m. Scripture reflection, Annex Building



### 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.

## The O Antiphons of Advent

This week, our celebration of Advent makes a transition in ritual and texts. Beginning December 18, the countdown of nine days (a novena) to Christmas sees a heightened sense of expectation, and also a turning from the call of the Baptist in the wilderness to the events leading up to Jesus' birth. In ancient Spain, Dec. 18 was once celebrated as the "Feast of the Expectancy," and customs grew up to heighten readiness in the homes.

Some customs arise from monastic life and practice and spill over into our parish life. The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the *Magnificat* canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

### December 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High,  
guiding creation with power and love:  
come to teach us the path of knowledge!

### December 18

O Leader of the House of Israel,  
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:  
come to rescue us with your mighty power!

### December 19

O Root of Jesse's stem,  
sign of God's love for all his people:  
come to save us without delay!

### December 20

O Key of David,  
opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:  
come and free the prisoners of darkness!

### December 21

O Radiant Dawn,  
splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:  
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and  
in the  
shadow of death.

### December 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:  
come and save man, whom you formed from the  
dust!

### December 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:  
come to save us, Lord our God!