

St. Augustine Church by-the-sea

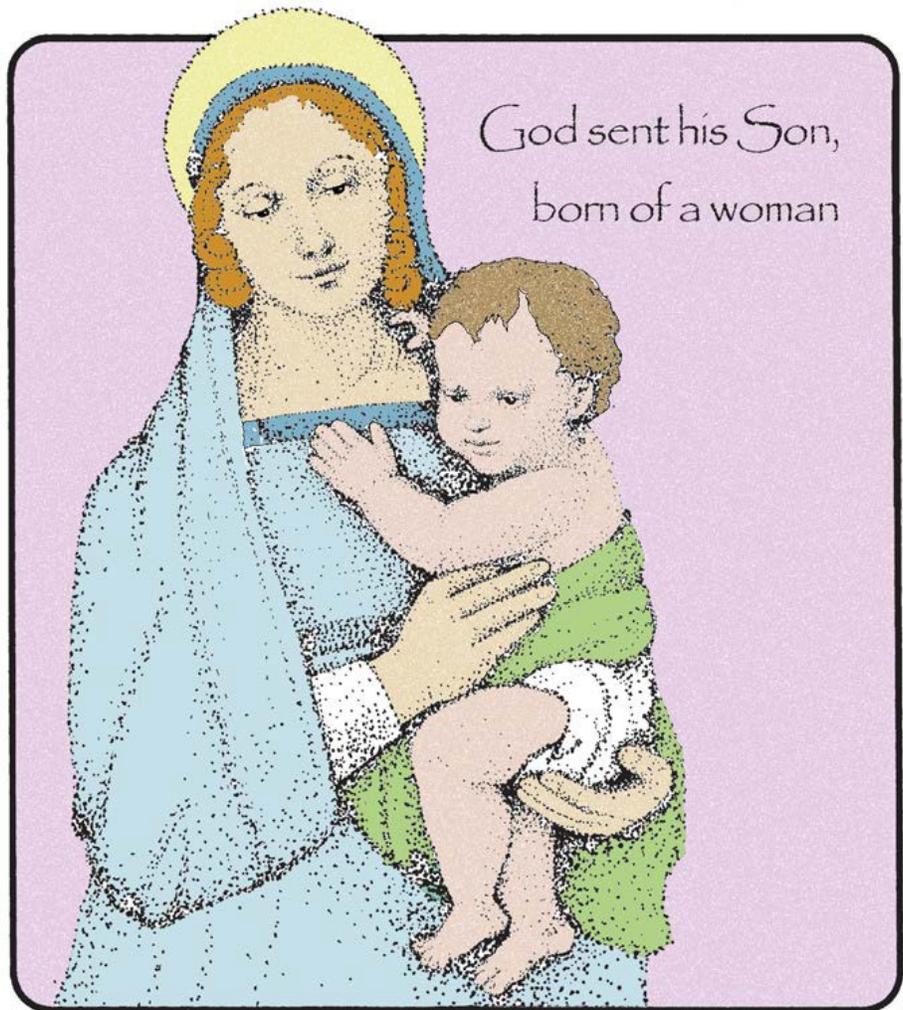
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Sunday Liturgy

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



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*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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of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus
and Mary since 1854*

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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. 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.

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, Dec. 31—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Liturgical color: White

6 a.m. Mass

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Pua Bow

10 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

Monday, Jan. 1—Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God; The Octave

Day of the Nativity of the Lord

PARISH OFFICE AND AUNTY CARMEN'S KITCHEN CLOSED

Liturgical color: White

8 a.m. Mass— S/I Aris de la Paz (thanksgiving)

Tuesday, Jan. 2—St. Basil the Great; St. Gregory Nazianzen

PARISH OFFICE AND AUNTY CARMEN'S KITCHEN CLOSED

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

9 a.m. Rosary making, Damien Meeting Room

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Antonin & Mary Cruz (30th anniversary)

5:30 p.m. Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, Jan. 3—The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass— R/S Jerry Galang

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Mingi & Sumi Kim

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

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

Thursday, Jan. 4—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Liturgical color: 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, Jan. 5—St. John Neumann

First Friday

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Damien Rajewski (healing)

Benediction and adoration

Saturday, Jan. 6—St. Andre Bessette

First Saturday

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

Church cleaning: Tongan Society

7 a.m. Mass

10 a.m. Parish Christmas party, Marriott Hotel

2 p.m. Wedding

5 p.m. Mass— S/I Seth & Pamela Patinkin (10th wedding anniversary)

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

Breaking open the Word

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

The Feast of the Holy Family reminds us of the real significance of the family. A family consists of individuals, each with his or her wants, inclinations and way of thinking, but there is something that glues them together. The same interests or dreams could be that glue. However, will the same interests or dreams lead them to holiness? What then is the real glue that makes a family like the Holy Family?

Jesus gave us the real meaning of family. Remember that instance when Mary and Jesus' brothers came to Him, but were unable to join him because of the crowd? Jesus was told, "your mother and brothers are standing outside and they wish to see you." Jesus said to the crowd, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it." Jesus used this incident not to deny his blood relations, his family, but to show people the real meaning of family. A family has to consist of people eager to know what is true (to hear the word of God) and actualize it.

Jesus defined holiness in His family as in the openness of each to God's word which is the truth. Truth was the glue that bound them together. They listen to their own hearts and to each other, for God often reminds us through another person. Often in our families, we don't listen to each other.

Between Mary and Jesus there exists great rapport; they understand and share each other's concerns. At the wedding at Cana, Mary asked Jesus to give his attention to the couple who ran out of wine. Jesus replied that His moment to make his first sign or his public appearance as spiritual teacher had not yet come. However, Jesus listened to His mother when He realized there was an immediate need to help people. He was willing to change his schedule because He saw His mother's compassion for the couple was more valuable than His own schedule.

A family can live harmoniously if each member listens to his or her own heart and also to fully listen to other family members. They are willing to find out together what is true. No one acts as if he or she alone is the authority of truth and can dominate others. When we let God who is the truth dwell in the family, holiness exists as well. May we learn that today from The Holy Family of Nazareth.

Fr. Benny Kosasih ss.cc.

Sunday

First Reading — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14) or *Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3*.

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) or *Psalm 105*.

Second Reading — Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21) or *Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19*.

Gospel — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40).

Weekday

Monday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98; Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98; Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98; Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100; Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147; Mk 1:7-11

Next Sunday

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Daily Prayer

This second week of the Christmas Season can be a great help for our daily connections with our Lord. We begin the week with the Solemnity in honor of Mary, in her role as "Mother of God." We can ask her to be our guide all week as we desire to grow closer to her Son.

As we go through our daily and often very busy lives, in this time after Christmas, we can continue a sense of this brief season by continuing to ask that our Lord come to us in the ways we still need light and healing and peace. For some of us, this will be an easy prayer this week. Waiting faithfully can continue throughout the Christmas Season. A special grace to ask for this week would be the gift of celebrating our Lord's presence with us. We can ask for it every morning, as we get going and we can enter into brief conversations with our Lord, in the background, as we encounter some of the places in our life in which we can see more hope, more of an opportunity for peace. This week, we might hold up each member of our family, close friends and neighbors, and those we might work with, seeing and celebrating how our Lord is manifest in them. For some of us, there may be real epiphany moments, when we see what we haven't been seeing, feel what we haven't been feeling or experience a call we haven't felt before. Being watchful for and open to these special post-Christmas moments of grace is very important.

The Baptism of the Lord ends this Season and reminds us of the rest of our lives. As Jesus fully enters our world, by becoming one with us in the waters of baptism, we can ask for a renewed sense of our union with him in baptism - for our salvation and for our mission in this world.

The New Year & resolutions

Have you made any New Year's resolutions? Here are some courtesy of Pope Francis:

~"Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God, because this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are."

~"Take care of your family life, giving your children and loved ones not just money, but most of all your time, attention and love."

~"Take care of your relationships with others, transforming your faith into life and your words into good works, especially on behalf of the needy."

~"Be careful how you speak, purify your tongue of offensive words, vulgarity and worldly decadence."

~"Heal wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness, forgiving those who have hurt us and medicating the wounds we have caused others."

~"Look after your work, doing it with enthusiasm, humility, competence, passion and with a spirit that knows how to thank the Lord."

~"Be careful of envy, lust, hatred and negative feelings that devour our interior peace and transform us into destroyed and destructive people."

~"Watch out for anger that can lead to vengeance; for laziness that leads to existential euthanasia; for pointing the finger at others, which leads to pride; and for complaining continually, which leads to desperation."

~"Take care of brothers and sisters who are weaker ... the elderly, the sick, the hungry, the homeless and strangers, because we will be judged on this."

New offertory system

Since starting the new system of passing the basket for our stewardship of treasure, our regular collection has increased by 9 percent even though mass attendance has dropped 4 percent. The average gift per person is up 13 percent.

It was a struggle to make the change a reality, but the statistics show that this change has benefited our community.

Mahalo nui loa to our parishioners, benefactors and visitors who continue to support us and have become good stewards of treasure. It is quite evident that people are grateful for what they have received and are committed to living stewardship as a way of life.

May you all receive many more blessings because of your faithfulness.

Mahalo ke Akua (thank you, God)

Fr. Lane

Holiday hours

In observance of the New Year's holidays, the parish office and Auntie Carmen's Kitchen will be closed Jan. 1 and 2.

Religious Ed holiday schedule

Religious education classes will not be held on Dec. 31.

Hawaiian societies on Jan. 7

On Jan. 7, Hale O Na Alli will be honoring Princess Wahikaahaula, their foundress, along with the other Hawaiian Royal Orders at the 10 a.m. Mass.

It has become a tradition for them to come to St. Augustine Church since many of the Royal family (the Kawanakoaas) have been baptized at St. Augustine.

Our koa baptismal font was given as a gift by members of the Kawanakoa family in 1903.

Please welcome the Royal Orders and Hawaiian Societies to our parish community.

Parish Calendar

Jan. 1 Parish office and Auntie Carmen's Kitchen closed

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Jan. 3 6:30 p.m. RCIA, Damien Meeting Room

Jan. 4 6 p.m. Scripture reflection, Annex Building

Jan. 6 10 a.m. Parish Christmas party; Marriott Hotel

Jan. 8 6 p.m. Knights of Columbus, Damien Meeting Rm

Jan. 10 6:30 p.m. RCIA, Damien Meeting Room

Jan. 13 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Augustine Closet, Damien Meeting Room

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Weekly Scripture discussions

Our weekly Scripture Reflections are held at 6 p.m. Thursdays in the Annex Building. They are open to all who are 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..

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 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.

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.

Services for Peni Lakalaka

Services for Fetukutuku Penisimani Lakalaka, will be Jan. 8 and 9 at St. Augustine Church The wake service will be at 6 p.m. Jan. 8 with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. The final viewing will be at 8:30 a.m. Jan. 9 and the Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Jan. 9. Please remember Akata Malia Lakalaka the wife of Peni, and her ohana in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

St. Augustine Closet open Jan. 13

The Altar Rosary Society Closet will open on **Saturday, Jan. 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** in the Damien Meeting Room.

If you're looking for a treasure and something old or somewhat new, you won't want to miss it.

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.

Mele Kalikimaka a me Hau'oli Makahiki Hou! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

In this most joyous time of year we are truly grateful for all that we have received. In 2017, St. Augustine Church was blessed by your generous stewardship of time, talent and treasure. Thanks to your support, we were able to fulfill our mission of outreach to those in need in our community.

The St. Augustine faith community is grateful for your continued presence, kokua and support. Our parish is a worshipping body celebrating our faith in Word and Eucharist, in the education of our children and in our many outreach programs to those who need our help.

We are also dedicated to the mission of preserving the legacy of our two Island saints and telling their story. St. Damien and St. Marianne Cope, who witnessed their faith in the leprosy settlement at Kalaupapa more than 100 years ago, provide our broken world a model of compassion, love and acceptance.

Our “Christmas wish” this year is to begin construction on our long-planned Damien and Marianne Educational Center. The center will tell the story of Kalaupapa and Sts. Damien and Marianne in static and inter-active displays and historic memorabilia, and will feature a chapel for reflection and a Memorial Garden.

There will also be a retail shop featuring local, Hawaiian items. The center will be on Kalakaua Avenue adjacent to St. Augustine Church, readily accessible to visitors and local residents alike.

Your kokua will help us in our mission to build the Damien and Marianne Educational Center to bring our saints’ story to the world. I personally invite you to join our parish family in this ministry and make a gift to help us proclaim their message of love, compassion, acceptance and courage.

May your Christmas Season be filled with blessings and joy and be assured of the prayers of our parish family.

Aloha me ke pumehana,
Fr. Lane K. Akiona ss.cc.