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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

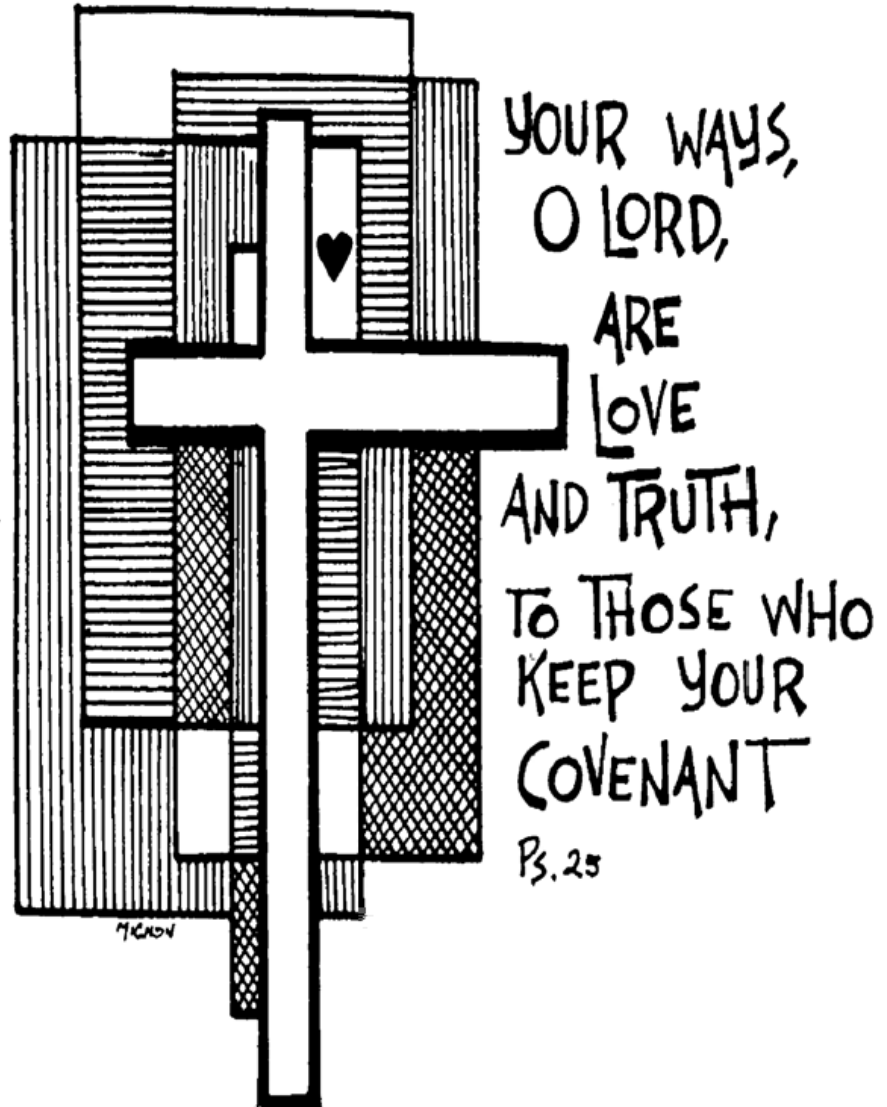
Daily Liturgy
7 a.m. Monday-Saturday
5 p.m. Monday-Thursday



*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 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, March 11—Fourth Sunday in Lent

Liturgical color: Violet

6 a.m. Mass—S/I Shanson Garcia (healing)

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Pua Bow

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Kong Kee Family

5 p.m. Mass —R/S Neva Rego

Monday, March 12

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Josephine Leapit

6 p.m. Knights of Columbus meeting, Damien Meeting Room

Tuesday, March 13

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Msss

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. Marriage Preparation, Church

Wednesday, March 14

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S John & Kathleen Bero

5 p.m. Mass

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

7:30 p.m. Tongan Choir, Damien Meeting Room

Thursday, March 15

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Eric Rubin Decatur III

5 p.m. Mass

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

Friday, March 16

Day of abstinence

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Fr. Lane K. Akiona ss.cc. (birthday)

5 p.m. Mass

5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

6 p.m. Soup supper, Damien Courtyard

7 p.m. Tongan Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 17--St. Patrick

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

Church cleaning: Tongan Society-Catechist Group

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Dr. Jorge Camara

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Kong Kee Family

Breaking open the Word

Fourth Sunday in Lent

To determine which of his three sons was most worthy of his inheritance, a dying father held a contest. "I challenge you," he said, "whoever wins, will inherit all my gold and my land. Your task is to fill this entire room with anything you wish-- but you only can spend \$5.00 to do so. Come back tomorrow and we'll see who is most successful."

The day came, and all were excited. The first son had thought of the least expensive item he could buy in bulk: hay. But he could only fill the room a fourth full. The second son, chose the most fluffy item at the market, cotton, but that too, filled the room just over a fourth full. The final son confidently walked to the center of the room, took out a tiny candle, lit it, and the room was filled with the light. "You," said the proud father, "get everything."

The theme of Light and Darkness in today's Gospel is a powerful one. Jesus is the light that has come into the world to bring enlightenment to all. How appropriate it is that the season of Lent is sometimes referred to as a "period of purification and enlightenment." Our call to prayer, fasting, generosity and conversion expressly reminds of this.

As we enter our halfway point of the Lenten Season, have we "preferred darkness to light?" How serious have we taken our Lenten obligations? Many people, including myself, sometimes don't recognize the gravitas of Lent. We sometimes view it as a nuisance or something non-essential. "What will really happen if I eat meat on Friday?" "No one will know if I skip confession." "I don't need conversion." If we have this kind of attitude, we've already proven we prefer darkness.

The very Good News for us is that, like the candle in the story, Jesus the Light is powerful enough to illumine even the darkest of spaces in our hearts and minds. It's never too late to seek purification and enlightenment; nor are we ever too lost to welcome in the light. So in this fourth week of Lent, let's reflect on our preferences when it comes to our attitudes toward prayer, fasting, generosity and conversion. Be assured that if we prefer the light we will be rewarded and "get everything."

Deacon Keith Cabiles

Readings

Sunday

First Reading — The wrath and the mercy of the LORD are revealed in the exile and liberation of the Chosen People (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23)

Psalm — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137)

Second Reading — God, who is rich in mercy, brought us to life with Christ (Ephesians 2:4-10)

Gospel — The Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life (John 3:14-21)

Weekday

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30 Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps ; Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday

Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Daily Prayer

The gospels make it very clear toward the end of the week that Jesus faced opposition that couldn't accept who he is.

We see that Jesus comes to lay down his life that we might live. So, this week of Lent is an important time for us to ask ourselves if there are any parts of our hearts, any of our patterns, that oppose Jesus and his desire to give us life.

Even if it hasn't been easy to get really engaged with Lent so far, we can still make a beginning, even now. The key is openness and desire.

All we have to do is act out of these desires and simply ask the Lord for the grace to help us be more honest and more open to what he is offering us. For example, we can ask for the grace to examine our consciences more thoroughly.

We could try a different approach to facing any resistance we might have to the Lord's working in us. We might not commit the big sins, but we may not have examined what we fail to do. Who am I failing to love, to forgive, to be generous to? From whom am I withholding affection, care, reconciliation? Where can I live more honestly, with more integrity?

Creighton University Online Ministries

Living Stewardship in our parish

"As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord." (From the U.S. Catholic Bishops Pastoral Letter on Stewardship).

Catholic Stewardship calls us to work in concrete ways to make our parish a true community of faith and vibrant source of service to the larger community.

There are many ways we can practice stewardship in our parish and participate in the life of the parish.

One way is by assisting our two youth Religious Education programs. These are some of the ways our Religious Education leaders have highlighted

Keeping the children in your prayers.

Being a guest speaker on marriage, lay ministry, being a Catholic professional and integrating faith into their profession.

Helping to organize service projects and provide supplies.

Providing supplies for arts and crafts, rosaries, card making, scrapbooks, journals, prayer space etc.

Provide snacks for the various activities.

Help the Religious Education program obtain a much-needed projection screen.

The children in our Religious Education program are deeply involved in parish projects, including beach cleanups, the CRS Operation Rice Bowl, collecting donations for our Lenten drive for the Waianae Coast needy, cleaning the church and helping with the Family Promise ministry to homeless families. They set a wonderful example of Christian living. Enrich your life by becoming involved as you are able.

Mahalo

Marriage Prep Program

This weekend at the Saturday 5 p.m. Mass our community will bless those couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony at St. Augustine. These past few weeks, these couples have been mentored by "Angels" who journey with them up to the day of their wedding.

Please keep them all in your prayers.

Flu epidemic and our response

Because of the increase in flu cases in Hawaii, we are suspending the communal chalice at communion, hand-shaking at the Sign of Peace and have removed holy water at the entrances to the church. We are doing this for the health, safety and protection of our parishioners and visitors. At the Sign of Peace, a smile and a heartfelt "Peace be with you" should suffice.

If you are sick, we ask that you stay home. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those who are ill.

We pray for the health and recovery of all who are ill and not with us today. Mahalo for your understanding.

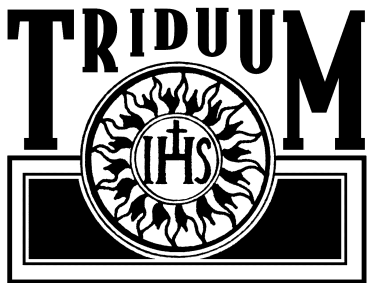
Shoe drive

We are assisting St. Michael's parish in Waiialua in their drive to collect 25,000 pairs of shoes as a fundraiser. To help, donate used shoes in good condition. The shoes must be wearable (no holes or cracks) and have laces if applicable. If you have shoes to donate, please call the parish office.

Parishioners remembered in prayer

The parishioners of St. Augustine will be remembered in the prayers and the works of the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts at Regina Pacis Convent March 11-17, 2018. If you have intentions you would like the Sisters to remember, please let the Sisters know by phone, mail or email.

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Holy Thursday Mass: 7 p.m. March 29

Good Friday service: 3 p.m. March 30

Easter Vigil: 7 p.m. March 31

Easter Masses: 6, 8 & 10 a.m., 5 p.m.

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Good Friday collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The collection also provides humanitarian aid to refugees in the Holy Land.



The readings in Lent make God's call to us clear: "Return to me with your whole heart." In Lent, the Church calls us to prayer, fasting, almsgiving and penance. Prayer deepens our relationship with God. Fasting helps us to be more aware of those in need and reminds us to be selfless. Almsgiving is a way of practicing generosity and reminds us that all that we have is a gift and is meant to be shared. Through penance and the Sacrament of Reconciliation we can change sinful patterns.

Daily Mass: Monday-Friday 7 a.m. & 5 p.m.; Saturday 7 a.m.

Liturgy of the Hours: 6:30 a.m. Monday-Saturday

Stations of the Cross: 5:30 p.m. Fridays, 7 p.m. in Tongan.

Build prayer into your daily life through online resources: Sacredspace.ie, Prayingeachday.org, ebreviary.com, apostleshipofprayer.org, lectio.americanbible.org

East Honolulu Penance services

Lenten Penance services in East Honolulu parishes are:
Mary, Star of the Sea.....6:15 p.m. March 13
Sacred Heart Church.....7:30 p.m. March 14
Holy Trinity Church.....7 p.m. March 19
Newman Center/Holy Spirit.....7 p.m. March 19
Sts. Peter & Paul.....6 p.m. March 21

Lent food drive for the needy

Our Lady of Kea'au on the Waianae Coast weekly serves hundreds of hot meals to needy and homeless individuals and families. The parish of St. Augustine will be collecting nonperishable food items and toiletries for Our Lady of Kea'au through Palm Sunday.

Drop off your nonperishable, unopened food items (particularly canned meats and canned meals such as spaghetti and canned vegetables and fruit) and unopened toiletries in marked boxes in the church. Please, no toilet paper.

Stations, soup on Fridays in Lent

The Knights of Columbus are providing a soup supper after the 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross. Please join us in the Damien Courtyard for food and fellowship immediately following the Stations of the Cross.

Operation Rice Bowl

During Lent, practice almsgiving through Operation Rice Bowl and benefit those served by Catholic Relief Service throughout the world. Rice bowls will be available at the church entrances. Return the Rice Bowl with your monetary donations at Holy Thursday Mass.

Give your voice to our Pastoral Plan

Dear Parishioners and Visitors:

This weekend and next we are asking for your mana'o (wisdom) and input for our Pastoral Plan for the next five years. This Pastoral Plan will be YOUR vision for what kind of parish we will be – in faith formation, in outreach, in our ministries to seniors and young adults/youth, in family life and in leadership development.

We encourage our visitors – both those here just for a short time and those who are here for a longer term – to also take part in the survey. You are an integral part of our parish, too.

Your responses to the survey will be the basis for the goals in our Pastoral Plan. This plan will be presented to Bishop Larry Silva when he makes his Pastoral Visit to our parish June 23-24, 2018.

In reflecting on what you want our parish to be, I ask that you remember that:

Faith Formation is a lifelong process. It includes the education of our youth, which begins with parents and is strengthened by the parish, and of all adults throughout their lives. It is important to remember that as Catholic Christians we are called to continue our faith and spiritual growth throughout our lives.

Leadership development of clergy and laity is important for current and future leaders. All of us have gifts to bring to the Church and each other. The parish is called upon to help develop and nurture those gifts.

Strengthening marriage and family life permeates Christian life. It includes helping married couples live out their sacrament but reaches much further in advocating for the elimination of poverty, domestic abuse, and violence. It includes building up the “domestic Church,” where the healing love of Christ is encountered in the Word of God. And, finally our **youth and young adults** must be supported and nurtured in the Word of God and formed in the likeness of Christ in their concern for the sick, the poor, the hungry, and for those who go astray

I pray that as a parish we always give witness to Jesus and his Word in all that we do. Thank you for your time and your prayerful discernment as you respond to the survey.

Fr. Lane K. Akiona ss.cc.

Pastor

Sovereign Military Order of St. John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta

The Order of Malta is the fourth oldest Order of the Roman Catholic Church. It was formed to serve the sick and wounded en route to the Holy Land during the Crusades.

The Order's mission is for the defense of the faith and assistance to the suffering. The Order provides medical and social care and humanitarian aid in more than 120 countries.

Several members of the Order of Malta, Western Association U.S.A., which includes Hawaii, would like to send me to the Lourdes Pilgrimage 2018 in May. I would be considered a Provisional member who will assist those who are ill with a serious medical condition (malades) to visit Lourdes, a place of physical and spiritual healing. All malades are screened and this year there are about three malades from Hawaii who have been chosen.

The number of members in Hawaii is small and they need assistance in raising the cost of my airfare from Los Angeles to Lourdes. If you might be somewhat interested in assisting in this ministry of service, please contact me personally for more information. It will be eight days in Lourdes.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Fr. Lane

Lenten movie retreat

The Daughters of St. Paul are offering a Lenten Movie Retreat with reflections to guide your Holy Week journey on Saturday March 17 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday March 18 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the second floor conference room of Pauline Books and Media, 1145 Bishop St. They will validate parking at Century Square. Please RSVP by calling 521-2731. Donations welcome.

Day of reflection for Holy Week

St. Anthony Retreat Center is sponsoring a day reflection, Journey to Jerusalem, on Saturday, March 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Follow Jesus on His final journey. Join Sr. Marie Lemert ss.cc. and Malulani Kamanu before Holy Week begins listening to His words, observing His actions, feeling His passion and power. The day begins with mass at 9 a.m. A free-will offering will be taken. Lunch will be provided. St. Anthony Retreat Center, Rose Hill. Call to register: 845-0065. Register by Tuesday, March 20.



Mementoes to take home

Sunday morning, after all the Masses, the ladies of the Altar Rosary Society will be selling religious articles such as Damien Crosses, rosaries, St Augustine t-shirts and notecards. Stop by their table outside of church for some mementoes to take home.

Damien Crosses from land & sea

Damien Crosses are one-of-a-kind creations made by one of our parishioners, artist JoFay Umbhau, from driftwood, sea glass and shells. No two are alike and they are a true masterpiece of the sea and land for your island home or for our visitors to take home as a beautiful remembrance of Hawaii.

