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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

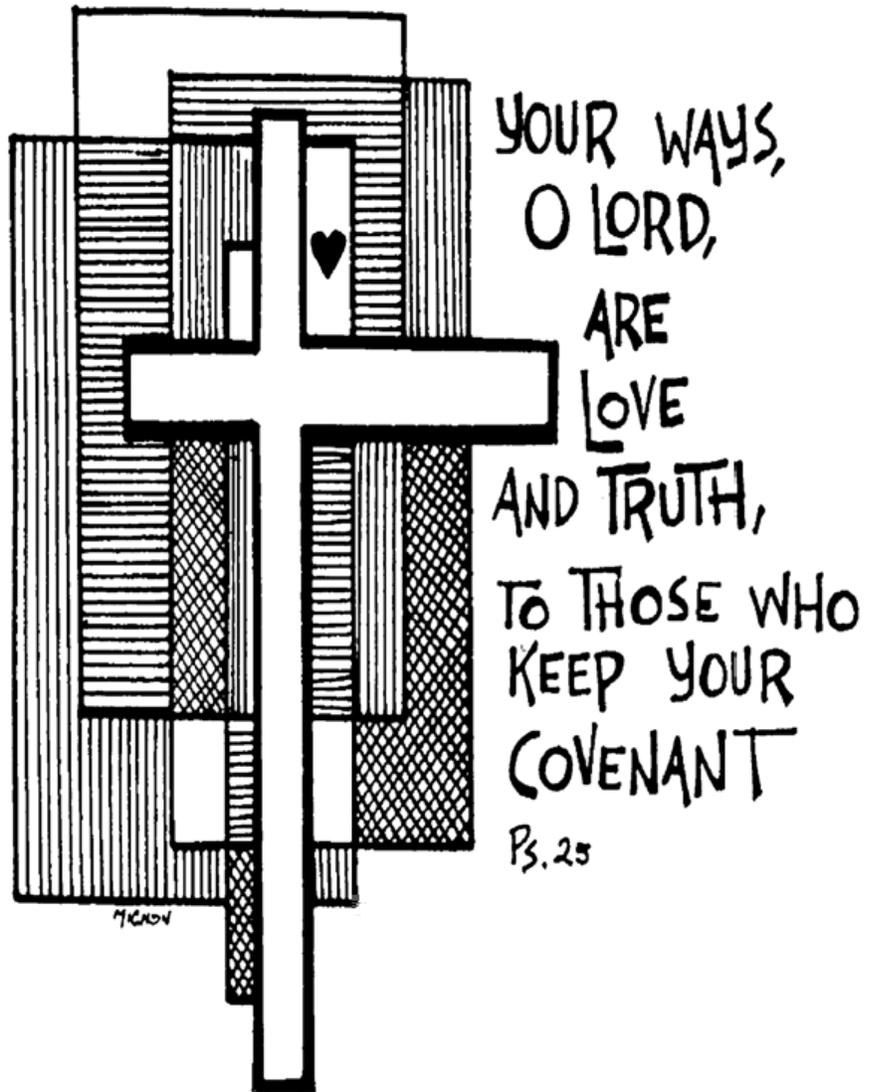
7 a.m. Monday-Saturday
5 p.m. Monday-Thursday



*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 18—Fifth Sunday in Lent

Liturgical color: Violet

6 a.m. Mass—R/S Thelma Ah Choy

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Pua Bow

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Kong Kee Family

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Shanson Garcia (healing)

Monday, March 19—St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Remily Avanzado

Tuesday, March 20

Liturgical color: Violet

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. Marriage Preparation, Church

Wednesday, March 21

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

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

Thursday, March 22

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Lucille Marie Dufek

5 p.m. Mass

Friday, March 23—St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

Day of abstinence

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S John and Kathleen Bero

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 24

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

Church cleaning: Altar Rosary Society & Knights of Columbus

7 a.m. Mass

11 a.m. Marriage Preparation, Damien Meeting Room

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Kong Kee Family

Breaking open the Word

Fifth Sunday in Lent

In this Lenten Sunday preceding Palm Sunday we share a sense of impending doom.

But we are also reminded of the necessity of death for something to bear fruit. If the seed stays on the countertop, it will never bear fruit. But once "dead" and planted in the ground, the seed produces.

The paschal mystery is presented for us in a simple, agrarian, even if scientifically outdated, image.

Do we allow ourselves to die to our own desires, wants, and agenda? From today's gospel reading, it seems Jesus was not quite ready for this moment.

But the arrival of the Greeks was a clarion signal that the end was near. Even for Jesus there was no fighting this eternal purpose. This was the reason he came into the world.

His example of letting go serves as a model for us. We are not the masters of our own fate. We are not in ultimate control of our own destiny.

The illusion that we are somehow planning our own destiny is simply that, an illusion. There are greater forces at work.

We are called to discern those forces so we can recognize them when they face us. For Jesus it was the request from two Greeks.

What are the signs that encourage us to let go of our own desires and submit to something greater? When we die to ourselves we will see fruit that bears eternal life.

Fr. Lane K. Akiona ss.cc.

Readings

Sunday

First Reading — I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

Psalms — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51)

Second Reading — Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (Hebrews 5:7-9)

Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33)

Weekday

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday

Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47

Daily Prayer

This is the last full week of Lent. We can feel the conflict and struggle developing in the readings. As we read about the drama that surrounded Jesus' last days on earth and reflect upon its meaning, we experience how the drama that is going in our own hearts is more intense the closer we get to the end of Lent. The Spirit of the Lord is really trying to help us be more open and more free, to receive the graces our Lord wants to offer us. There is another spirit that is fighting just as hard to distract us, discourage us, and prevent us from being open and attentive to God's gifts. The closer we get to the mystery of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection for us, the more we can experience struggle. If I experience myself somewhat "at war" with myself, then these are very important days to keep deliberately asking our Lord to help me. It is also a great time to begin to prepare to renew the baptismal promises at Easter. We can reject the unloving choices we've made, all that is unjust, dishonest, disrespectful and violent. We want to refuse to be mastered by empty promises. Declaring our desire for freedom is a great preparation to receive this great gift. If we are celebrating the Scrutinies with the RCIA candidates and catechumens, this is a wonderful time to pray for them as well, for their protection from the evil one in the last days of their journey.

If we have developed the habit of naming a desire the first thing each morning, and carrying on a conversation with our Lord in the brief background moments of the day, we are already comfortable with letting the Word or the Season interact with the concrete events of the week. This way of finding intimacy with our Lord, through our daily interaction - even in a very busy life - is so appropriate for the Fifth Week of Lent. We can discover areas that are still resistant to God's grace. We can ask for help to practice new ways of being free, or new ways of loving. We can find ways to make financial sacrifices to give to the poor this week.

Each night this week, we can give thanks. The closer we get to celebrating Holy Week and the events that brought us our salvation, each of us can express our gratitude, realizing this was all for me.

Creighton University Online Ministries

Living Stewardship

This weekend we hear the Gospel story of Jesus inviting his disciples into a great mystery with curious pronouncements: Those who love their lives just as they are will lose them. If a grain of wheat dies, it will bear much fruit... What does Jesus mean? The climactic event of Jesus' passion and death is drawing closer; a time when the great confrontation between Jesus and the powers of darkness take place. When Jesus is lifted up, he will draw all to himself. The Christian steward knows life can't be lived in complacency. We are called to die to self, bear more fruit, be raised up with Jesus. Jesus brings discomfort to those who are comfortable. Jesus urges us to give witness in his name. How will we respond?

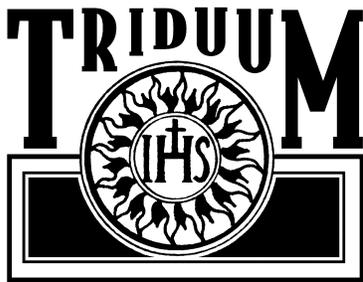
Parish survey: Mahalo nui loa

Mahalo to all those who assisted with the parish survey last Sunday. It will definitely help us map out our Pastoral Plan for the next 5 years. Information gathered from the survey will be used to help develop what our plan might look like. After the survey is tabulated, the hard work begins to formulate the plan. This is where I will be calling people to be on committees to help develop the plan. Our findings will be placed in the bulletin as a follow-up and posted in the church bulletin boards.

For those who missed taking the parish survey, this Sunday a table will be available for those wishing to fill out the survey.

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. Mahalo for your patience and kokua.



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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.

The Good Friday collection will support the work of the Franciscans in the Holy Land. All money collected throughout the United States on Good Friday is used to care for the people and places of the Holy Land. This collection keeps Christianity alive in this area made holy by the life, suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Cannot marry in the Catholic Church because of a prior marriage?

Pope Francis recently streamlined the process to petition for a declaration of nullity to make the process shorter. He also eliminated the mandatory fee. If a person is able to prove in this process that their prior marital bond was invalid for some reason then he or she can marry in the Catholic Church or validate a current civil marriage. For assistance in petitioning, you can contact Rev. Lane Akiona ss.cc. at 808-923-7024 or lakiona@rcchawaii.org; or Deacon Keith Cabiles at kcabiles@rcchawaii.org who can assist you as an advocate.



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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, apostleshishopofprayer.org, lectio.americanbible.org

East Honolulu Penance services

Lenten Penance services in East Honolulu parishes will be:

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.

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

Book Fair March 24-25

The Daughters of St. Paul, who are missioned at the Pauline Book & Media Center at 1143 Bishop St., will hold a book fair **next weekend** after all the Masses. They will have religious books, music CDs, DVDs and religious articles. The selection will include Bibles, lives of saints, prayer books, and reading materials for all ages.

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.

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 \

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.

Marriage Prep Program

March 24 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.

2018 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Bishop Larry Silva and Fr. Lane Akiona, ss.cc. will be taking a pilgrimage group to the Holy Land, October 7-18, 2018.

There will be an add-on tour to Jordan as an extension. For more information go to <http://www.seawindtours.com/holyland/> for package pricing, places visiting, and to register. Space is still available.

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.

If you have shoes to donate, please call the parish office.

Treasures from the sea and the land



Damien Crosses

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. They are sold after morning Masses most Sundays and in the parish office.



Tiny Treasures

A reminder of Hawaii and the beauty of its shore, these "Tiny Treasures" of Hawaii are perfect mementoes of your time in the Islands. Made by the same artist who makes the Damien Crosses, they are a perfect gift to take home. Also available after morning Masses most Sundays.