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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

You have made us for yourself,
Lord, and our hearts are restless
until they rest in you

-- St. Augustine of Hippo
This week at St. Augustine

**Sunday, Jan. 6—The Epiphany of the Lord**
Liturgical color: White
6 a.m. Mass
8 a.m. Mass—R/S Pua Bow
9 a.m. Religious education classes, Annex Building
10 a.m. Mass—Princess Abigail Wahi’ika’ahu’ula Kawananakoa
3 p.m. Tongan Religious education classes, Annex Building
5 p.m. Mass—R/S Carolyn D’Andrea

**Monday, Jan. 7—St. Raymond of Penafort, Christmas weekday**
Liturgical color: White
6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours
7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service
5 p.m. Mass

**Tuesday, Jan. 8—Christmas weekday**
Liturgical color: White
6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours
7 a.m. Mass—S/I Darren and Duffy Okimoto (14th wedding anniversary)
5 p.m. Mass

**Wednesday, Jan. 9—Christmas weekday**
Liturgical color: White
6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours
7 a.m. Mass—S/I Aris De La Paz (thanksgiving)
5 p.m. Mass
6:30 p.m. RCIA, Damien Meeting Room

**Thursday, Jan. 10—Christmas weekday**
Liturgical color: White
6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours
7 a.m. Mass
5 p.m. Mass
6 p.m. Scripture reflection, Annex Building

**Friday, Jan. 11—Christmas weekday**
Liturgical color: White
6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours
7 a.m. Mass—R/S John & Kathleen Bero

**Saturday, Jan. 12—Christmas weekday**
Liturgical color: White
6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours
7 a.m. Mass
Church cleaning: Altar Rosary Society and Knights of Columbus
5 p.m. Mass
The feast of the Epiphany is celebrated in many cultures and oftentimes more prominently than Christmas! At a time when many homes have taken down decorations and put away special dishes from the season, we are reminded that there are still celebrations to be had. This story of the visit from the magi is unique to Matthew's gospel and when read on its own terms it can be especially revealing. Often, however, we read this gospel with preconceived notions. For example, the text doesn't say how many magi there were but because they gave gifts (gold, frankincense, and myrrh) artists, preachers, and homilists through the centuries talk about there being three kings. Aside from fulfilling Scripture (e.g. Isa 60:6), the gifts are symbolic as they were given to kings or divinities in antiquity. Gold is a precious element representing kingship, frankincense a perfume, and myrrh a costly balm or ointment.

And this leads to the term, "king," which is not used in the gospel text. Instead, the term is "magi," which designated the Persian (modern-day Iran) priestly caste. Thus, Matthew foreshadows the post resurrection mission to the Gentiles by showing Gentiles (Persians) coming to worship the child Jesus. Ultimately, this is a story about who Jesus is and what his mission will be.

It is also significant that the magi worship the child Jesus. Matthew does not use the term infant here for Jesus is no longer an infant. And it's clear from the story that Mary is at her house, not in a manger as Luke would have it. Again, when we read these stories on their own terms without importing "what we know" from other stories, a different picture emerges, and that can be a picture that confirms more closely to the theology that the evangelist wanted to impart.

In the story following today's gospel, Matthew tells us of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt to escape Herod slaughtering all the male children in Bethlehem up to two years old (Matt 2:16 NABRE). This is a clear indication that the magi visited the home about two years after the birth of Jesus. And the point here is theological. Jesus is brought to Egypt so that the Scripture passage might be fulfilled, "Out of Egypt I called my son" (Matt 2:15; Hos 11:1 NABRE). So in today's gospel reading we see the mission to the Gentiles and the universal scope of salvation foreshadowed by the visit of the magi to worship the child Jesus. Salvation knows no bounds. This is a cause for celebration indeed!

Living the Paschal Mystery

Both children and adults enjoy giving and receiving gifts: it seems to be part of the human condition. For the receiver there is an element of surprise. What could it be? Perhaps some anticipation comes with opening the gift and there is a sense of wonder. For the giver there is the joy of generosity, in seeing the look on the face of the one who receives. There is the joy that comes in simply thinking of the other and providing something for the other not because it was earned, but instead because it comes from a place of generosity. Stories of gifts given and received are numerous in the Scriptures, antiquity, and history. They come to be part of family and friend lore as well. It's likely that many of us can quickly call to mind gifts that we've given or received. The gifts given by the magi in some way represent or symbolize the best physical objects that humanity has to offer. And Jesus is the best that God has to offer. By the conclusion of the gospel story humanity will have executed Jesus, the gift of God, only to have God raise him up from the dead. This expression of the paschal mystery guides our thoughts today when the magi present the best of human intentions. Happy Feast Day of giving.

Fr. Lane K. Akiona ss.cc.
Stealing still a sin!
Webster’s New World College Dictionary defines stealing: to take or appropriate (another's property, ideas, etc.) without permission, dishonestly, or unlawfully. Missalettes and candle glasses are for the benefit of the church community. I’ve noticed that these items have been missing as all are counted. Please remember that someone is watching over the goods that belong to the Church. God might be watching from afar, but I am also. That’s what it means to be a good steward of all things.
Fr. Lane

Attendance count for Masses
Beginning January 1, we will begin taking a count of those who attend our services. Usually we do counting only during Christmas and Easter, but it seems that our totals do not match. So that we get better at it, a count will be taken at every Mass to help us gauge our attendance count.

Stewardship envelopes
The 2019 Stewardship Envelopes are available in the church. Be sure to check the listing for correct info and number. If you need assistance, please ask or contact the parish office. Parents with children, please have your children pick up their stewardship envelopes as well. No need to sign in, just have them place their names on the envelopes.

A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus
Hosted by: Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem –Western USA Lieutenancy - Honolulu Council September 9 to 21, 2019 under the spiritual direction of: Fr. Lane K. Akiona
Tour highlights include: Caesarea Maritime - where St. Paul was imprisoned, Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee, Jericho & the Jordan River, Bethlehem, Jerusalem - Mt. Zion & Upper Room, Garden of Gethsemane & Via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulchre.
For registration information and to be put on the mailing list, contact Fr. Lane at 923-7024.

Carmelite retreat on Jan. 19
Retreat Master Richard P. Hardy presents “Exploring Carmelite Spirituality: An Open Retreat-Seminar” on Saturday, Jan. 19, from 9:30 am to 2 p.m. at the Carmelite Monastery Chapel, St. Stephen Diocesan Center.
The retreat will provide insight into the origin and concept of Carmelite Spirituality and Contemplative Life as formed by St. Teresa of Avila and its application for the layperson in today's world.
A good will offering will be taken. Bring your own lunch and drink. For more information, contact Darlene Tvrdy at (808) 254-6677 or email ocd-shawaii@gmail.com.

To Your Health
Setting realistic goals
Welcome to 2019 where great things can happen if you take charge of your life!
With the major holidays done and dusted, let’s focus on our health journey. Remember, always start simple and identify changes which are realistic, flexible, specific, doable, and most of all FUN!
Now that we have the foundations for our journey, let’s focus on physical activity and nutrition. We first looked at goal setting, then at the principles of eating which include eating at the right time, the right amount and the right foods. This month, we will look at physical activity.
Physical activity can start small, such as parking further away from the entrance to the mall, or setting a goal to walk 10 minutes three times a day, or going to an aerobics class. Make it simple and FUN!
A key principle for physical activity is FITT or Frequency Intensity Time and Type.
Frequency – how often do you exercise
Intensity – how hard are you exercising
Time – how long are exercising
Type – what kind of exercise
Using these key principles to develop your physical activity goals will aide in your health journey.
Nutrition goals should be simple and achievable such as incorporating one serving of fruit or vegetable a day for a week and then setting increasing the number of servings until the daily recommended number of servings of 5-9 servings are reached per day.
Next month we will look at nutrition labels.
Remember, to make FUN goals.
From PILI ‘Ohana Lifestyle Program

Carmelite fundraiser
Hawaii’s Carmelite Monastery was established in 1973 near St. Stephen’s Diocesan Center. They are welcoming five new members from the Philippines and a fundraiser is planned for Jan. 12 at the parish hall of the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa. Proceeds from the fundraiser will help the sisters with their medical insurance, travel, sustenance and more. The event, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, includes lunch, silent auction, door prizes and entertainment. For tickets, contact Paul Manz at 585-3322 or pmanz@rcchawaii.org.

Red Mass on Jan. 15
The Diocese of Honolulu’s annual Red Mass, which marks the opening of the state Legislature, will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 9 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace.
The guest speaker will be Cardinal Peter Turkson, chancellor of the Catholic University College of Ghana and president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace. He will speak on “Responding to Issues such as Climate Change, Labor and Education in Light of Catholic Social Thought Promoting Integral Human Development.”
Bishop Larry Silva will preside at the Mass. If you cannot be present it is asked that you join in the spirit of the day and offer a private prayer for our public officials.
Daily Prayer: Reflecting on the darkness and light Jesus brings to our lives

This week is a time with two special Sundays book-ending the week. Both celebrations offer an “epiphany,” an understanding and insight into the essence of who Jesus really is. When the Wise Men visit the poorest of families and find the baby Jesus, they have a clearer idea of what kind of king he will be.

At the Baptism of the Lord the following Sunday, Jesus is baptized and the skies open and the voice of God proclaims, “You are my beloved Son.” More than just a prophet, this special relationship with God is made manifest in that moment.

How can we make this week a special one as the Christmas season draws to a close? In some parts of the world daylight is plentiful right now, but for many of us the days are short and the dark of night surrounds us many hours each day. This could be the week to reflect on that darkness and the light that Jesus brings into our hearts.

Each morning as our feet touch the floor next to our beds, we can open our hands briefly in the darkness and ask God to show us the light in our lives. Gratitude is a wonderful way to pray and to recognize the light we sometimes don’t notice in our lives. Maybe in this final week of Christmas, we can light a candle at dinner and remember a special blessing we have been given or something we are grateful for in our lives.

Dear Lord,
You came to your disciples when they felt alone on the stormy waters and comforted them with your presence. Be with me today and let my heart be touched by the love you so lavishly give to me. Let me remember to turn to you in my fears and darkness and know that you will heal me.

Creighton University Online Ministries

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Damien & Marianne Of Molokai’s Education Center

The Damien and Marianne of Molokai’s Education Center will be constructed adjacent to St. Augustine Church and will tell the story of Hawaii’s two saints, St. Damien de Veuster and St. Marianne Cope, who ministered to those with Hansen’s Disease who were exiled to Kalaupapa.

Their lives are a model and inspiration for all of us today.

For more information about the Damien and Marianne of Molokai’s Education Center please call the parish office.