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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



*With the servant leadership
of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus
and Mary since 1854*

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Office hours

Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed noon to 1 p.m.
Closed Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: 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
Tongan Society
Knights of Columbus
Ka Huaka'i (Marriage ministry)
Please call the parish office for information about joining any of these organizations.

Aunt Carmen's Kitchen

Hot meals are served between 11 a.m. and noon Monday to Friday, except holidays

Hospitality

Join us for doughnuts and juice after all morning masses on the first Sunday of the month.

To see our website on your mobile device, scan this QR code:



This week at St. Augustine

Sunday, Jan. 26—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical color: Green

6 a.m. Mass

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Jerry Galang

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Orlando & Noemi Sanidad (healing and thanksgiving)

5 p.m. Mass—R/S David Hill

Monday, Jan. 27—St. Angela Merici

Liturgical color: Green/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Dominick Calianese

Tuesday, Jan. 28—St. Thomas Aquinas, priest and Doctor of the Church

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

9-11 a.m. Rosary making, Damien Room

5 p.m. Communion Prayer Service

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

6-9 p.m. Marriage Preparation, Church

Wednesday, Jan. 29

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Maria & Norman Biviano (25th anniversary)

5 p.m. Communion Prayer Service

6 p.m. RCIA, Damien Room

Thursday, Jan. 30

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Communion Prayer Service

4-7 p.m. IHS shower van, parking lot

5:45 p.m. Scripture class, Annex Building

Friday, Jan. 31—St. John Bosco

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S John & Kathleen Bero

Saturday, Feb. 1

First Saturday

Liturgical color: Green/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Church cleaning: Tongan Community: Pulengaue & Tokoni Group

3-4:30 p.m. Religious Education classes, Annex Building

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Kong Kee Family



Breaking Open the Word

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last Sunday, we were reminded about our own Baptism, and that we are “sanctified and called to be holy.” In today’s Gospel, we witness Jesus’ explicit call to Peter, Andrew, James and John, “come after me, I will make you fishers of men.”

As Catholics, we’re familiar with the concept of being called by God. The mere fact we’re at Mass and reading this reflection is an indication that we have answered him positively. Sure, the level of zeal of our “yes” might ebb and flow throughout our life. I’m sure there are even times when it deteriorates into a “no.” But this is the nature of life’s journey--- there will be both glorious times and grueling times. There will be times where we bask in the radiance of goodness, joyfully proclaiming “Yes!” But also there will be times where we trudge into the land of darkness and distress, where we lose our bearings and lose sight of Jesus, resentfully muttering, “no way.”

But all of today’s scriptures underline today’s profound Good News: Throughout our entire journey, Jesus is an unwavering, infinite source of light on which we can rely. The same light we rejoice in in good times will also illuminate the gloom, distress and darkness of our lives, dispelling them away if we refocus on and have faith in Jesus. Thus, in every situation, we are able to always respond “yes!” to his calling.

Be confident in the Light of Christ. See in it the abundant joy that he brings. See in it the abundant harvest we already know he provides. Be confident that when Jesus calls us he will for sure provide all the light we need to follow him, sanctified and holy.

Deacon Keith Cabiles.

Readings

First Reading — God has restored the land, and brought great joy to the people (Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3).

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

Gospel — After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee (Matthew 4:12-23).

Weekday

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51; Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday

Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

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DAILY PRAYER

This is a week where Jesus speaks of seeds being planted and of growing. We are still at the beginning of a new year, and this is a good time to answer the call in our hearts to spend more time with Jesus, in prayer.

“I’m not very good at prayer,” we might say. “I don’t have the time to pray.” Jesus is not waiting for us to be perfect before we talk to him - he is simply waiting, right now, for us to come to him in our own humanity.

This week we are invited to uncover the light of our faith, the light that warms the longing we feel in our souls for something different or deeper in our relationship with God. At this beginning of the year, we might step back and examine the ways we talk with Jesus - and the ways we hold him at arm’s length.

We are being called into a relationship, a friendship, with someone who delights in us and waits for us to release our fears and come out of hiding.

Where do we start? With the desire. It can be so simple to take the empty moments of our day and just tell the same Jesus who healed and loved on earth what is in our hearts. First thing in the morning we can stop and open our hearts. “Jesus, you know what is in my heart. You know what my needs are. Help me to be more open to the way you are calling me in my life.”

Our prayer can be as simple as opening our hands on our lap for a moment and saying in our own words, “Show me how to come out of hiding. Give me the courage to let go of my fears and bring myself to you in honesty. Let me drop the many defenses I carry that keep me from feeling how deeply you love and accept me.”

There is no right or wrong way to approach Jesus - the only right thing is that we come with an open heart and our own desire for something deeper. Every evening as we end our day, we can sit at the edge of our bed with our hands open and say, “Thank you.” We can reflect on the many ways we felt the love of God in our lives that day. What tiny seed was planted in my life to bloom? Where did I shine the light of my own faith on someone?

Creighton University Online Ministries

Weekly Scripture reflection

Our weekly Scripture Reflections are held at **5:45 p.m. Thursdays** in the Annex Building.

The class is open to all who want to deepen their knowledge of and appreciation for Scripture.

Please bring a Bible with you or a copy of the readings for the following Sunday. All are welcome,

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.





FROM THE PASTOR

As I celebrate my 39th anniversary of priesthood ordination, I give thanks to God our Father for his many blessings bestowed throughout these years of service.

I especially am grateful to my grandparents, Phillip and Luciana Akiona, and my dad, Samuel, for their nurturing love and support. Even though they are no longer physically present now, their presence lives on in me.

I also thank God for the people I've met along the way. Many still come back yearly to visit and enjoy the special spirit of St. Augustine.

Mahalo nui loa for your continued support, encouragement and love.

You all will be remembered in my masses this weekend as we celebrate each other's giftedness for the benefit of the church and the people we serve.
Me ke aloha pumehana.

Tours of the Damien and Marianne of Moloka'i Education Center

In considering tour times and our parking situation after each mass, tours will be done Sundays only at 11:30 a.m. If you attend the 10 a.m. mass, I ask that you move your vehicle after the mass and circle back to park again. This will allow those who are not staying for the tours to exit the parking lot. Please be considerate of others.

Our first tour will be this Sunday, January 26, at 11:30 a.m. Entry will be through the gate from the parking lot. The church will be locked after the mass.

Trip to Rome

As I leave for Rome next week, my intent is to partner with the Generalate of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

The Generalate houses the archives of our International Congregation from its beginnings in 1800 and most especially of the various missions that were started from our religious congregation throughout the world.

The other partner I am hoping for is with the Vatican Museum. They, too, have archives of the universal church.

Pray for my success as these partnerships will help to enhance our opportunity to educate people on a broader spectrum. St. Damien and St. Marianne, pray for us.

Fr. Lane

ON THE CALENDAR

- Feb. 2 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Divine Mercy (Tongan) 3 p.m.
Tongan Religious Education, 3:30 p.m.
- Feb. 3 Aunty Carmen's Kitchen 11 a.m. -noon**
- Feb. 4 Finance Council mtg, 8:30 a.m. Damien Rm**
Rosary making, 9-11 a.m. Annex Building
Aunty Carmen's Kitchen 11 a.m. -noon
Marriage Preparation, 6-9 pm, Church
- Feb. 5 Aunty Carmen's Kitchen 11 a.m. -noon**
RCIA, 6 p.m. Damien Room
- Feb. 6 Aunty Carmen's Kitchen 11 a.m. -noon**
IHS Shower Van 4-7 p.m. parking lot
Scripture class, 5:45 p.m. Annex Building
- Feb. 7 Aunty Carmen's Kitchen 11 a.m. -noon**
- Feb. 8 Religious Education 3-4:30 p.m.**
- Feb. 9 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Divine Mercy (Tongan) 3 p.m.
Tongan Religious Education, 3:30 p.m.
- Feb. 10 Aunty Carmen's Kitchen 11 a.m. -noon**
Altar Rosary Society board mtg, 4:15 p.m.,
Damien Room
Knights of Columbus, 6 p.m. Damien Rm
- Feb. 11 Rosary making, 9-11 a.m. Damien Room**
Aunty Carmen's Kitchen 11 a.m. -noon
Marriage Preparation, 6-9 pm, Church

Parish Debt Reduction Collection

For the last two years there has a dramatic drop of 2,000 people attending St. Augustine for Sunday liturgy.

That means that contributions to the parish have dropped significantly. Therefore, the Debt Reduction collection will continue as it is additional income that we would not otherwise receive.

Mahalo to our parishioners who use the parish stewardship envelope system, especially for increasing your gift to the parish.

Mahalo nui loa to all who continue to assist our parish during these times of greater challenge, may you all be blessed for what you share.

Save the date...

Fr. Lane will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of his ordination in 2021. In celebration of that milestone, he will be leading a 10-day tour of the Holy Land. So start saving your money now. Check future bulletins for details on the exact dates and the price.



**DAMIEN and
MARIANNE**
OF MOLOKA'I
EDUCATION CENTER

REMEMBRANCE TILES

You can support the Damien and Marianne of Moloka'i Education Center by making a donation for a Remembrance Tile. The tiles will surround mosaics of the stunningly beautiful scenery of Kalawao and Kalaupapa. Your name or the name of a loved one along with a personal message will be etched on Corian and permanently placed on our donor wall in the Education Center. It's an opportunity to be part of this historic undertaking in the heart of Waikiki.. The order form is below.

Damien and Marianne of Moloka'i Education Center Etch Your Name in History

Join with us to create this special place by purchasing a Remembrance Tile. Our donor wall of Remembrance Tiles will be located near the front entrance to the Education Center. Your tile can be personalized with a message, your family name, individual names or a memorial or honorary message. Please fill out this form if you'd like to reserve a certain tile today. You can also visit our website at www.damienandmarianne.org to secure a tile or for more details on our Damien and Marianne of Moloka'i Education Center. A limited number of tiles are available .

I/We pledge a gift of \$ _____ to help build the new Damien and Marianne of Moloka'i Education Center.

Name _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Email _____

My/Our Payment:

Should be charged to my Visa MasterCard AmEx

Card # _____

Exp. Date _____ CVV/CVC Code _____

Name on Card (please print) _____

Cardholder Signature _____

I would like to pay by check. Please make check payable to St. Augustine Church.

Check# _____ Date _____

Amount _____

A donation receipt letter will be mailed to the address noted above once your payment is processed. Mahalo!

I would like to pledge **\$5,000** which includes 4 lines, 20 characters per line, including periods, spaces, etc.

Engrave my/our personalized tile as follows:

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I would like to pledge **\$3,000** which includes 3 lines, 20 characters per line, including periods, spaces, etc.

Engrave my/our personalized tile as follows:

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I would like to pledge **\$1,000** which includes 2 lines, 20 characters per line, including periods, spaces, etc.

Engrave my/our personalized tile as follows:

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I would like to reserve tile number(s): _____

Please indicate first, second, and third choice in the event these tiles have already been reserved.