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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

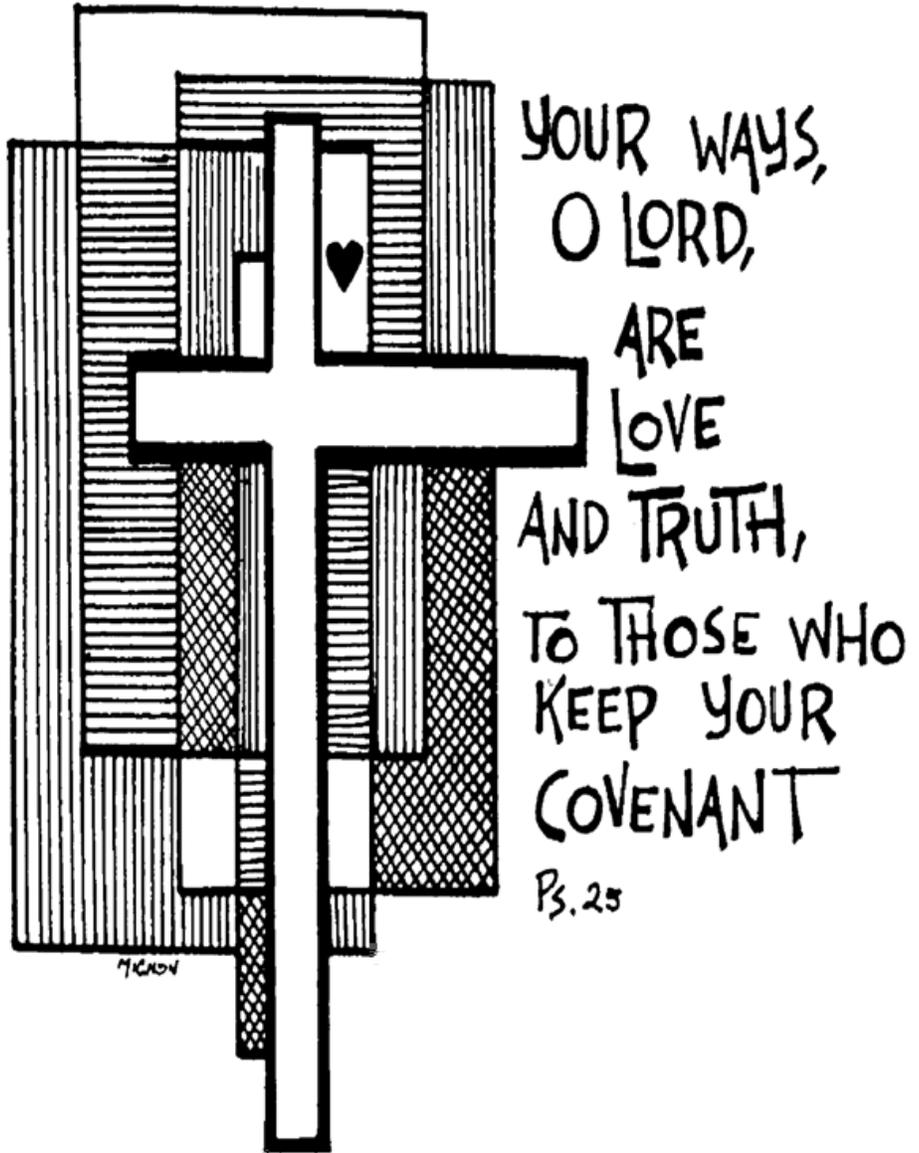
Daily Liturgy
7 a.m. Monday-Saturday
5 p.m. Monday-Thursday



*You have made us for your-
self, 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.
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.

Aunty 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.

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This week at St. Augustine

Sunday, March 22— Fourth Sunday in Lent

Liturgical color: Rose
Private Mass offered by Fr. Lane
Intentions: R/S Jerry Galang, Pua Bow, Albert Carse
S/I Kong Kee Family

Monday, March 23—St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

Liturgical color: Violet
Private Mass offered by Fr. Lane
Intention: R/S Anthony Peloso

Tuesday, March 24

Liturgical color: Violet
Private Mass offered by Fr. Lane
Intentions: S/I Maybelle Chang (birthday), Esvinn Stansbury (birthday), Janiah Tavake (birthday)

Wednesday, March 25—The Annunciation of the Lord

Liturgical color: White
Private Mass offered by Fr. Lane
Intention: R/S Martin Heatherman

Thursday, March 26

Prince Kuhio Day
PARISH OFFICE AND AUNTY CARMEN'S KITCHEN CLOSED
Liturgical color: Violet
Private Mass offered by Fr. Lane
Intention: For the people of the parish
4-7 p.m. IHS shower van, parking lot

Friday, March 27

Day of abstinence
Liturgical color: Violet
Private Mass offered by Fr. Lane
Intentions: R/S John & Kathleen Bero; S/I Arnel Foronda

Saturday, March 28

Liturgical color: Violet
Private Mass offered by Fr. Lane
Intention: S/I Kong Kee Family

The public celebration of Mass has been canceled in the Diocese of Honolulu through Tuesday, March 31, because of the coronavirus outbreak. Bishop Larry Silva has dispensed all the faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays during this period.

Breaking Open the Word

Fourth Sunday in Lent

St. Augustine, once was confronted by a man who showed him his pagan idol and asked, "Here is my god; where is yours?" Augustine replied, "I cannot show you my God because you have no eyes to see him."

In our Gospel story Jesus **saw** the blind man. He didn't try to hurry by him or ignore him. He didn't see him as different or unworthy. He saw him as a precious human soul. Jesus saw **the man**. AND JESUS HEALED HIM.

Most of us are not blind nor want to be. Yet all too often, though we have healthy eyes, we do not see the obvious. Like the authorities and the neighbors of the blind man in our gospel passage, we are literally and spiritually blind because we do not truly believe that God is in our midst working miracles every day, and indeed lives in our very hearts working miracles **in us**. We close ourselves off from Christ's light and see only darkness.

Jesus healed people then and he heals people now. Jesus saw the blind man. Jesus **healed** the blind man. **And Jesus wants to heal us too** whatever our need might be.

But we may say, "I don't need healing. My relationship with my spouse is just fine. My health is just fine. I'm not in any kind of pain right now. I don't need Jesus' healing." Maybe not, but we don't want to miss the lesson of the Gospel passage: that losing one's sight is a tragic thing, but far more tragic is having healthy eyes and being spiritually blind.

Lent is the time for us to become aware of the blind spots in our daily lives. Now is the time to take a fresh look at the people with whom we live, work, play and pray. Now is the time to **really SEE** our family members, **to really SEE** our neighbors, **to really SEE** the sightless man on the street. Now is the time to see others as we have never seen them before, to discover and uncover their hidden beauties and buried talents.

But, more importantly, Lent is also the time to take a good, long look **at ourselves**, to see ourselves as others see us, to see ourselves **as God** sees us. And most of all, now is the time **to really see God** in our very selves. Paul said in our 2nd reading, "Awake, O Sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." What Jesus did for the blind man centuries ago, he can do for us today. There's only one Doctor who can heal spiritual blindness. That is Christ.

Anonymous

Readings

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Psalms — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Gospel — The man who had been blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash (John 9:1-41).

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 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

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 7; Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

Pope Francis' prayer for our times

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

DAILY PRAYER

The readings this week make it very clear that Jesus faced opposition from those who couldn't accept who he is. 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. 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? With whom am I withholding affection, care, reconciliation?

Where can I live more honestly, with more integrity? How might I proactively change patterns of escape with patterns of care for others?

It is a time of grace when we can experience moments of "recognition," or self-understanding. It isn't grace to "beat up on" ourselves. It is grace to feel grateful to the Lord for showing us obstacles to the life he is offering us. It is grace to feel our spirits lighten as we feel drawn to greater freedom and peace.

This week, let us give thanks to the Lord who deeply desires our greater freedom and joy.
Creighton University Online Ministries

Live-streamed Mass available

The decision to cancel Masses was not taken lightly and was made after consultation with the members of the Priests Council, Bishop Larry Silva said in announcing the suspension of public Masses through March 31.

Priests are to offer private Masses for the spiritual welfare of the people they serve, and pastors will offer a private Mass pro populo (for the people of the parish) every Sunday. The intentions of each day will be remembered by Fr. Lane in his daily private Mass.

The Bishop encouraged all Catholics to continue to keep the Lord's day holy by spending time in prayer and reflection. Mass will be celebrated without the congregation and live-streamed from the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace in Honolulu each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and can be accessed at <https://www.facebook.com/HonoluluCathedralBasilica> or www.hictv.com EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network – Channel 30 for cable customers; Channel 261 for Dish customers) broadcasts Mass daily. Daily mass at Word on Fire: wordonfire.org/daily-mass.

The Scripture readings for Sunday, Solemnity, and Weekday Masses are available at usccb.org/bible/readings. All are encouraged to spend time reflecting on these Scriptures, especially on Sundays.

Aunty Carmen's Kitchen update

Aunty Carmen's Kitchen, St. Augustine's mission to those who are hungry, will remain open despite the closure of the church and suspension of Masses. Meals will continue to be served between 11 a.m. and noon weekdays.

The IHS shower van will also continue to be on the parking lot grounds Thursdays between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

We are still accepting donations of food to the kitchen as well as financial donations. We are accepting rice; canned vegetables like kernel or sweet corn, cut or green beans, green peas, mixed vegetables with carrots, etc. Please drop items off at soup kitchen between 10:30 a.m. and noon Mondays through Fridays.

Save the date...for Holy Land tour

I will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of my ordination in 2021. In celebration of that milestone, I will be leading a tour of the Holy Land Jan. 24-Feb. 5, 2021.

Religious ed classes

In compliance with the diocese's decision on suspension of classes, parish religious ed classes are canceled at least through March 31. Catechists will be sending lessons and links to resources by email. If you have questions, please call the parish office.

Lent food drive

We have suspended collection of food items and toiletries for Our Lady of Kea'au on the Waianae Coast, which weekly serves hundreds of hot meals to needy and homeless individuals and families. All of the food and toiletries collected so far will be delivered to the Kea'au mission



Bishop David L. Ricken of Green Bay, Wisconsin, former chairman of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis, offers "10 Things to Remember for Lent":

For Lent, the Church gives us almost a slogan—Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving—as the three things we need to work on during the season.

It's a time of prayer. Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him.

It's a time to fast. With the fasts of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, meatless Fridays, and our personal disciplines interspersed, Lent is the only time many Catholics these days actually Fasting is actually a form of penance, which helps us turn away from sin and toward Christ.

It's a time to work on discipline. The 40 days of Lent are also a good, set time to work on personal discipline in general. Instead of giving something up, it can be doing something positive. "I'm going to exercise more. I'm going to pray more. I'm going to be nicer to my family, friends and coworkers."

It's about dying to yourself. The more serious side of Lenten discipline is that it's about more than self-control – it's about finding aspects of yourself that are less than Christ-like and letting them die. The suffering and death of Christ are foremost on our minds during Lent, and we join in these mysteries by suffering, dying with Christ and being resurrected in a purified form.

Don't do too much. It's tempting to make Lent some ambitious period of personal reinvention, but it's best to keep it simple and focused. We spend our entire lives growing closer to God. Don't try to cram it all in one Lent. That's a recipe for failure.

Lent reminds us of our weakness. This can be painful, but recognizing how helpless we are makes us seek God's help with renewed urgency and sincerity.

Be patient with yourself. When we're confronted with our own weakness during Lent, the temptation is to get angry and frustrated. But that's the wrong lesson. God is calling us to be patient and to see ourselves as he does, with unconditional love.

Reach out in charity. As we experience weakness and suffering during Lent, we should be renewed in our compassion for those who are hungry, suffering or otherwise in need. The third part of the Lenten formula is almsgiving. It's about more than throwing a few extra dollars in the collection plate; it's about reaching out to others and helping them without question as a way of sharing the experience of God's unconditional love.

Learn to love like Christ. Giving of ourselves in the midst of our suffering and self-denial brings us closer to loving like Christ, who suffered and poured himself out unconditionally on cross for all of us. Lent is a journey through the desert to the foot of the cross on Good Friday, as we seek him out, ask his help, join in his suffering, and learn to love like him.



ALOHA....

We are excited to share with you many opportunities to be a part of the new Damien and Marianne of Moloka'i Education Center, which will open later this year. The Education Center will tell the story of the thousands of men, women and children who were exiled to Kala-wao and Kalaupapa because of their Hansen's Disease and the two Hawai'i saints, Fr. Damien De Veuster ss.cc. and Mother Marianne Cope of, who shared Christ's love and compassion in ministering to them. Their example of selflessness is a powerful one for our world today. If you would like to be a part of bringing this story to our many visitors, please contact me at 923-7024. Me ke aloha pumehana, **Fr. Lane K. Akiona ss.scc.**



DAMIEN *and*
MARIANNE
OF MOLOKA'I
EDUCATION CENTER

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

NAMING OPPORTUNITY	COST	NUMBER AVAILABLE
Education Center Building	\$1,000,000	1
Chapel	\$500,000	1
First Floor Gallery	\$500,000	1
Garden	\$500,000	1
Second Floor Gallery	\$250,000	1
Panel of Nine Stained Glass Windows	\$150,000	1
Koa Statue: St. Damien De Veuster, ss.cc.	\$100,000	1
Milo Statue: St. Marianne Cope, o.s.f.	\$100,000	1
First Floor AV Presentation: Father Damien and Mother Marianne	\$25,000	4
Second Floor AV Presentation: Kalaupapa Residents	\$25,000	4
Chapel Pews	\$10,000 each	4
Outdoor Benches	\$7,500 each	2