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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

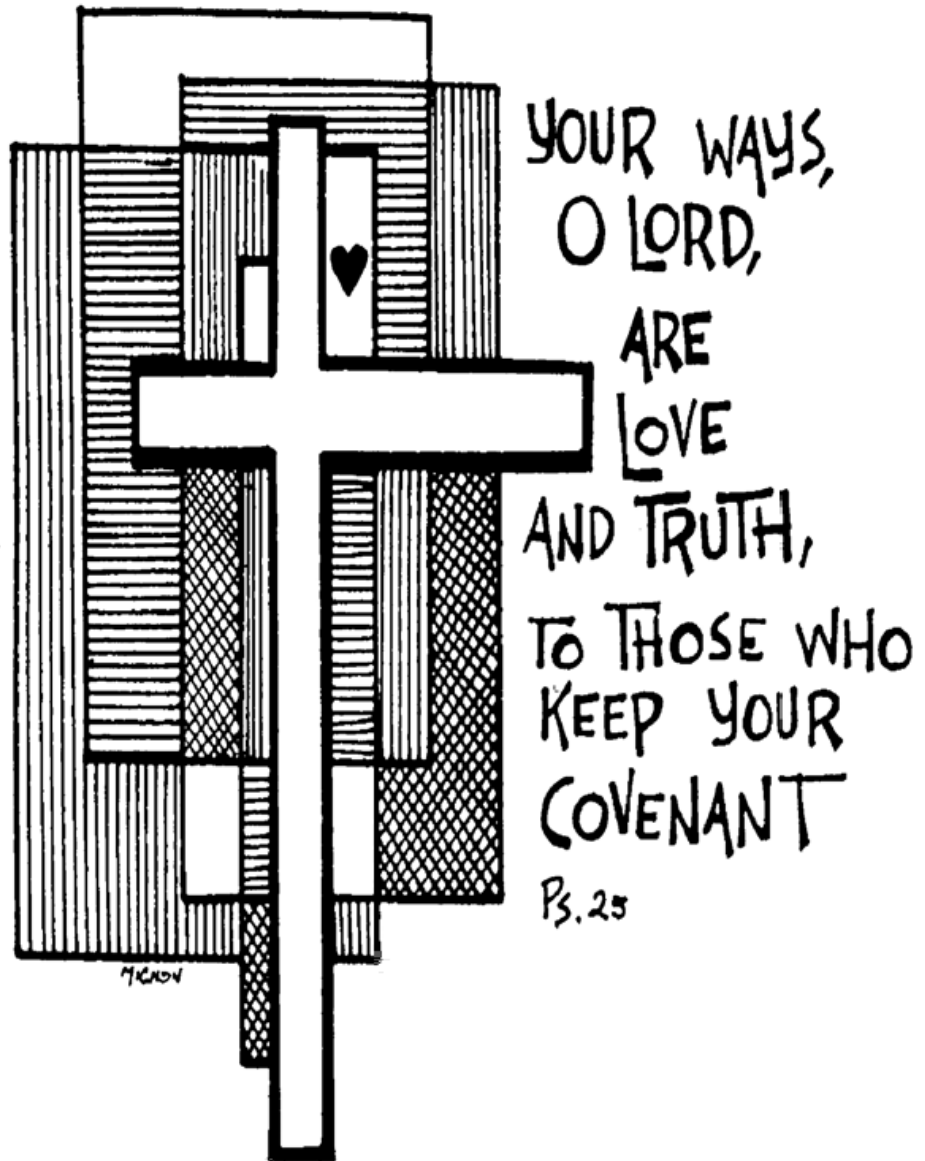
7 a.m. Monday-Saturday  
5 p.m. Monday-Thursday



*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](mailto: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, April 5—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Liturgical color: Red  
Private Mass by Fr. Lane  
Intentions: R/S Pua Bow, Antonia Rivera

**Monday, April 6—Monday of Holy Week**

Liturgical color: Violet  
Private Mass by Fr. Lane

**Tuesday, April 7—Tuesday of Holy Week**

Liturgical color: Violet  
Private Mass by Fr. Lane

**Wednesday, April 8—Wednesday of Holy Week**

Liturgical color: White  
Private Mass by Fr. Lane  
Intention: S/I Visitacion Recel (thanksgiving)

**Thursday, April 9—Holy Thursday**

Liturgical color: White  
Private Mass By Fr. Lane  
Intention: R/S Pedro & Julia Nguyen

**Friday, April 10—Good Friday**

*Day of fast and abstinence*  
Liturgical color: Red  
Private Good Friday Service

**Saturday, April 11—Holy Saturday**

Liturgical color: White  
Private Easter Vigil Mass  
Intention: R/S Willaim McCrorie

**The public celebration of Mass has been canceled in the Diocese of Honolulu through April 30, 2020, 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

## *Palm Sunday*

### *of the Passion of the Lord*

If this were a more normal time, we would have begun this Palm Sunday with an embellished procession into the church. If this were a more normal time, we would have been holding our olive and palm branches as the processional Gospel was read. We would have held these branches high and proud, shaking them with excitement as we profoundly remember Jesus, our king, entering into Jerusalem-- ourselves crying out and saying, "blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Unfortunately, this is not a normal time. For many of us, this Covid-19 pandemic has been an immense destabilizing event. Income, work, childcare, basic necessities, and comfort and safety are no longer assured. On top of all this, our place of worship has been closed, our faith community has been separated, and access to Sacraments impeded. Chaos, frenzy and anxiety have taken over our normal.

And so, many of us are frustrated (myself included). Instead of shaking our palm branches in joy and excitement, we snappishly shake our fists or fingers in irritation, impatience and anger. Instead of proclaiming our faith and trust in Jesus, we mutter our complaints and unmentionables under our breath, *or even worse, on Facebook.*

Today, we ought to look to Jesus and be inspired. As he entered Jerusalem --*knowing he was to be condemned, scourged and crucified*-- chaos, frenzy and anxiety surrounded him as well. But he remained calm. He remained collected. What he did, and what we are forgetting to do, is to be trusting in God's plans. To have faith in God's infinite love and mercy, that we will overcome and be victorious over the trials and difficulties we are in the midst of.

Yes, these are trying times for all of us. But the Good News today is that when we allow Jesus to calmly process into our lives -- no matter how *not* normal it is right now, we are assured we will get through this, for the Lord God is our help. He is the messiah prophesied, our Savior.

Indeed, cry out and say: "Hosanna in the highest!"

*Deacon Keith Cabiles*



## Readings

**First Reading** — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

**Psalm** — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

**Second Reading** — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

**Gospel** — The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66)

## Weekday

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104

b) Gn 22:1-18; Ps 16;

c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;

d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30;

e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;

f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19;

g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42;

h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 11;

Mt 28:1-10

## Next Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

## DAILY PRAYER

This is the week we call "Holy" because it is a memorial of God's saving deeds for us in Jesus. The invitation this week is to come closer to the reality of God's profound love for us. Yes, we are all sinners. But, we are loved sinners. We are being invited to be grateful, not to beat our breasts. We are invited, in this spirit to feel all that we can feel this week. Yes, we will feel some discomfort - after all, we feel discomfort when anyone puts themselves through some sacrifice for us. And, the sacrifice here is the gift of his very self - so that we might always know how completely Jesus entered into the reality of our human existence - "even death, death on a cross." [Phil. 2:6-9]

This week we follow our ongoing pattern of connecting with our Lord, as early as we can each morning. For even a few moments we name our desire: "Lord, let me be with you this week and open my heart to feel what you want me to feel about your love for me, personally."

Then, throughout the day, we can continue our brief conversations with our Lord as we relate this desire with the people and events of our day. Finally, each night, we can pause, perhaps before a crucifix, or placing ourselves in our imagination before the cross, and speaking to our Lord, friend to friend, the gratitude we feel for the gift of mercy and eternal life his love has gained for us.

*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 the Priests Council, Bishop Larry Silva said in announcing the suspension of public Masses through April 30.

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](http://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](http://wordonfire.org/daily-mass).

The Scripture readings for Sunday, Solemnity, and Weekday Masses are available at [uscbb.org/bible/readings](http://uscbb.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 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.

## Debt reduction

As we continue with our efforts to help reduce our debt, we have noticed that what is needed to help us is an additional income of \$14,000 per month. Please discern your ability to help us reach our monthly goals. Mahalo to all who continue to support us in our efforts. Me ke aloha pumehana.

## 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 has been delivered to the Waianae Mission.

## Bishop's schedule for live-streaming Masses

Watch Bishop Larry Silva's upcoming private, live-streamed Masses at the historic Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace, downtown Honolulu. The live-streamed Masses will be available at <https://www.facebook.com/HonoluluCathedralBasilica> or <https://hawaiicatholictv.com>.

Sunday, April 5 at 9:00 am (Palm Sunday Mass)  
Thursday, April 9 at 7:00 pm (Holy Thursday Mass)  
Friday, April 10 at 3:00 pm (Good Friday Liturgy)  
Saturday, April 11 at 7:00 pm (Easter Vigil)  
Sunday, April 12 at 9:00 am (Easter Mass)  
Sunday, April 19 at 9:00 am (2nd Sunday of Easter/  
Divine Mercy)  
Sunday, April 26 at 9:00 am (3rd Sunday of Easter)

## Holy Week liturgies

Since the date of Easter cannot be transferred, and due to the restrictions we are under at this time the Bishop and parish priests will celebrate the Easter liturgy without the presence of the people.

All celebrations listed below must be "without the physical participation of the faithful."

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**  
There will be no general distribution of palms.

**THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:** Bishop/Priest (s) will celebrate the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper in the evening and, without the physical presence of the faithful. At this private Mass the washing of feet is to be omitted. At the end of the Mass of the Lord's Supper the procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the place of repose is to be omitted and the Blessed Sacrament is to be kept in the tabernacle. There is NO public adoration following the Mass. Parishioners may join in their own homes in the Evening Prayer of the Church for Holy Thursday or to follow the Mass as it is live-streamed from the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace.

**GOOD FRIDAY:** The public celebrations of the Solemn Liturgical Action of Good Friday and any public celebration of the Stations of the Cross are suspended until further notice. On Good Friday, 2020, the following prayer will be added to the Universal Prayers:

*For special needs of the sick and dead affected by the coronavirus: Let us pray for our world, which has been so radically impacted by the coronavirus crisis; for those who contracted the disease and those who care for them; for medical personnel and researchers; for those who have suffered economically; and for a complete and speedy recovery from this crisis.*

**EASTER VIGIL:** The Easter Vigil is to be celebrated without the physical presence of the faithful. The Sacraments of Initiation for the elect and candidates are to be postponed. A future date when these Sacraments may be rescheduled will be made by the Bishop.

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April 3, 2020

Aloha no Parishioners and friends of St. Augustine,

As we continue to participate in the directives of the State and the Church, I encourage to take every precaution to follow these important directives. It could save your life.

This past week I had to temporarily release all of my staff except Martin. who will be helping me with Aunty Carmen's Kitchen. He used to work for a food service company. This ministry of service is invaluable so that we don't abandon those who are in greater need of food.

Since IHS is also overwhelmed because of this pandemic, St. Augustine is now partnering with Revive and Refresh services, which still provides their van with shower/toilet facilities on Thursday afternoons. Pray for all of us during this time of uncertainty.

With Holy Week approaching I encourage you to follow several live-streaming masses or services. They are opportunities to keep us connected as the Body of Christ. Pope Francis, Bishop Larry and other priests are live-streaming their masses and services. I will live-stream masses next week Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 4 pm in the afternoon. I am looking at the possibility of live-streaming Easter Sunday mass at St. Augustine. Notice will be sent out to confirm this.

These physically challenging days of Lent have been welcomed moments for spiritual reading, reflection and prayer experiences. I'm able to slow down, appreciate creation, and focus on the things that are really important. God has to be first and foremost in our lives, if we are to overcome these life challenges. Illness is not a punishment from God, but an opportunity to learn greater truths about our relationship with HIM. I thought about Mary and why she is such a powerful model for us as we journey in faith. The Sacraments and the Eucharist were not available to her when she was asked to obey God's will. The Word of God was her source of spiritual strength. She responded with her generous "YES" as a steward of God's infinite love. She did not hesitate but freely offered herself as HIS Fiat for the salvation of the world. Mary, today, is that perfect model as we journey in life during this difficult time.

Our global communities are locked-down to help protect the dignity of our humanity. God is teaching us to heal all of HIS creation and to unite us as the family of humanity. We need to put aside our prejudices, our indifferences, our attitudes and focus on what is important. Faith in God must be the sole purpose and fulfillment of our existence.

Blessings for this Holy Week, for we like Mary are united in a common bond, which is Jesus himself.

Me ke aloha pumehana  
Fr. Lane Akiona, ss.cc.