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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



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Alleluia! He is Risen!

*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.

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.

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



This week at St. Augustine

Sunday, May 24—The Ascension of the Lord

Liturgical color: White

8 a.m. Mass live-streamed at facebook.com/staugustinehawaii

Intentions: S/I Kong Kee Family

Monday, May 25—St. Bede the Venerable, St. Gregory VII, St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi

Memorial Day

Liturgical color: White

4 p.m. Mass live-streamed at facebook.com/stugustinehawaii

Tuesday, May 26—St. Philip Neri

Liturgical color: White

Private Mass by Fr. Lane

Wednesday, May 27—St. Augustine of Canterbury

Liturgical color: White

4 p.m. Mass live-streamed at facebook.com/staugustinehawaii

Intention: S/I Luisa Mahina Shafer (birthday)

Thursday, May 28

Liturgical color: White

Private mass by Fr Lane

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

Friday, May 29—St. Paul VI

Liturgical color: White

4 p.m. Mass live-streamed at facebook.com/staugustinehawaii

Intentions: R/S John and Kathleen Bero

Saturday, May 30

Liturgical color: White

3 p.m. Confessions

5 p.m. Mass — S/I Kong Kee Family

The public celebration of Mass has been canceled in the Diocese of Honolulu through May 29, 2020, because of the coronavirus outbreak. St. Augustine Church will re-open at 3 p.m. Saturday for confessions. Pentecost Vigil Mass will be at 5 p.m. Saturday May 30.

Bishop Larry Silva has dispensed all the faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays through June 30, 2020

Breaking Open the Word

The Ascension of the Lord

Our Gospel for today, The Feast of the Ascension, comes from the very end of Matthew's Gospel. And that section is not titled The Ascension, rather it is called The Commissioning of the Disciples. For, theologically, the important aspect of this story is what Jesus says to his disciples in departing from them commission them to evangelize.

They are told to make disciple of all nations, "teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." And Jesus promises that he is with us always, "until the end of the age." This message is so important that Matthew ends his Gospel with it.

Before the resurrection, discipleship was limited to the Apostles. Now, all people, all nations are invited into discipleship.

For us, it means that we are sent on mission, a mission to live gospel values, to teach through words and actions, to be Christ's hands and feet. Our lives of service should be a witness for others so that they, too, are drawn to Christ.

And what is it that Jesus has commanded of us? Jesus tells us that we will be judged on how we care for others, care for the poor and the hungry. When we serve the poor, we serve Jesus, when we serve the hungry, we serve Jesus. When we neglect the poor, we neglect Jesus, when we neglect the hungry, we neglect Jesus. Jesus is present among us always in the poor and hungry of the world. That is his promise.

Anne Harpham

Readings

First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalms — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — May the Father of glory give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17-23).

Gospel — Jesus instructs the Eleven to baptize and teach people of all nations (Matthew 28:16-20).

Weekday

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16; Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11; Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 **Day:** Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

DAILY PRAYER

We can hardly believe the message from this week's gospel. It is one of complete invitation to us. Jesus tells us of his intimate bond with the Father and invites us into the same kind of close relationship with Jesus himself.

He does not promise us a trouble-free life, and is clear about the challenges we will face as his followers. He cautions us that the world will want to make us one of "its own" and Jesus lovingly protests that we are his, not the world's. He prays to the Father of us, "they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me..."

This kind of loving dialogue with the Father is what Jesus wants with us. It does not mean our lives will be trouble-free but we are offered the peace in our hearts that Jesus longs to give us.

Some days we may feel anything but peace in our hearts. That is the time to pause and open our hands and our hearts to the Lord. Just the simple physical act of opening our hands can send a signal to our hearts. We can stop thinking and start feeling the love that Jesus has for us.

We can begin each morning at the side of our beds, aware of the sacredness of the day ahead of us, and ask for peace, courage and guidance. On our way to work or while taking care of our family, cooking or running errands, we can stop for the briefest moment and ask again: "Lord, help me to feel how much you love me. Help me to accept that love and carry it to all those you send into my life today."

And at the end of the day, we can pause again at the side of our bed, reflect for a moment on our day and offer thanks for the moments where we felt in our hearts the love of Jesus. And, we can ask that tomorrow we can feel the Lord's own love and compassion for us - and beg that we can pass that along.

Like Peter in Friday's gospel, we have denied Jesus many times in our lives but he looks at us again with love and simply says, "Follow me."
Creighton University Online Ministries

COVID-19 assistance

Following in the footsteps of Sts. Damien and Mari-
anne, the Diocesan Office for Social Ministry is connecting parishes to a growing list of COVID-19 Recovery-related contacts on its website <https://www.officeforsocialministry.org/covid-19/> to provide one-click access to assistance with such necessities as rent, utilities, childcare and food.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE for Hawaii Island residents is being coordinated by HOPE Services Hawaii and Catholic Charities Hawaii across other islands. Beginning May 18th, the C&C of Honolulu will disperse Federal CARE's Act funds to also assist with rent, utilities and qualified childcare.



From the Pastor

Aloha Parishioners and friends,

Praise to the Lord! Such great news about churches allowed to open this weekend.

On Friday, Bishop Larry called an emergency meeting of the Priests Council, which recommended that we start re-opening next weekend, the Feast of Pentecost. Therefore, we will open Saturday, May 30, at 3:00 pm for confessions and the Vigil Mass of Pentecost at 5:00 pm.

Please note that we are preparing to welcome you back to church, BUT it will not be the same as before the pandemic. You MUST wear a face mask to be allowed entrance to the church; secondly, you will be instructed where one sits (6 feet apart); exceptions will be for families with little children; you will be asked to sign in so that we can track who has attended mass; missalettes will no longer be available in the church, but if you want one, you are welcome to take one home. Donations for these missalettes will be welcomed. Music will be shown on the front wall/screen. You are required to practice social distancing when you enter, during the communion procession and when you exit.

Please remember that a second wave of infection could be possible if we don't practice these precautions. IF you are not feeling well or sick, DO NOT come to church. We are hoping to still livestream one of our masses for those at home. PLEASE work with us in making our church a safe haven for worshippers.

Our Bucket Brigade will resume wiping down surfaces that have been touched during our worship. ALL are welcome to help, Rufina is the Brigade Commander. This may be our norm for a long time. Blessings to all of you and I'm looking forward to seeing you all again next weekend. Me ke aloha pumehana,
Fr. Lane

Food distribution on Oahu

A partnership with the City & County of Honolulu, Hawaii Community Foundation and Bank of Hawaii Foundation is funding several large-scale events across Oahu distributing food to at least 4,000 families at each distribution event. The designated sites are (1) Kaka'ako Waterfront Park, (2) Kaiaka Beach Park in Haleiwa, (3) Waimanalo Recreation Center and (4) Waipio Soccer Complex in Wai-pahu. Two events will be held each week throughout the month of May. Dates and times will be posted on the Hawaii Foodbank website one day prior so to manage the potential for overcrowding and traffic snarls in the area. (<http://www.hawaiifoodbank.org/covid-19>)

Live-streamed Mass available

All public Masses are suspended through May 29, 2020. 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.

St. Augustine masses are live-streamed Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 4 p.m. and Sunday at 8 a.m. at [facebook.com/StAugustineHawaii](https://www.facebook.com/StAugustineHawaii).

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

Aunty Carmen's Kitchen update

Aunty Carmen's Kitchen, St. Augustine's mission to those who are hungry, remains 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.

Scam email alert

Recently, scam emails have gone out claiming to be from Bishop Larry Silva requesting gift cards to help a priest with COVID-19.

This is a scam email. DO NOT reply to the email, ignore and delete it. Bishop Silva has reconfirmed that he will never send an email asking an individual for money, gift cards or any other gift.

Hallmark signs of phishing and scam emails often include bad grammar, bad spelling, threats to do damage, and a short deadline to pay money with a link.

Below are some tips if you receive a phishing or scam email:

- Don't reply back to the sender. Doing so alerts the sender to the fact that this is a live email account.
- Instead, call the alleged sender directly on their official phone line and ask if they sent the email.
- Don't click on any links in the email. Instead hover over a link to see the full web address and whether it might be coming from a suspicious site that could install malware on your computer or try and get your sensitive information like log-ins, personal data or financial details.
- If you'd like to alert the diocese to the fact that an email pretending to be someone related to the church is circulating, you can forward it to ithelpdesk@rcchawaii.org.

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.cc.**



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

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

NAMING OPPORTUNITY	COST	NUMBER AVAILABLE
Education Center Building	\$1,000,000	1
Chapel	\$600,000	1
First Floor Gallery	\$600,000	1
Garden	\$600,000	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