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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

Weekday Liturgy

Monday:

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours
7 a.m. Communion Prayer
Service

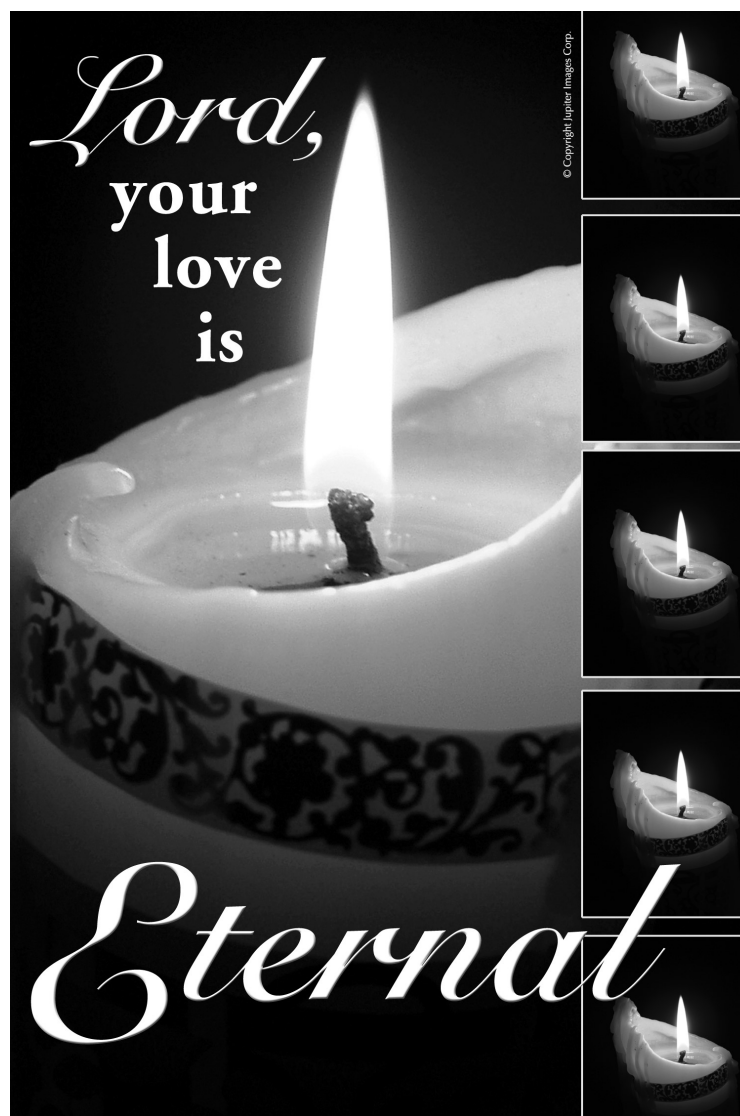
Wednesday, Friday, Saturday

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours
7 a.m. Mass



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

-- St. Augustine of Hippo



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of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus
and Mary since 1854*

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Office hours

Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to noon

Closed Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: 3-3:45 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

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



This week at St. Augustine

Sunday, Aug. 23—21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical color: Green

6 a.m. Mass—S/I Solo Foo Chong (birthday)

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Pua Bow

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Kong Kee Family

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Tili Ones (healing)

Monday, Aug. 24—St. Bartholomew

Liturgical color: Red

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

Tuesday, Aug. 25—St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz

Liturgical color: Green/White

8:30 a.m. Finance Council meeting

Wednesday, Aug. 26

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I R.J. Garczynski (birthday)

Thursday, Aug. 27—St. Monica

Liturgical color: White

4--7 p.m. Services for homeless: Revive & Refresh Mobile Hygiene Center, Hawaii Home Project-Hawaii Medical Corps, affiliate of the John A. Burns Medical School, Kakaako. IHS, parking lot

Friday, Aug. 28—St. Augustine of Hippo, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S John & Kathleen Bero

Saturday, Aug. 29—The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Liturgical color: Red

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Church & grounds cleaning: Tongan Community — Pulengaue and Toknoi Group

5 p.m. Mass

Because of COVID-19, Bishop Larry Silva has dispensed the faithful from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass through October 31, 2020

Face masks must be worn in church and social distancing must be practiced. Please enter through the front door of the church and exit by way of the two side doors. Mahalo for your kokua.

Breaking Open the Word

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel reading asks, "what do you believe and why." It's a straightforward question that many may not be able to answer completely. The disciples' response needs to be understood by the people of today to fully grasp what it entails. Their answer was not only words spoken, but it came with a genuine commitment, including giving up their lives, to hold fast to the words. There are not many today who can make the same response with the same conviction.

It is not that we do not want to believe, rather, we refuse, by choice, not to truly believe. As we journey in life, we become attached to many of the things that life brings, material things. And we place great value on them because it's pleasing, rewarding, and satisfying, so we refuse to part from them. We want to justify holding on to all of it and so we twist the words of Jesus to a false belief and say to ourselves, it's okay. It's not okay! We will leave it all behind when we depart from this earthly life. Why are we deceiving ourselves and refusing to truly believe?

The content of the Gospel today is truth. We all have the desire to go to heaven. But how can you go to a place that you do not truly believe in? The Gospel shares with us the keys, so to speak, that will help us get there. Are you willing to accept and follow the teachings shared in the Gospel?

Let us pray for strength and understanding, to make the right choices in this life, as we continue with hope on our journey in faith to enter the Kingdom of God.

*Deacon Andy Calunod
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Readings

First Reading — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).

Psalm — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).

Gospel — Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Christ" (Matthew 16:13-20).

Weekday

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145; Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145; Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33; Mk 6:17-29

Next Sunday

Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

DAILY PRAYER

Like physical exercises, which build strength and stamina, these exercises for finding intimacy with God in our everyday lives involve a practice regime. Nobody ever got good at soccer or baseball, running or dancing without careful practice that becomes a habit, a way of life. And, no one even attempts such a regimen without great desire. The same is true with getting good at having a relationship with our Lord. It takes great desire to sustain a routine of reflection and affective, intimate conversation. Such prayerful focus and connectedness takes discipline, but it quickly becomes natural. And, the rewards are phenomenal.

We can practice this week by asking ourselves some deep questions in the background of our life each day. Beginning each day by briefly expressing a desire to be more self-aware and transparent with our Lord, we can ask ourselves some probing questions.

In what ways am I a hypocrite? How do I use a double standard - harsher on others than I am on myself? How do I like to appear as a religious person, but actually lack mercy and deeds of charity? Am I a good steward of the gifts with which God has entrusted me?

As I grow in the ability to reflect throughout the day, I might try to recognize my inner spirit, my attitudes, the ways I respond. It is a way of staying alert and it places me with my Lord in conversation, in the background as I make decisions, as I experience my reactions to events and people. Sometimes, I might just be saying "Thank you, Lord," expressing gratitude for what I've been given. At other times, that will quickly turn to a reflection on how I will be a good steward of those gifts. Hearing the readings this week, I might want to monitor how my fears or my laziness might prevent me from being bold about using the gifts the Lord has given me to build up the Kingdom in my world.

Preparing for celebrating God's love on Sunday, I can focus on the readings and wonder at how the fire burns in my own heart. I can ponder the question Jesus asks me: What good would it do to gain the whole world but lose my very self?

Creighton University Online Ministries

Media streaming this weekend

Mass will be live-streamed this weekend at 5 p.m. Saturday (Aug. 22) at facebook.com/StAugustineHawaii and uploaded to YouTube at 10 a.m. Sunday Aug. 23. Next weekend, Mass will be livestreamed at 8 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 30 at facebook.com/StAugustineHawaii

RCIA begins Sept. 16

Do you know someone who is not Catholic who wants to explore the beauty of our faith tradition and is interested in joining the Church? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) was established by the Church for individuals who are not Catholic and wish to become Catholic.

This class, over 10 months, takes inquirers and catechumens through Scripture and Tradition, the sacraments, liturgy, faith sharing and spiritual growth, morality and conscience, and justice and peace issues.

St. Augustine's 2020-2021 RCIA program begins **Wednesday, Sept. 16**, Because of COVID-19 restrictions, registration is required in advance. Please call the parish office to register.

Second collections

The second collection this weekend is for our parish debt reduction.

The second collection next weekend is for Aunty Carmen's Kitchen, which has stayed open throughout the pandemic, serving a hot meal to those in our community who are hungry.

Learn about Alzheimer's

Learn all about Alzheimer's from your own computer via Zoom!

The sessions are sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association - Hawaii and Catholic Charities Hawaii.

Dementia-Related Behaviors

Wednesday, September 9, 10-11:30a.m.

Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body

Wednesday, September 30, 10-11:30a.m.

Advancing the Science and Public Policy: Updates to Research and Our Work in Advocacy

Wednesday, October 21, 10-11:30a.m.

Register for one or any number of sessions by contacting Jody Mishan, (808) 295-2624 or at jmishan@hawaii.rr.com.

Prayer for a Pandemic

God of light and God of mystery, give us the faith to see you in the grey dimness of this time.

Give us the heart to hear, in the silence of the sick, the call to care for those in pain. Give us the courage to find you where you do not now appear to be.

Give us the trust it takes to make our way through this uncertainty, this fear, this seemingly irredeemable sense of limitless loss to the recognition of the relentless hope that each seasonal cycle of life confirms in us.

You who made all things for our good and our growth show us, too, now the power of darkness

so that we might see newly— beyond the ephemeral— to what are really the gloriously important things in life.

Joan Chittister



FROM THE PASTOR

Aunty Carmen's Kitchen

Mahalo nui loa to Richard, who continues to generously give food items for the kitchen; it really helps. To Remer, who continues to give cooked pans of food to help feed those who are hungry, they really appreciate the variety of dishes we provide. And to all those who continue to give financial support and food items, may you all be blessed for what you share.

For those who want to help further the efforts of our Kitchen with cooked pans of food or making a contribution to purchase cooked food, contact Fr. Lane for more information and opportunities. When we serve the needy, we serve Christ himself. Outreach to the hungry is just one means of doing charity within our parish. May our parish be blessed for what we share with others.

Schedule changes during 'Act Now Honolulu'

With the most recent emergency order declared by Mayor Caldwell and Governor Ige, let us help each other to keep safe and protected.

Therefore, beginning Monday, August 24, week-day masses will be held on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 7 a.m. ONLY.

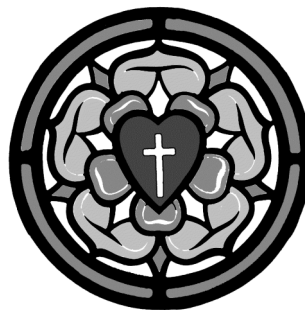
The Parish office will be open on Mondays ONLY from 8 a.m. to noon. If a holiday falls on a Monday, the office will be open on the Tuesday following the holiday. Leave a message when calling the office and we'll get back to you as soon as possible.

As of August 20, all staff are working from home, except Martin, our facilities/cook. Aunty Carmen's Kitchen will continue to serve meals.

With the new order, NO music will be sung during the Sunday masses, but some instrumental music will be played without any singing. Be sure to come early, if not, mass may be finished by the time you arrive.

Let us continue to pray for good health and safety. Blessings to all.

Mahalo, Fr. Lane



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Stewardship ~~~spiritually rooted in the Bible

The first stewardship parable in Chapter 25 of the Gospel of Matthew is the parable of the three servants (stewards). One is given five talents, one is given two talents and the last servant is given one talent.

The one with five talents makes five more, the one with two gains two more but the one who is given one talent does nothing with what was given to him.

The two servants who use their talents wisely are praised by the master; the one who is fearful of the gift he has been given is stripped of what he was given.

I have always wished there was a fourth servant who tried to use what he was given as gift and failed because if there were a fourth servant I am sure that the master would have said to him, "Here are three more try again." This parable is not about success but about remembering our need to give thanks to God for the gifts he has placed in our lives.

This parable comes right before Matthew's beautiful and chilling parable of the Last Judgment, where we are reminded that when our life is over God will judge us on how we shared our gifts with others. The time will come when we get to ask, as did the folks in Matthew 25: 31-46: "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to the least of these, you neglected to do it to me. And they will go away to eternal punishment and the virtuous to eternal life."

God has given each and every one of us the gift of faith in Baptism. At Baptism, we are given both a mission and a ministry. The mission: to become disciples of Jesus and stewards of God's gifts; the ministry is to use our unique gifts and talents in a way that gives glory to God.

Stewardship then is a spirituality rooted in the Bible and based on the principle that everything we have is a gift from God.

By Rev. Joseph Creedon

International Catholic Stewardship Council

*I was hungry and
you gave me something to eat,
I was thirsty and
you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and
you invited me in,
I needed clothes and
you clothed me,
I was sick and
you looked after me,
I was in prison and
you came to visit me.
MATTHEW 25: 35-36*



Our parish :

- Joins in daily and Sunday Mass and prays the Liturgy of the Hours, the church's prayer.
- Feeds the hungry at Auntie Carmen's Kitchen.
- Works with other agencies to provide hygiene and social service help to the homeless weekly.
- Joins with other faith communities to help the homeless and hungry.
- Collects food and toiletries for the homeless on the Waianae Coast
- Offers a welcoming space to all who wish to join us in prayer and worship.
- Educates our youth in the faith.
- Offers ongoing adult faith formation, and through RCIA welcomes new Catholics to our faith community.

Be part of parish life:

- Serve as a lector, eucharistic, hospitality or music minister
- Help serve those who dine with us at Auntie Carmen's Kitchen.
- Help with counting the collection on Monday mornings.
- Help with check-in for Sunday masses, an important service in these days of pandemic.
- Help our church and grounds cleaners Saturday mornings.
- Join us at daily Mass or the Liturgy of the Hours at least once a week.
- Commit to praying at least part of the Liturgy of the Hours daily.
- Read from Scriptures at least an hour each week.
- Be a catechist for youth or adults.
- Join with the Altar Rosary Society or Knights of Columbus.

Deepen your faith:

Spiritual resources

Magnificat. Monthly in print or digital. Morning and evening prayers drawn from Liturgy of the Hours, reflections, Mass readings. Website is us.Magnificat.net

Give Us This Day, Monthly or digital. Morning and evening prayers drawn from the Liturgy of the Hours. Mass readings. Website is Giveusthisday.org

Living Faith. Quarterly. Print or digital. Reflections on daily Mass readings from noted Catholic spiritual writers. Website is livingfaith.com

Online prayer resources include:

sacredspace.ie (from the Irish Jesuits)

apostleshipofprayer.org (the Pope's worldwide prayer network)

loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer/; (a 3 minute retreat from the Jesuits)

dailycatholicgospel.com (reflections on the Gospel by Bishop Barron)

Apps:

Magnificat

iBreviary

Daily Readings

Laudate