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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

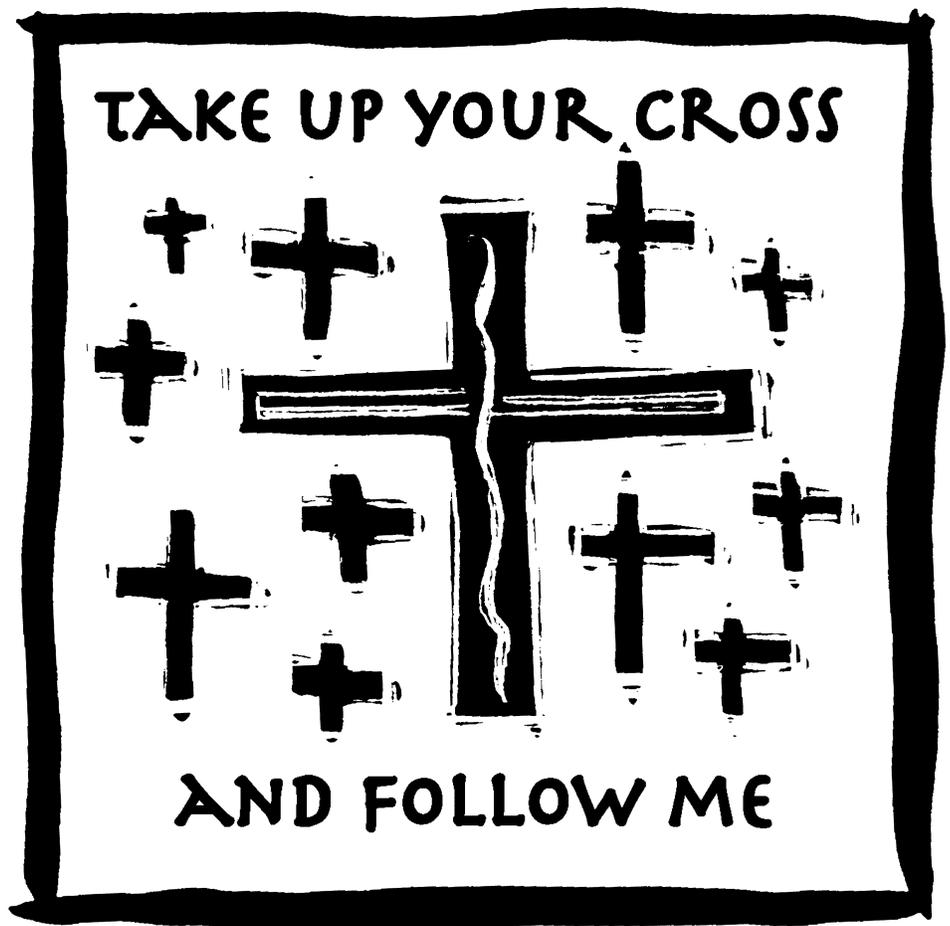
Weekday Liturgy

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



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*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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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. 30—22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical color: Green

6 a.m. Mass

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Pua Bow

10 a.m. Mass— S/I Kong Kee Family

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Tili Onesi (healing)

Monday, Aug. 31

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

Tuesday, Sept. 1

Liturgical color: Green

Wednesday, Sept. 2

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Thursday, Sept. 3—St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

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, Sept. 4

First Friday

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S John & Kathleen Bero

Benediction and adoration

Saturday, Sept. 5

First Saturday

Liturgical color: Green/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Esteban Recel

Church & grounds cleaning: Altar Rosary Society and Knights of Columbus

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Thomas Cruz (birthday)

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

What would it take to make you happy? Being rich—and/or beautiful? Getting a better job—or not losing your job? That COVID-19 would just simply go away so you can return to normal life? On the other hand, would you be happy carrying around a cross each day? Or have you ever felt like Jeremiah and wanted to yell at God, "You duped me, O Lord, and I let myself be duped!" Why did you lead me into this trial, Lord?

Yet Jesus said to his first disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." Jesus said this immediately after he showed his disciples "that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, be killed, and on the third day be raised." Jesus is forthright with his would-be followers, then and NOW. If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him surrender himself, take up his cross and follow me. It's no wonder they were confused! It's no wonder Peter responded the way he did! It's no wonder sometimes we are confused and disheartened.

And St. Paul reinforces Jesus' words in the second reading from his letter to the Romans: I urge you, brothers and sisters, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. You see, God wants disciples who take up the cross and do His will despite the difficulty and the suffering, despite the challenge and the danger.

So, Jesus challenges us in unexpected ways. He turns things upside down! Inside out! Backwards! Jesus did that with everyone—the scribes—the Pharisees—the Sadducees—his first disciples—and now he is doing it with us. Jesus isn't/wasn't trying to be perverse. He wasn't trying to shock people. It's just that our ways are not God's ways, and Jesus had come to show us God's ways. God's world is an upside down, inside out, backwards world. God's world isn't easy to understand. In God's world, the things that we consider important—things like money and power—are not important. Fuzzy things like faith and hope and love are **everything**.

God wants vibrant, joyful people who are living out their faith. What God cares about is **selflessness**. God cares **about love**. God cares about **mercy** and **compassion**.

God has great rewards waiting for those who live **unselfishly in Christ's service**. Jesus promises that if we're willing to lose our lives for his sake—if we're willing to go where he would have us go and do what he would have us do—if we're willing to live our lives in devotion to God and in service to others—we will live the kind of life that everyone craves but only a few people attain. Jesus says, "whoever will lose his life for my sake will find it." Deep in our hearts, we **know** this is true. Let us take the time this week to reflect on the acts of love and charity we have (or have not) done during this pandemic.

Anonymous

Readings

First Reading — The name of the LORD has become like fire burning in Jeremiah's heart (Jeremiah 20:7-9).
Psalm — My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

Second Reading — Be transformed; renew your mind; discern what is good (Romans 12:1-2).

Gospel — Those who lose their lives for Jesus' sake will find them (Matthew 16:21-27).

Weekday

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145; Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday

Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

DAILY PRAYER

Among the many healing stories in this week's gospels is the story of the call of Peter. It is powerful for us because we see the very human moment of Peter's self-doubt: he realizes the power of Jesus, falls down in an awareness of his own sinfulness and wants Jesus to turn away from him because he is too sinful. The lesson for us is that it is precisely at the moment when Peter recognizes how unworthy he is, that Jesus calls him to ministry.

All of us can have moments of feeling we are unworthy - and the truth is that we can never be worthy of the unending love Jesus offers us. But how blessed we are if we realize that we are loved without limits even though we have done nothing to deserve that kind of love.

Knowing in a balanced humility that we are sinful is not a bad thing - but if we get stuck there, and are tempted to turn away from Jesus as Peter did, then we have become more focused on ourselves than on the love we are being offered. This week is a week to rejoice in that love and healing Jesus wants to give us. It is a prayer we can carry throughout our days.

Each morning as we awake, we can ask the Lord to open our hearts in gratitude for what we will be offered this day. We might pause to imagine ourselves being healed and touched by Jesus. For just a moment, we might see Jesus in front of us, his eyes filled with such love, reaching out to give our ears and tongue a healing touch; to lift us from an invalid's bed or to drive the unclean spirits from us.

Throughout the day we can remember that gentle touch from Jesus and ask him to drive out the unclean spirits we may be carrying today. What is Jesus calling me to? Who am I being invited to listen to and speak on behalf of today? Who will come across my path today who needs Jesus' healing through my own care and kind words?

Creighton University Online Ministries

Media streaming this weekend

Mass will be live-streamed this weekend at 8 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 30 at [facebook.com/StAugustineHawaii](https://www.facebook.com/StAugustineHawaii). The Mass will be uploaded to YouTube at 10 a.m.

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 Aunty Carmen's Kitchen, which has stayed open throughout the pandemic, serving a hot meal to those in our community who are hungry.

The second collection next weekend will be for our parish repair and maintenance fund.

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.



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FROM THE PASTOR

Words of Wisdom

I interviewed my grandmother for part of a research paper I was working one for my psychology class. When I asked her to define success in her own words, she said, "Success is when you look back at your life and the memories make you smile."

Stewardship of Talent

A parishioner is sewing Hawaiian design cloth face masks to help raise funds for our parish. Anyone who is interested can contact me, leave a phone message at the parish or send a note requesting one/several. They would make great Christmas gifts. Various colors available. Donation is \$20.00 per mask.

166th Anniversary of St. Augustine

August 27 was the Feast of St. Monica, the mother of St. Augustine. Then on August 28 we celebrated the Feast of St. Augustine, our patron. It has been a somber time of reflection, especially with this COVID-19 pandemic in our midst. I wonder how our parish responded to the last pandemic about 100 years ago. I'm quite sure it did not affect our communities then as it is affecting us today. Let us continue to pray that St. Monica, St. Augustine and Our Lady Queen of Peace intercede for us always. Happy Anniversary and much blessings for the future. Hopefully next year we'll be able to celebrate again with our usual event at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel.

Ka Tonga Ofa

On August 29, the Tongan community quietly celebrated their annual Ka Tonga Ofa event without any fanfare due to the pandemic lockdown and limited number of people for gathering. Malo aupito for their continued support of our parish and I look forward to next year's hopefully public celebration.

Waikiki hotel for quarantine

This week the Mayor announced that the city is in the process of contracting a 130-room Waikiki hotel for the sick who need to be isolated with plans for two more hotels. This causes me some concern and stress as will these hotels be monitored appropriately by the state. If not, Waikiki could become a hotspot for the virus. Pray for all of our safety.

Considering another schedule change

As I consider the next couple of months in regards to our financial responsibilities and being a good steward, I must consider closing down one mass on Sunday. I will be speaking to our parishioners of that particular mass before I make the final decision. We can not continue as if life is the same, because it isn't. Changes need to be made for the benefit of the whole parish. I've already cut two masses during the week. Pray for me as the decision will be made this week. Aloha

Fr. Lane

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.

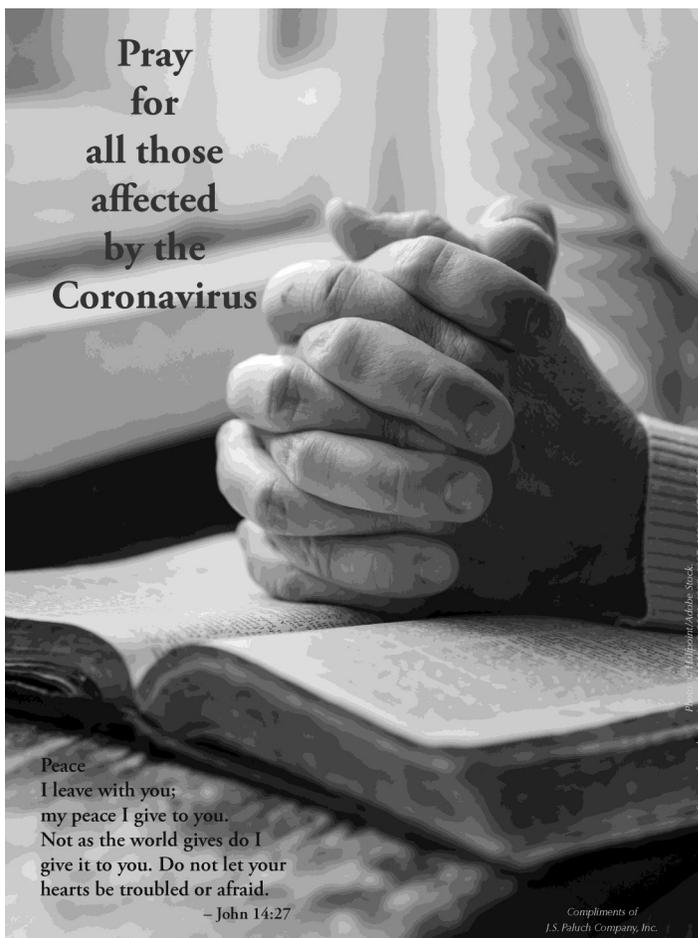
Give us the heart to hear, in the silence of the
sick, the call to care for those in pain.

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 seem-
ingly 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.

by Joan Chittister



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