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Sunday Liturgy

5 p.m. Saturday
6, 8, 10 a.m. Sunday

Weekday Liturgy

Monday:

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

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday

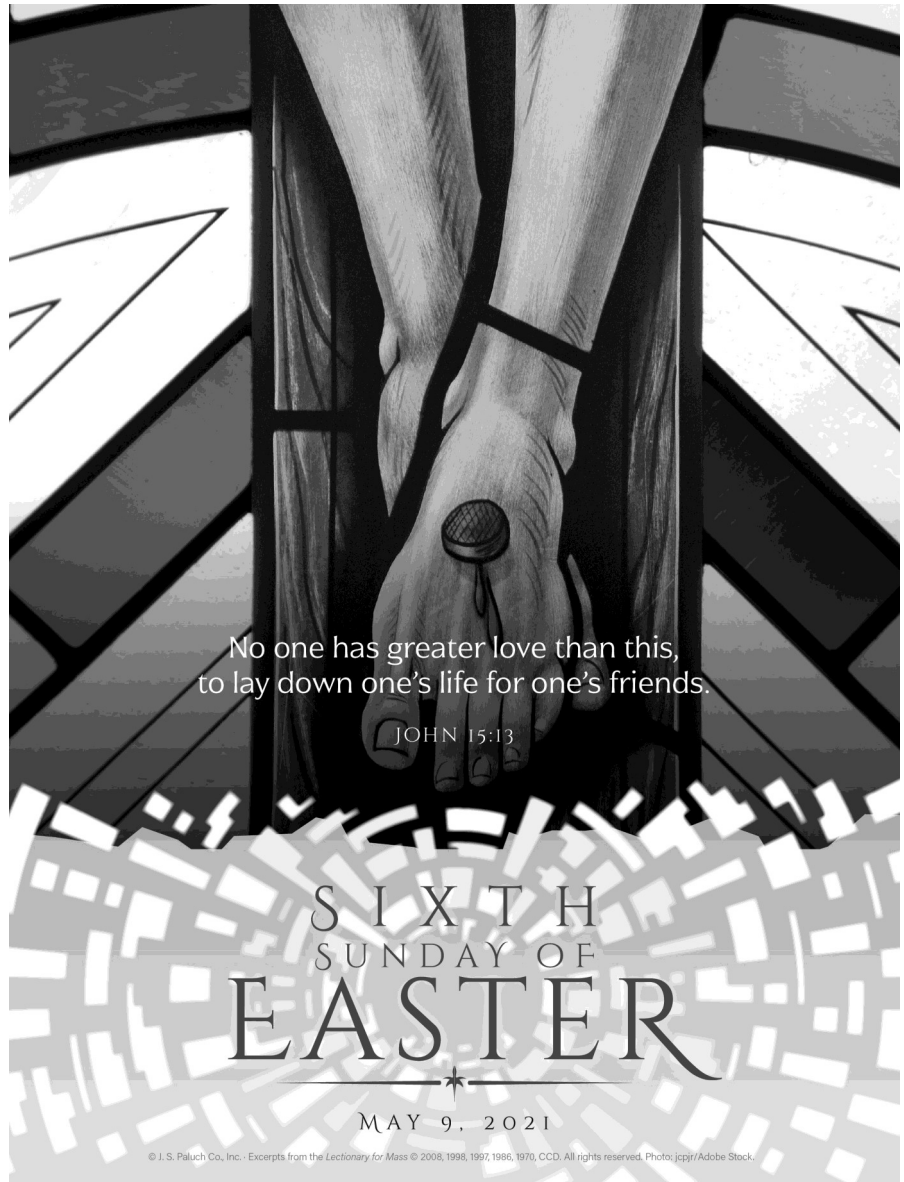
6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours
7 a.m. Mass



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

-- St. Augustine of Hippo

St. Augustine Church by-the-sea



*With the servant leadership
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Reserve your seats for Mass

Reservations must be made for Sunday liturgy.

To reserve for May 15/16 Masses:

<https://staugustinewaikiki.flocknote.com/signup/53378>

The deadline to sign up is Friday noon. Walk-ins will be taken as space is available. If you do not have internet access, please call the parish during office hours.

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Office hours

Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to noon

Sacraments

Reconciliation: 6:30-6:45 a.m. Wednesday, 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.

This week at St. Augustine

Sunday, May 9—Sixth Sunday of Easter

Liturgical color: White

6 a.m. Mass—S/I Ferdinand & Priscilla Lopez (40th anniversary)

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Pua and Dan Bow

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Kong Kee Family

Monday, May 10—St. Damien de Veuster

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

Tuesday, May 11

Liturgical color: White

Wednesday, May 12—Sts. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras

Liturgical color: White/Red

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Janet Loo

4 p.m. RCIA, Damien Meeting Room

Thursday, May 13—Our Lady of Fatima

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

Friday, May 14—St. Matthias, Apostle

Liturgical color: Red

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S John & Kathleen Bero

Saturday, May 15—St. Isidore

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Janet Loo

Church & grounds cleaning: Mortlock Community, Knights of Columbus

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Antonio Rivera Castillo

Sunday liturgy is live-streamed at 5 p.m. Saturdays at [facebook.com/StAugustineHawaii](https://www.facebook.com/StAugustineHawaii). The Mass will be uploaded to YouTube at 8 a.m. Sundays.

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.



Remembering St. Damien

In 2009, Pope Benedict XVI, canonized Damien as a saint of the universal church. It was an event long awaited and we are happy that we have a saint we can call our own.

Saint Damien was a member of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the first Catholic missionaries to Hawaii in 1827.

The Sacred Hearts congregation continues the long tradition of fostering the Catholic faith in these islands and beyond.

Continue to pray that Saint Damien will continue to inspire men and women to lives of service and dedication to our local church.

Saint Damien's feast day is Monday, May 10. Saint Damien, pray for us.

**Father of mercy,
who gave us in Saint Damien a shining witness of love
for the poorest and most abandoned,
grant that, by his intercession,
as faithful witnesses of the heart of your Son Jesus,
we too may be servants of the most needy and rejected.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**
(from The Roman Missal)

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings

First Reading — The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).

Psalm — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — God is love (1 John 4:7-10).

Gospel — No one has greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends (John 15:9-17).

Weekday

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98; Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113; Jn 15:9-17

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47; Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17- 23; Mk 16:15-20

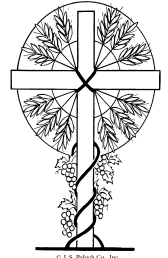
DAILY PRAYER

Jesus invites us to remain in his love. That is a powerful freedom. If we can reflect this week on ways we can remain in his love, and not let anything take away our peace, we will grow in great freedom.

Jesus tells us that his one commandment to us is to love one another as he has loved us. The most important word in that command is "as." He wants us to imitate the very "way" he loves us - completely, unconditionally, in a self-sacrificing way.

It can be the focus of our entire week to ask for the grace to love the people in our lives the ways Jesus loves us. But, if it is to be deep and transformative, it needs to begin by reflecting on how much Jesus loves us.

All week we can let the Spirit be the helper and the gatherer that our Lord promises will accompany us in our journey. It helps us prepare for the feast of Pentecost, to be asking, "Come, Holy Spirit."



Loving Jesus, I'm not sure how to do this. I can feel in my heart an emptiness or longing for something deeper in my relationship, but I don't always know where to begin. Help me to open my heart to you this day, and to carry with me the sense of how much you love me and how much you want this kind of personal relationship with me.

Let me feel your Spirit present with me as I face the challenges of the day and let me live my life this day as your follower, in the peace of your love.

It is a simple prayer and one that we can remember as we go about our day. It is not complicated to have a closer relationship with God, but it takes focus. And always, we can end our day with a simple prayer of thanks for the many blessings of the day.

Creighton University Online Ministries

THE STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

**My parish is composed of people like me.
I help make it what it is.
It will be friendly, if I am.
It will be holy, if I am.
Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.
It will do great work, if I work.
It will be prayerful, if I pray.
It will make generous gifts to many causes,
if I am a generous giver.
It will bring others into its worship,
if I invite and bring them.
It will be a parish of loyalty and love,
of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity,
and mercy,
if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these
same things.
Therefore, with the help of God,
I now dedicate myself to the task of being
all the things that I want my parish to be.
Amen**

Happy Mother's Day

We wish a Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers.

On this special day, we remember all our mothers, living and deceased, and all that they have done and continue to do for us.

All of the mothers named in our spiritual bouquets are remembered in our prayers this weekend.

Rosary during May

Throughout May, the Rosary will be prayed a half hour before all Sunday Masses.

Please join as at 4:30 p.m. Saturdays, 5:30 a.m., 7:30 a.m., and 9:30 a.m. Sundays through May for this beautiful devotion to Mary.



Food for kupuna in need

From the diocesan Office for Social Ministry

More than 16,000 senior citizens in Hawaii struggle with food insecurity, according to a 2020 report by the Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice. Many of these seniors are eligible for food and financial assistance

Catholic Charities Hawaii has played an important role with regards to COVID recovery and community sustainability.

Their programs that serve seniors are exceptional, especially the many programs on 'Oahu.

CCH's Benefits Enrollment Center includes assistance in applying for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) services.

Like families and individuals who struggle with putting food on the table, older adults on a fixed income find themselves with limited access to healthy and nutritional food.

Some of our seniors don't know that they qualify for SNAP while others may hesitate because of the complex and lengthy application process.

If you or someone you know is at least 65 years of age and qualified for Medicare, call Catholic Charities Senior Intake Line at (808) 527-4777 for information or assistance with applying for SNAP and other benefits.

Find out what the pope is thinking.



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FROM THE PASTOR



150th Anniversary

On May 26, 2021, members of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, brothers, sisters and lay people around the world will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the shooting of our brothers Ladislav Radigue, Polycarpe Tuffier, Marcellin Rouchouze and Frezel Tardieu, during the final days of the Paris Commune.

Remembering such an event brings us face to face with the risk that faith in Jesus entails. None of them were deceived in this respect. They knew the risk from the beginning.

They knew this in the first days of April 1871, when they were being taken to prison along with 84 nuns and 11 other brothers of the congregation, not forgetting other religious (St. Vincent de Paul, Dominicans, Jesuits), diocesan priests and lay people. And they were also conscious of this when they decided to follow Jesus, he who had revealed the depth of God's love in a vulnerable, defenseless, pierced heart.

How could those who had consecrated their lives to the reparative love manifested in the hearts of Jesus and Mary not be found in the breaches that were opening up in society?

How could they not, in fidelity to God's untiring mercy, take the place of the many people who were being persecuted for the sake of justice?

"Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." (John 12.24-26)

I will continue with two more weeks of reflection up to the date of this heroic act of love.

Visitors at St. Augustine

Ever wonder where our visitors come from?

Here is the list of neighborhoods and states listed by people who attended mass last weekend: Aiea, Arizona, California (S.F., L.A., San Diego) Colorado, Connecticut Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Indianapolis, Kailua, Kaneohe, Lebanon,* Louisiana, Maui, Michigan, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Texas, Virginia, Washington state and Washington DC. Quite impressive!

See why we need to continue being a welcoming community. The impression we leave with them will be long-lasting. Mahalo to all who helped to welcome our visitors.

Fr. Lane



Mary: The Mother who listens

Last week we reflected on the inequality of women in Jewish society in Jesus' time and how to bring about equality in how men and women experience life and what Mary can teach us.

So how is equality brought about? Primarily we are all human and experience the pains and joys, the suffering and happiness of the human condition. This is the bedrock of spirituality; living life. We experience life first hand. Therefore, we begin by taking seriously how both men and women experience life; both experiences are valid and authentic. The experiences need to be shared and respected. No one gender has a monopoly on the truth. Life is not about rising to be a CEO but dealing with what life throws our way. Our liberation is about becoming fully human; becoming the person God created me to be.

Women tend to live their lives more intently because their communication is geared toward listening, caring, nurturing, fostering, empowering...Men tend to live in a more abstract world and as a result many men have no clue how to deal with pain in their lives. Many a movie depicts men punching holes in walls when they hear bad news. Men don't like pain, so they try to get it out of their system by being violent to something or someone. Men and women experience feelings in different parts of the brain. The difference can lead to very emotional expressions by the woman and eyerolls from him. Feelings are instantaneous in women but have to be processed in men, therefore they are not so prompt.

The greatest thing a mother can do today is to teach boys how to deal with pain and disappointments. Many, many of the young men in prison are there because they cannot deal with such events in their lives. Where does a child learn about life in its most formative years – on their mother's knee; and she has been endowed with the gifts for rearing and forming children. St. Bernard of Clairvaux had this inestimable opinion of women: Blessed is the man whose infancy has been watched over, kindled, penetrated by the eye of a tender and holy mother. That glance has a magical power over the soul of the child; it beams forth sweetness and life; and as the sun's rays mature the fruits of the earth, and sweeten them by the communication of its own substance, so does the mother deposit, in the soul of the child, the sacred character of love.

We often turn to Mary our Mother because she accepts us warmly, compassionately and unconditionally. A mother loves her child, period. There is a Jewish proverb – a

good son is a joy to the father but a wayward son is a sorrow to the mother. The nugget of wisdom here is that men appreciate their sons when they are successful but almost disown them when they fail. The mother is there for her son throughout all, particularly in the dark days.

Mercy is a compassionate property, which belongs to motherhood in tender love. Hence, one of the names given to Mary – Our Lady of Perpetual Succor. For this reason, people approached Mary knowing she would readily accept them. The popularity of approaching Mary began in the East. Constantinople was the place where Mary was revered the most within the whole Church. So ingrained was devotion to Mary in Constantinople that when Muslims overran the eastern church they made accommodation for Mary in Islam. It is a great surprise to many that Mary is revered so highly in Islam.



There are few mentions of Mary in the Gospels. On the cross Jesus handed care of his mother over to John. Yet when John wrote his gospel he only mentions Mary twice. John emphasized the role of Mary in Jesus' life by placing her at the beginning of his ministry (the wedding feast) and the end (the cross.)

In other words, the whole ministry of Jesus was encircled by his Mother.

Next week: We often turn to Mary our Mother because she accepts us warmly, compassionately and unconditionally.

May, the Month of Mary

The Church dedicates the month of May to Mary. This month, we offer this reflection from Fr. John Roche SJ on Mary: The Mother who Listens. Excepted over three weekends, Fr. Roche offers us these questions to reflect on throughout May:

How approachable am I?

Do I have a compassionate ear?

Do I console well?

Do I foster peace?

How can I make this May a special Marian month?