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St. Augustine Church by-the-sea

Sunday Liturgy

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

DECEMBER 5, 2021



SECOND
Sunday
OF *Advent*

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance
for the forgiveness of sins.

Luke 3:3

*With the servant leadership
of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus
and Mary since 1854*

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Reserve your seats for Mass

Reservations must be made for Sunday liturgy.

To reserve for Dec. 11-12 Masses:

<https://staugustinewaikiki.flocknote.com/signup/72219>

The deadline to sign up for Sunday liturgy is 8 a.m. Saturday.

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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Finance Council chair Jim Dannemiller

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Keith Cabiles

Office hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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.

Aunt Carmen's Kitchen

Hot meals are served between 11 a.m. and noon Monday to Friday.

This week at St. Augustine

Sunday, Dec. 5—Second Sunday of Advent

Liturgical color: Violet

6 a.m. Mass

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Esteban Recel

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Kong Kee Family

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Bero Family

Monday, Dec. 6—St. Nicholas

Liturgical color: Violet/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

Tuesday, Dec. 7—St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Liturgical color: White

Wednesday, Dec. 8—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Rosemary Werth

5 p.m. Scripture class, Damien Room

6 p.m. RCIA, Damien Room

Thursday, Dec. 9—St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

Liturgical color: Violet/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

Friday, Dec. 10

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S John & Kathleen Bero

Saturday, Dec. 11—St. Damasus I

Liturgical color: Violet/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Church & grounds cleaning: Mortlock Community and Knights of Columbus

5 p.m. Mass

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. Mahalo for your kokua.

Breaking Open the Word

Second Sunday of Advent

All the readings at Mass during Advent remind us that this season is a time intended for spiritual preparation. It is tempting to let the busyness of December distract us from the most important purpose of Advent: **our personal spiritual growth.**

So, John being in the desert is significant. In Advent, we are invited to embrace the desert in our lives and invite God to settle there. We may be recently divorced or a single parent struggling with the challenges of life. We may be the one who presently mourns the loss of a loved one, or the person who has wounds from a hurtful relationship. Our desert may be unemployment, fears about our job, anxiety about schoolwork, or our health or the future.

Our desert, the place where we are called to prepare, may be illness, unimaginable family problems, or even imminent death. The profound truth is that these are broken parts of our being into which God **can and desires** to enter. God loves us as much in our brokenness as in our wholeness. We can bring our brokenness to God in Advent — we do not need to hide it. We are challenged to invite God into our wilderness, not merely to put on a happy holiday face. The readings move us to focus on our interior life, to prepare *inside*.

So, Advent gives us another opportunity to get ready, to change, and to become the person God calls us to be. And if we haven't quite made it there yet, Advent gives us another nudge to keep working at it, to prepare the way of the Lord into our lives, and indeed our very hearts. John preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sin. And when Jesus began his public ministry, his first word of instruction to the people was "repent." All through his ministry he continued this. To respond to God's call, I cannot think of a better beginning than to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

Then let us continue with prayer and reflection as our priority. Let us use that time to allow the Baptist and the Lord Jesus to awaken in us a desire to change, to be better, to be more Christ-like, to be God's people.

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Sunday Readings

First Reading — Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your children rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy (Baruch 5:1-9).

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day of Christ (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

Gospel — John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (Luke 3:1-6).

Weekday Readings

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday's Readings

Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

DAILY PRAYER

Finding intimacy with God in the midst of our busy lives begins with getting in touch with our own desires. Advent is a wonderful time to ask myself, "What am I looking for? What do I desire? What longing can I recognize in my heart?" The answers to those questions will be our best guide for daily prayer.

The readings this week offer possible ways to talk with the Lord about our desires.

We can begin by trying to get in touch with a part of my heart that is divided, perhaps with a desert separating the two parts. For example, is there a disconnect between my primary commitments and the amount of time and attention that I give to them? Is there a distance between who I say I am and who I actually am? Do I experience something missing between what I believe and how I live those beliefs? We all have these contradictions and inconsistencies within us. These are the places into which we can let our Advent desiring grow.

This week, we can imagine the prophet saying, "There will be a path between what is separate or divided or at a distance in your life!" or "What is desert, barren, dry and life-less in you will come to life!" We can hear, "You will find freedom and comfort, where you have been finding yourself in a captivity to pattern and routine, where you have felt weak and weary." "Learn from the Lord and learn real wisdom."

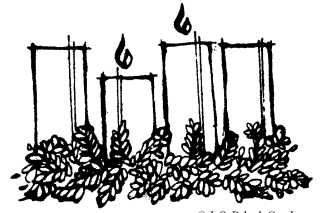
When one or more of these desires really strikes a chord in our hearts, Advent begins for us.

Advent is about our coming to a felt sense of our need for a Savior and letting our Savior into our hearts to save us. Advent comes alive for us as we identify our desires and let them be expressed as longing and expectant hope. Into this space our Lord comes with good news, healing and a peace the world can't give. As we taste our desires and longing grow, we can give thanks each evening before we go to bed, to acknowledge we are being given a great grace of a growing intimacy with our God, right in the midst of our very busy days.

Creighton University Online Ministries

Bible quiz

1. Which angel told Daniel the meaning of his vision of the ram and the goat?
 2. Who was king of the southern kingdom when the northern kingdom of Israel fell to Assyria?
 3. Who was David's son who started a rebellion against him?
 4. Who let the Israelites return to their homeland?
 5. How many deacons were chosen to help the apostles distribute food to widows?
- (Answers on next page)



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FROM THE PASTOR

Mahalo nui loa

Mahalo to all who gave so generously on Giving Tuesday to benefit our Damien and Marianne of Moloka'i Education Center. Through your gifts, you are helping our mission to tell the story of Hawaii's two saints and their ministry in Kalawa'o and Kalaupapa.

Our beautiful Education Center building has been completed and we are turning now to the completion of the interior of the building, including displays and exhibits that will tell the world of the life and mission of St. Damien de Veuster ss.cc., St. Marianne Cope osf, and the patients of Kalawao and Kalaupapa.

If you were not able to give this past Tuesday and still want to help us, you may donate at www.staugustinebythesea.com or mail a check to St. Augustine Parish, marking it for the Damien and Marianne of Moloka'i Education Center.

Mahalo for your continued support of this important endeavor.

Fr. Lane

Be Attentive to the Grace of What is Possible

Eternal Friend,
grant me an ease
to breathe deeply of this moment,
this light, this miracle of now.
Beneath the din and fury of great movements
and harsh news
and urgent crises,
make me attentive still
to good news,
to small occasions,
and the grace of what is possible
for me to be,
to do,
to give,
to receive,
that I may miss neither my neighbor's gift
nor my enemy's need.

(a prayer from Ted Loder's *Guerrillas of Grace*)

Remembering Fr. Chris Keahi ss.cc.

Services for Fr. Chris Keahi ss.cc., who died Oct. 17, 2021, will be at St. Ann's Church, 46-129 Haiku Road, Kaneohe.

December 15 3- 8 p.m. visitation
6:30 p.m. service
December 16 9 a.m. visitation
10:30 a.m. Mass
12 noon burial-Valley of the Temples



Christmas Mass schedule

December 24 No morning Mass
5 p.m.
9 p.m.
December 25 6 a.m.
8 a.m.
10 a.m.
5 p.m. Holy Family (not Christmas)

Second collections for December

December 12 Parish Debt Reduction
December 19 Religious Retirement Fund
December 24/25 Christmas Gift
December 26 Parish Debt Reduction

Bible quiz answers

1. Gabriel.; 2. Hezekiah; 3. Absalom; 4. Cyrus; 5. Seven.

KOC prayer service

The Knights of Columbus Kamiano Council 11743 welcomes St Augustine parishioners and visitors to join in their daily morning rosary prayer service at 7:30 a.m. The Zoom link is provided below. Come join our Council in prayer!
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82470138886?pwd=YmNhMIE3Uy9VeXdwa0s1bDY1NzI5Zz09>

Webinar on Joseph Dutton

Join the webinar "The Servant of God Joseph Dutton, Layman!" to learn more about the story and life of Joseph Dutton as we know it today with panelists Patrick Boland, Ed Paz, and Fr. Jon Schmobrlich.

The webinar, at 10 a.m. Dec. 11, is hosted by the Damien & Marianne Catholic Conference. Register at www.dmcchawaii.org/webinars/

Remembrance tiles

You can support the Damien and Marianne of Moloka'i Education Center by making a donation for a Remembrance Tile. Your name or the name of a loved one, along with a personal message, will be etched on Corian and permanently placed on the Donor Wall near the front entrance. It's an opportunity to be part of this historic undertaking in the heart of Waikiki.

We've commissioned a local artist to create one-of-a-kind mosaics. The tiles are shown below. The tiles that are grayed are already chosen, the remainder are available.

SMALL TILE: \$1,000 MEDIUM TILE: \$3,000



To purchase a tile, please fill out the form below and mail it to the parish office, St. Augustine Church, 130 Ohua Ave. Honolulu HI 96815.

You can also purchase a tile on our website at www.damienandmarianne.org.

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Checks should be made payable to St. Augustine Church.
To pay by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Amex):

Card # _____

Exp. Date _____ CVV/CVC # _____

Name on card (print) _____

Signature _____

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