

St. Augustine by-the-sea



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

Fr. Lane K. Akiona, ss.cc.

Pastor

Fr. Lusius Nimu, ss.cc.

Parochial vicar

Deacon Andy Calunod

Sr. Cheryl Wint, osf

Pastoral associate

Sunday Liturgy

5 p.m. Saturday

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

Daily Mass

7 a.m., 5 p.m. Monday-Friday

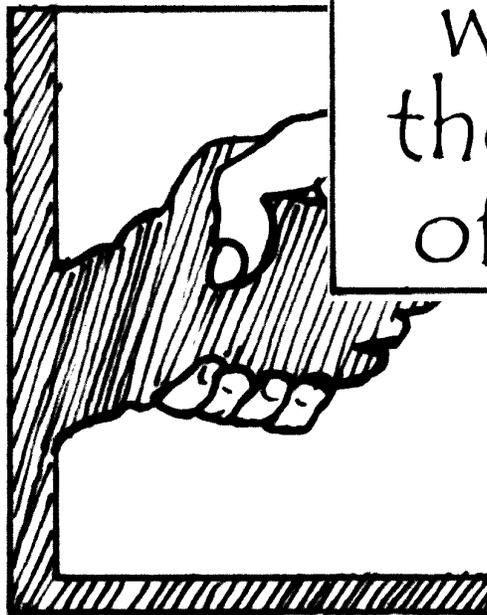
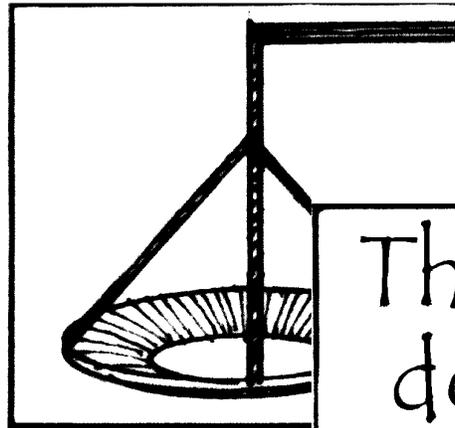
7 a.m. Saturday

Damien and Marianne of Moloka'i

Heritage Center

Open daily, featuring displays
of the work of

St. Damien and St. Marianne



The one who
does justice
will live in
the presence
of the Lord

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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–Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed noon to 1 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. to noon. Closed Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: 6:30–6:45 a.m. and 4:30–4:45 p.m. Tuesday–Thursday; 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

Holy Name Society

Tongan Society

Knights of Columbus

Ka Huaka'i (Marriage ministry)

Please call the parish office for information about joining any of these organizations.

Soup kitchen

Coordinator: Carmen Brewer

Hot meals are served between 11 a.m. and noon

Monday to Friday, except holidays

To register

Call the parish office to register and to sign up for envelopes

Bulletin deadline

Material to be considered in the bulletin must be submitted to the parish office by noon on the Monday before the Sunday of publication.

Hospitality

Join us for doughnuts and juice after all morning masses on the first Sunday of the month.

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This week at St. Augustine

Sunday, Aug. 25—Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical color: Green

6 a.m. Mass—R/S Richard Mau, Hilbert Young

8 a.m. Mass—S/I Sandy Cockrell

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Knights of Columbus, Sage & the Kong Kee Family;
R/S Sr. Lucia Iwata

5 p.m. Mass— R/S Tangitangi Sevelo

Monday, Aug. 26

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, Aug. 27—St. Monica

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

5:30 p.m. Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, Aug. 28—St. Augustine, bishop and Doctor of the Church

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Communion Prayer Service

6 p.m. Choir practice, SAC

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

Liturgical color: Red

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Samuel Akiona

5 p.m. Mass

Friday, Aug. 30

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

Saturday, Aug. 31—Blessed Virgin Mary

Liturgical color: Green/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

7:30 a.m. Church cleaning, Tongan Society, Asst. Catechist's Mystery

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Sage & the Kong Kee Family

Breaking open the Word

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection

In today's second reading, the author of the Letter to the Hebrews speaks about the discipline of God and raises the age-old philosophical question: why do bad things happen to good people?

There's no satisfactory answer to human suffering and natural disasters, such as floods, fires and earthquakes.

Some may argue that hardships can strengthen our character, make us better human beings. We've heard that expression: no pain, no gain. But in the final analysis, suffering is a mystery.

Yet in the Christian tradition, inescapable suffering, accepted with trust in God, and united with the sufferings of Jesus, can be redemptive for others. Why? Because our faith proclaims that the sufferings of Jesus were precisely this: redemptive or healing for all mankind.

When we discipline ourselves, then, with God's grace, we can remain faithful in our following of Jesus. At times we have to struggle to live the Christian life. But God prepares us for the difficulties we will encounter. Like a responsible parent, God must at times discipline us. That discipline may cause some grief. But through it, we learn God's ways of love, justice, and peace.

The problems and sufferings we have all experienced, and will be experiencing, are parts of the discipline we undergo to remain faithful in responding to God's invitation. Discipline and no other is the "narrow gate" through which we enter into eternal life.

Fr. Lusius Nimu ss.cc.



Readings

First reading — **Isaiah 66:18-21** Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem.

Responsorial psalm — **Psalms 117** Go out to all the world and tell the Good News

Second reading — **Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13** Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees.

Gospel — **Luke 13:22-30** People from east and west, north and south recline at table in the Kingdom of God.

Weekday

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17; Mk 6:17-29

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday's readings

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

21st WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

The first readings this week are from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians, the oldest book in the New Testament. The letters are affectionate and frank reminders of the humiliation and challenges that Paul met in preaching to this community he loved so much. These readings are a wonderful reminder that the letters of Paul were just that - letters to teach, encourage and support early communities of Christians.

Matthew's Gospel this week includes stories of Jesus strongly challenging the Pharisees. He saw how they made people's lives so difficult by their insistence on the rules and appearances while neglecting mercy and good faith. —*Creighton University Online Ministries*

LITURGICAL BITS AND BYTES

Celebrating The Mass ~ Surrender

Liturgy is not simply a human creation. Although it certainly relies on human words and actions and meaning, the liturgy has been given to us by the Lord. Liturgy is the "work of the people," but liturgy is also the way God molds us in and through Jesus. If the liturgy is to be a means for us to encounter the divine presence, then we must do so on God's terms, not ours.

Thus, entering into the liturgy requires a certain openness from us. It requires letting go of our preferences and desires. Often we must surrender our own expectations in order to fulfill God's expectations of us. Surrender is never easy. It may be especially difficult in our society, which tends to see surrender as an act of weakness. In fact, it requires great strength of spirit and it may be the hardest thing each of us must do.

Surrender to God is the basic requirement of the spiritual life. Perhaps as we see the presider raise his hands in prayer, it can be a signal to all of us that prayer is always and basically a surrender to the will of God.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians share a love for the Byzantine liturgy because it is during the Eucharist that the Church is most true to its identity, expresses its integrity, and discovers its vocation. Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians celebrate essentially the identical liturgy, with only very slight variations. It is a fairly complex ritual weaving together three separate layers of prayers: a liturgy prayed in the sanctuary by priests, often hidden by a curtain or screen; a liturgy sung by the assembly and led by a deacon in front of a screen formed of painted icons; and a third layer of private prayer by the priest, who prays in support of the deacon and the faithful. It is an eyes-wide-open experience, gorgeous in visuals, and filled with the sound of God's people singing prayer. The energy of the worship centers on the presence of Christ, largely through an awareness of heaven touching earth when the Church gathers to celebrate.

In the late twentieth century, Latin Rite Catholics were encouraged to embrace a style of worship that was "full, conscious, and active," a value that has never been lost in the East. The liturgy has great impact in its beauty, in its poetry and contemplation, and by the actions of bowing, signing with the cross, and chanting that are required of the assembly. Contact with the Eastern Church reveals some key values that have been obscured in our own Church and are slowly being recovered.

Maryknoll mission visit

Maryknoll Missioner Fr. Joseph J. Donovan MM will preach at all the Sunday liturgies this weekend, Fr. Donovan has been a Maryknoll missionary priest for 34 years and has worked among the indigenous populations of Peru, in the capital city of Lima and in the Andean highlands. Fr. Donovan has developed leadership training program and networks of Basic Christian Communities. Within these communities he has also worked with his parishioners in social and economic projects. Maryknoll Mission donation envelopes are available at the church entrances. You may put your donations in those envelopes and put them in the collection.

Kick-off fundraiser for museum

A kick-off fundraiser is planned for **November 8** here at St. Augustine, to support the NEW Damien and Marianne of Molo'ka'i Museum. It will be the first of many fundraisers to support our efforts in building this new museum. Limited tickets will be on sale. More information will be forthcoming. Keep the date open, some exciting things will happen.

Religious education begins Sept. 15

All children from second grade through high school who are not in Catholic school must be enrolled in a regular faith formation program. St. Augustine's 2013-14 religious education classes begin **Sunday, Sept 15**. Register your children by calling the parish office, 923-7024.

RCIA begins Sept. 18

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) was established by the Church for individuals to wish to become Catholic. St. Augustine's next RCIA classes begin **Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Damien Meeting Room. RCIA is for any adult who has never been baptized, or who has been baptized in another Christian church who wishes to become Catholic, and any adult baptized in the Catholic Church who wishes to complete initiation (Confirmation, First Eucharist). You may call the parish office for more information, or attend the initial informational session on Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m.



Stewardship

Collection, week ending Aug. 18: \$7,352.92
2nd Collection for Hawaii Catholic Herald: \$2,747.57
Disbursements week ending Aug. 18: \$27,772.09
Parish assessment: \$10,650.00
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Damien statue by Maui artist

We are seeking to commission a bronze outdoor statue of St. Damien by Maui artist Gary Thomas. The statue, "Damien...Through the Spirit," is a depiction of Father Damien, who gave of himself to care for those banished to Molo'kai because they had Hansen's Disease. We are seeking donations to help us obtain the statue, which will be placed in a meditation garden. To donate or for more information please see Fr. Lane.

Rachel's Vineyard weekend offered

Are you or a friend hurting from a past abortion? There is hope & healing for you... Rachel's Vineyard offers weekend retreats for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion, and the next retreat is scheduled for **Oct. 25-27** at a private retreat center on Oahu. A \$150 donation covers accommodations, meals and materials for 2 nights and 3 days. Rachel's Vineyard is Christ-centered; a safe, supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express and reconcile painful, post-abortive emotions to begin the healing process. Call Lisa at 349-5071, email: rvinhawaii@gmail.com, or go to www.rachelsvineyard.org for more information. Financial aid is available based on need.

Day of recollection at St. Anthony

Hawaii is blessed to have two Catholic saints, who knew each other, as part of its rich history. This is a time of great celebration! You are invited to participate in a day of recollection, honoring St. Damien and St. Marianne, to be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 21, at St. Anthony Retreat Center. Lunch will be served. A donation is requested. For more information, call Kimberly at 845-4353.

Upcoming at St. Augustine

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| Aug. 31/Sept.1 | 2nd collection for Building and Maintenance Fund |
| Sept. 15 | Religious education begins 2013-24 year |
| Sept. 16: | Faith sharing group, Damien Meeting Room |
| Sept. 18 | RCIA begins. 6:30 p.m. Damien Meeting Room |
| Sept. 29 | 2nd collection for Soup Kitchen |
| Nov. 8 | Museum fundraiser |

Nurturing Faith

Growing our relationship with God

The old Baltimore Catechism defined prayer as "raising the mind and heart to God." It reminds us that prayer is not simply saying words to God, or even thinking over religious things in our heads. Real prayer becomes a matter of the heart. We understand prayer best when we think of it as a relationship. Growing in prayer is to grow in love, in intimacy, in a type of communication that is "heart to heart." So, on the human level, if we have a difficult time receiving love or in surrendering our self-absorption and giving love or if we just haven't had much experience of being intimate and vulnerable with another human being, then it will be difficult for us to do that with God. Conversely, anything we can do to develop our relationship skills, to de-selfish ourselves and practice accepting love and loving generously will help us grow in our relationship with God.

It is great to begin this week asking for the grace to reflect throughout the day on how we will enter "the narrow gate," by how we go about our day and interact with people. We could ask for the grace to go deeper than the externals and rules and get to the heart of our faith - loving others with the same compassion and love that Jesus shows us. —*Creighton University Online Ministries*

Faith sharing group meets monthly

St. Augustine's Faith Formation class meets the third Monday of each month for prayer, reflection and faith sharing. We are using Henri Nouwen's book "Here and Now: Living in the Spirit." In this book of meditations Henri Nouwen tells us how God is close to us in our daily lives, much closer than we usually realize. He writes about joy in our sorrow, about friendship and family, about prayer, about forgiveness, compassion, discipline, discipline, and conversion.

We gather for prayer, reflection and faith sharing in each class. Our next gathering will be at **7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16** in the Damien Meeting Room.

BILAC Sept. 26-28, 2013

Marianist BILAC (Big Island Liturgy and Arts Conference) with its roots in the Hawaiian Culture and the Catholic Marianist Tradition is an annual conference in Honolulu sponsored by the Marianist Center of Hawaii, Chaminade University and Saint Louis School and is committed to providing communitarian-based experiences of prayer, the liturgical arts and spiritual growth. This year it is scheduled for **Sept. 26-28** at the Chaminade/Saint Louis campus. Presenters include Marty Haugen, Sr. Anne Smollin CSJ, Bishop Remi DeRoo, and Fr. Michael Joncas. More conference details are at: www.marianisthawaii.org. Click on the BILAC 2013 link at the top left of the page.

"Absolute Faith" Damien and Marianne of Moloka'i Heritage Center



"Absolute Faith" intertwines the stories of Father Damien, Mother Marianne and the people of Kalaupapa using historic and contemporary photographs, quotations, poetry and song. There are many never-seen-before portraits from the early 1900s that offer a rare and compelling glimpse of life in the land of exile.

The Heritage Center is in front of the church in the ABC Building on the second floor. It is open daily.

A lift is available for those with special needs. For arrangements for groups of 20 or more, call 922-3121

To learn more

The Heritage Center offers for sale several books about Sts. Damien and Marianne, including:
"Holy Man - Father Damien of Moloka'i" by Gavan Dawes
"Pilgrim & Exile - Mother Marianne of Moloka'i" by Sister Mary Laurence Hanley OSF & O.A. Bushnell
"Damien The Making of a Saint," published by Mutual Printing