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Pastoral associate

St. Augustine by-the-sea Church

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

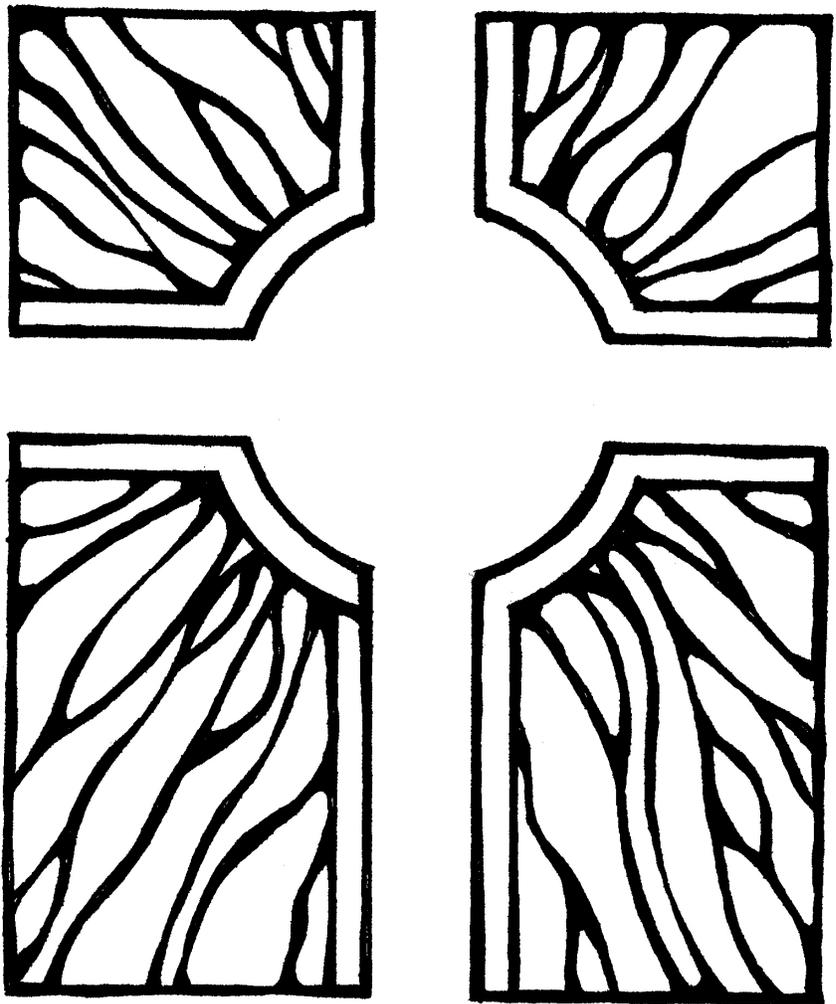
Reconciliation

Tuesday-Thursday:
6:30-6:45 a.m. & 4:30-4:45 p.m.
Saturday:
3-4 p.m.
Lent Penance Service:
6 p.m. March 26

Damien and Marianne of Moloka'i

Heritage Center

Open daily, featuring displays
of the work of St. Damien and
St. Marianne



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



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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

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.

This week at St. Augustine

Sunday, March 16—Second Sunday of Lent

Liturgical color: Violet

6 a.m. Mass

8 a.m. Mass—S/I Fr. Lane K. Akiona ss.cc. (birthday), Ann Proscino (healing)

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Sage and the Kong Kee Family, Wini Gaud (birthday); R/S Josefa Nesplak

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Viliami Kama

Monday, March 17—St. Patrick, bishop

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Ebba Manicdao; S/I Dr. Patrick Murray

7 p.m. Faith Formation class, Damien Meeting Room

Tuesday, March 18—St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop and Doctor of the Church

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

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

Wednesday, March 19—St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

6:30 p.m. RCIA, Damien Meeting Room

7 p.m. Tongan Choir, Annex Building

Thursday, March 20

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

Friday, March 21

Day of Abstinence

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

7 p.m. Tongan Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 22

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

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

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Sage and the Kong Kee Family; R/S Brenda Perez



Breaking open the Word

Second Sunday in Lent

Reflection

Temptation can be disheartening, and Lent can be a dauntingly long time. It is the touch of Christ that allays our fears and encourages us to pursue the promised blessings. It is the touch of Christ that assures us we can live the blessing given to us. Here is the human condition: the pervasiveness of temptation contrasts with the vision of glory. Here is the divine invitation: listen to Jesus and have our temptations dispelled so we, too, can share in Jesus' glory. Temptation and Christ's glory are both part of our everyday living; they parallel the pervasive dying and rising of the paschal mystery.

The issue with living the paschal mystery is always to take the "theory" and put it into practice. Peter responded practically to Jesus' transfiguration by wanting to "make three tents," make the experience of glory permanent. Christians living is about being touched by Jesus so that the fleeting moments of glory are made permanent in bettering the lives of others. We don't build tents; we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, touch the downhearted, visit the lonely, encourage the discouraged, etc. In this way Christ touches others through us. This kind of living is eminently practical and requires a real and constant dying to self.

Fr. Lane K. Akiona ss.cc.

Readings

Genesis 12:1-4a The Lord said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you.

Psalms 33 Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

2 Timothy 1:8b-10 God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace.

Matthew 17: 1-9 Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James and John.

Weekday

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

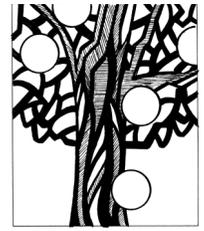
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 0-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday's readings

Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

Second Week in Lent

The second week in Lent begins with Jesus telling us: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." All week we will be taught by Jesus about the simple lessons of being his followers. "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." Jesus predicts his passion again. Again, they misunderstand, and so he says, "whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant." Jesus tells the Pharisees a parable about a poor man and a rich man. The rich man asks Abraham to warn his brothers about the consequences of this behavior. Abraham answers: "If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead." While tax collectors and sinners are being drawn to Jesus, the Pharisees complain, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus tells them the parable of the Prodigal Son.



Daily Prayer

It is good to begin by being reminded that God is rich in mercy to us and that we should therefore be merciful to others. It is great to remember that exalting ourselves is dangerous and that there will be consequences for our mistreatment of the poor. We are like tenants of our Father's gifts to us. We can ask ourselves if we use them gratefully and return the fruits that our Lord desires, or do we reject the prophetic words that come to us? Do we reject Jesus himself? Are we like the Pharisees or the older son who resents the Father's prodigal love for all sinners?

This can all be part of the background of our busy, daily life. Each morning, if only for a few moments, we can ask for a simple grace. At first, it might only be, "Dear Lord, help me today." Or we might specify our prayer more: "Dear Lord, give me the grace to recognize my impatience, anger and judgment today. Help to soften my heart to hear your love. I need your healing, Lord." Lent becomes a living reality for us when our days are spent with the Lord, listening to his love for us, calling us to gratitude and freedom.

Faith sharing

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." Our next gathering will be at 7 p.m. Monday, March 17 in the Damien Meeting Room. All are welcome to join us.

Remembered in prayer

The parishioners of St. Augustine will be remembered in prayer by the Sacred Hearts Sisters at Regina Pacis convent March 16-22. Let the sisters know of any special intentions at reginasscc@cs.org, 737-5822 or 1120 Fifth Avenue, Honolulu 96816.

Lenten parish mission 2014 features music minister Tom Booth

Our Lenten Parish Mission this year will feature Tom Booth, who is renowned for both his music ministry and leading retreat days of contemplative prayer. He has been composing music most of his life and when he was 17 he encountered the love of God in a personal and mystical way. His life's focus — and music — changed forever. Some of his well-known compositions include "I Will Choose Christ" and "Here I Am."



In his parish missions he shares his powerful love of God through song, story and prayer. The parish mission will be at 6 p.m. March 24-26 with a Penance Service March 26.

Mahalo Nui Loa

Dan and Pua Bow along with their son-in-law, Dwight Keola, have been good and generous stewards of their time and talent. Since November 2013 until February 28, 2014, they have ministered to the hungry through our Soup Kitchen ministry. We as a parish community have been blessed with such wonderful people wanting to help us foster a greater sense of helping others.

Please extend to Dan, Pua, Dwight and their 'Ohana our deepest appreciation for their generous service on behalf of St. Augustine. In a formal way to honor Carmen Brewer for her many years of dedicated service, the Soup Kitchen will be named "Aunty Carmen's Kitchen."

Food ministry served 781 in February

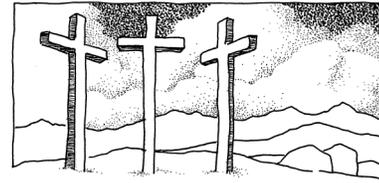
St. Augustine's ministry to the homeless and others who are hungry, Aunty Carmen's Kitchen, served 781 lunches in February. Your financial support is one way we are living examples of the Gospel. The next second collection for this ministry will be on March 30.

Bathroom renovation

Mahalo for your patience as we complete renovating the women's restroom. It is taking a bit longer than expected. Martin is working hard to complete his tasks. We are looking for other options for entrance into the restrooms. We will be modernizing to automatic faucets, flushing fixtures and tissue containers. Also, NO sanitary napkins should be flushed in the toilets. Absolutely NO bathing! Please help us keep the restrooms clean and presentable. Please tell Martin how much you appreciate his work in making the renovations possible.

Collection for Catholic Relief Services

Today, we are reminded that Jesus identified himself with our poorest brothers and sisters. Today's second collection for Catholic Relief Services serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, in those who suffer from unjust laws, and in those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe.



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LENT

During Lent, the Church calls us to prayer, fasting, almsgiving and penance. Prayer deepens our relationship with God. Fasting helps us to be more aware of our sisters and brothers in need and reminds us to be selfless. Almsgiving is a way of practicing generosity and reminds us that all that we have is a gift and it is meant to be shared. Through penance and the Sacrament of Reconciliation we can change sinful patterns.

Prayer

Daily Mass: Monday-Friday, 7 am and 5 pm.; Saturday: 7 am

Liturgy of the Hours: 6:30 a.m. Monday-Saturday

Stations of the Cross: 5:30 pm Fridays, 7 pm in Tongan.

Parish Mission: March 24-26

Prayer in daily life Sacredspace.ie, Prayingeachday.org, ebreviary.com, apostleshipofprayer.org,

Apps: Magnificat, Divine Office, iMissal

Books: "Lenten Grace" — daily Gospel reflections. \$7.95, at Pauline Books; Magnificat 2014 Lenten Companion, \$3.95 at Pauline Books.

Diocesan daily online retreat: Get an email each day with a story or quote from the life, spirituality and work of St. Damien a reflection question and access to the day's Scripture readings. Go to catholicahawaii.org/damienretreat to register.

East Oahu Lenten Penance services

Communal Lenten Penance services with individual confessions will be offered at:

Sacred Heart Church: Tuesday, March 25, at 6 p.m.

St. Augustine: Wednesday, March 26, at 6 p.m.

Newman Center: Monday, March 31, at 7:30 p.m.

Star of the Sea: Tuesday, April 8, at 6:15 p.m.

Sts. Peter and Paul: Wednesday, April 9, at 6 p.m.

Lenten food drive for Waianae homeless

In collaboration with the Sisters of St. Francis at Our Lady of Kea'au, Waianae, we will collect non-perishable food items and toiletries for the homeless in the Kea'au area on the Waianae Coast through Palm Sunday. The food will provide sustenance for our brothers and sisters on Oahu's west side who struggle with homelessness and with hunger. Please do not bring expired, opened or used items or frozen and fresh food.

Operation Rice Bowl

Practice almsgiving through Operation Rice Bowl and benefit those served by Catholic Relief Service throughout the world. Rice bowls are available at the church entrances. Return the Rice Bowl with your monetary donations at Holy Thursday Mass.

“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

Damien & Marianne *Inspirations of love and ministry*

We are seeking to commission bronze outdoor statues of St. Damien and St. Marianne by Maui artist Gary Thomas for the meditation garden at the planned Damien and Marianne Museum. The statues can be seen here.

Fr. Damien’s life has long been an inspiration to Thomas and he wanted to portray Damien as he was in life, ministering to and interacting with his people, carrying his *mana* into the world. Thomas wanted to portray him as the vibrant man he was most of his life,



For Thomas, his Damien sculpture fulfills Matthew 10:42 (“And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.”)

The sculpture of Mother Marianne depicts her maternal and tender side. She filled the void of motherhood for the orphans at Kalaupapa while instructing them in the wisdom of God’s Word, said Thomas. For Thomas, St. Marianne lived the words of Luke 9: 46 — “Whoever welcomes a little child in my name welcomes me...”



We are seeking donations to help us obtain the statues, which will be placed in a meditation garden in the new Damien and Marianne Museum.

To donate or for more information please see Fr. Lane.

Thomas also has maquettes of both statues for sale at \$4,000 apiece. A portion of the sales price will to toward support of the statues for the meditation garden.

Stewardship of treasure

Collection for the week ended March 9: \$10,204.01
Ash Wednesday collection: \$5,774.21

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**

You can be part of Family Promise!

Two St. Augustine parishioners have stepped forward to host a dinner on April 12 for homeless families staying at Holy Trinity as part of that parish’s Family Promise ministry. In addition, the Tongan youth and young adults will be cleaning the Makai House at Holy Trinity before the families arrive.

You can help in this ministry by providing household supplies. To help, please email staugustinebythesea@gmail.com or call the parish office (808) 923-7024.

New church organ arriving soon

Termites have taken up residence in our organ and the damage is such that the organ must be replaced. A new organ is being installed by Easter 2014. Installment payments will be made from now until then. We have already received a \$30,000 donation but much more is needed! If you are interested in helping, please contact Fr. Lane or Deacon Andy.

Stewardship of time and talent

Fr. Lane is looking for volunteers to serve as security for the church and the Heritage Center Monday-Friday between 1 -2:30 p.m. If interested, contact the parish office.