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

Daily Liturgy
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



St. Augustine by-the-sea Church



**My soul is thirsting
for you, O God**

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

-- St. Augustine of Hippo

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

Aunty Carmen's 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, August 24—Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical color: Green

6 a.m. Mass—R/S Anthony Del Piano

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Jerry Galang

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Sage and the Kong Kee Family, Knights of Columbus

5 p.m. Mass—

Monday, August 25—St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, priest

Liturgical color: Green/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Hilbert Young

Tuesday, August 26

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Sandy Cockrell (continued healing); R/S William Grayson

5 p.m. Mass

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

Wednesday, August 27—St. Monica

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

7 p.m. Tongan Choir, Annex Building, upstairs

Thursday, August 28—St. Augustine of Hippo, bishop and Doctor of the Church

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Jorge Camara (memorial), Zeb Rich; S/I Teodora Dompom (thanksgiving)

3 p.m. Wedding rehearsal No 5 p.m. Mass

Friday, August 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; S/I Rolando & Lewelyn Cabanero (anniversary)

5 p.m. Mass

Saturday, August 30—Blessed Virgin Mary

Liturgical color: Green/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Church cleaning: Tongan Society/Catechist's Mystery

2 p.m. Wedding

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

Breaking open the Word

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection

“But who do you say that I am?” Many struggle with that question. What makes it so difficult to know Jesus, the Son of God? Back in Jesus’ time, the people had no idea of such a person. They were struggling and suffering, and each day was a challenge. All that was in their vision was hope for salvation from their plight.

Today the challenge is whether we willing to give up the materialism of life to follow Him? Today we turn to God not so much for what we can do for Him, but what He can do for us. We want His healing, we want Him to satisfy our greed with abundance and we want Him there whenever we need Him. Our selfishness is high!

Let us reflect today on who we are. We have evolved into takers who believe it is OK to be this way. We distort His words for our benefit and have become hypocrites saying we believe even though in our hearts we know otherwise. What has made us this way?

Denial. We have led ourselves to believe that “it is OK” to sin and that we will be forgiven. Yet in all His teachings, He tells us we have a choice to make, the Kingdom of Heaven or Hell, an eternal choice which is demonstrated by how we live in this world. Maybe because it still is a mystery and our human weakness blinds us to God’s truth. We don’t feel there is an accountability for our actions because we truly do not believe. Satan must be delighted to have won so many followers.

But if we believe that Jesus is the Son of God, there would be no doubt. And out of that belief faith is born and it strengthens our resolve to follow diligently. For those who believe, there is no question that Jesus would want us in Heaven with Him. And the only obstacle to make this happen is ourselves, we must choose while in this life. Jesus tests us each day.

“But who do you say that I am?”

Deacon Andy Calunod .

Readings

Isaiah 22:19-23 Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem.

Psalms 138 Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Romans 11:33-36 How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God.

Matthew 16:13-20 Jesus asked the disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” Peter replied, “You are the Christ.”

Weekday

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 124; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33; Mk 6:17-29

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33; Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday’s readings

Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

21st Week of Ordinary Time

For the first reading we begin with the 2nd Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians and then we move to readings from the 1st Letter of Paul to the Corinthians for the next several weeks.

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. He chides them for paying attention to the extraneous and not the message: “Blind guides, who strain out the gnat and swallow the camel!” His criticism grows stronger: “On the outside you appear righteous, but inside you are filled with hypocrisy and evildoing.” Jesus teaches about preparation: Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” In the parable of the ten maidens who go out to meet the bridegroom, many of the women did not prepare for the meeting and do not have enough oil for their lamps and Jesus says again, “Stay awake.” Saturday's gospel is the dramatic story of the three servants who are given resources by their master and rewarded or punished for what they did with the resources they had.

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Daily Prayer this week

Like physical exercises that build strength and stamina, these exercises for finding intimacy with God in our everyday lives involve practice. Nobody ever got good at soccer or baseball, running or dancing without careful practice that becomes a habit, a way of life. And, no one even attempts such a regimen without great desire. The same is true with having a better relationship with our Lord. It takes great desire to sustain a routine of reflection and affective, intimate conversation. Such prayerful focus and connectedness takes discipline, but it quickly becomes natural. And, the rewards are phenomenal.

We can practice this week by asking ourselves some deep questions in the background of our life each day. Beginning each day by briefly expressing a desire to be more self-aware and transparent with our Lord, we can ask ourselves some probing questions. In what ways am I a hypocrite? How do I use a double standard - harsher on others than I am on myself? How do I like to appear as a religious person, but actually lack mercy and deeds of charity? Am I a good steward of the gifts with which God has entrusted me?

As I grow in the ability to reflect throughout the day, I might try to recognize my inner spirit, my attitudes, the ways I respond. Preparing for celebrating God's love on Sunday, I can focus on the readings and ask to be more humble in my life.

Creighton University Online Ministries

Bulletin quiz

This week's question: Who were the prophets?

The prophets were called by God to speak to the people on His behalf, revealing God's will and calling the people to repentance.

Next week's question: What prophet described Nineveh as “The bloody city, all lies, full of plunder, whose looting never stops?”

Artists of the month

This month we will recognize the ladies of the Altar Rosary Society who make such beautiful rosaries available at the Heritage Center Gift Shop. A majority of the items used are from local resources and is a wonderful reminder of your visit to our Hawaiian Islands. Please join us in showcasing them this month at the Heritage Center Gift Shop, August 30 and 31st. Buy a rosary to show your appreciation. Mahalo

New Religious Education program 2014

As we prepare for a new year of religious education for our parish, there will be a change from last year. This year, the program begins with our parents and children attending the 8 a.m. Mass. This will help us to focus on the "Year of the Family" as emphasized by Pope Francis with the Synod of the Family in October 2014. This will help our families know that they are an important element of our parish community and we want to help support our parents in the on-going education of their children in the faith. Please note that registration has begun for a Sept. 21 start date. With our children in attendance at the 8 a.m. Mass, we will help them better participate in our Sunday worship.

Learn more about the Prophets

As Catholic Christians we are called to grow in faith and to never stop learning. This year's RCIA class is continuing their journey with monthly classes even though their formal program is ended. These monthly hour-long classes will explore various topics in our faith and all in the parish are invited to attend. The next session will be **Wednesday, Sept. 17, at 5:45 p.m.** in the Damien Meeting Room. It will be led by Fr. Ed and will focus on the Prophets in the Old Testament.

Faith sharing

St. Augustine's Faith Formation class meets at **6 p.m. Sept. 15** for prayer, reflection and faith sharing. We are using the book, "The God Who Won't Let Go," by Fr. Peter Van Breeman SJ.

Van Breeman reminds us that nothing can sever the relationship of God's love for us and each of us is invited to experience God's love and base our very life upon that foundation. Copies of the book are available at the class and in the parish office. All are welcome to join us.

RCIA begins Sept. 10

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) was established by the Church for individuals who wish to become Catholic. St. Augustine's next RCIA classes begin **Wednesday, Sept. 10, at 6:45p.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. 10.

Seeking old photos and mementos

Share your memories and photos with us as St. Augustine celebrates its 160th anniversary as a parish. Our parish has a rich history here in Waikiki and our parishioners are an important part of the story.

We're asking you to share old photos of parish life and from St. Augustine School — family milestones at the parish, social events, the historic old church, school activities.

We'd also love to hear and share your stories and memories of people and events connected with St. Augustine and the school. We will compile them to share with the parish as we celebrate. Please call the parish office.

Second hand book sale Aug. 31

New and used books will be on display and available for purchase next Sunday in front of the church.

Both adult and children's religious books, plus holy cards and cord rosaries are available for a donation. Learn more about your faith through these good books. Sponsored by the Altar Rosary Society.

St. Augustine t-shirts on sale Aug. 31

Black or white crewneck t-shirts will be available for purchase in front of the church next Sunday.

Aunty Carmen aprons for sale!

"Aunty Carmen's Souper Crew" aprons are now available for purchase — just \$25 apiece.

All proceeds go to support our parish ministry to the hungry. The aprons feature a picture of Aunty Carmen Brewer, the long-time and beloved soup kitchen cook who died earlier this year.

The Soup Kitchen was renamed Aunty Carmen's Kitchen in her memory. The aprons are available **ONLY** in the parish office.

BILAC scheduled for Nov. 6-8

Save the date! Marianist BILAC (Big Island Liturgy and Arts Conference) is scheduled for Nov. 6-8 this year. BILAC is an annual conference sponsored by the Marianist Center of Hawaii and local parishes and is committed to providing communitarian-based experiences of prayer, the liturgical arts and spiritual growth. Though the name refers to its origins on the Big Island, the conference is now held on the Kalaepohaku Campus of Saint Louis School and Chaminade University in Honolulu.

BILAC 2014 will include Pray in Song with David Haas, Tell Stories with Megan McKenna, and Be Inspired by Total Life Recovery!

For more information, contact Bro. Dennis Schimtz, S.M., Special Ministries at (808) 232-6691 or baldschmitz@aol.com.

“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 go toward support of the statues for the meditation garden.

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

Stewardship of treasure

Collection for the week ended Aug. 17: \$8,059.91
2nd collection for the Heritage Center: \$4,289.09
Disbursements for two weeks ended Aug. 17: \$10,611.64

Our daily and Sunday collections

As good stewards, we are grateful to God for his many blessings. In gratitude we share with those who are in need. The collection at Sunday and daily Mass is part of our liturgy, and is a sign of our willingness to give all that we have to the Lord for the church and the poor. It is also expressive of what the Eucharist means in our relationship with others. In the early Church, everyone brought up what they had brought, eggs, produce or chickens or grain, or bread or wine. Some was used for the celebration and the rest was used for the benefit of the Church so that all were taken care of and no one was in need. Today, we share what we have with money. Our collection—daily and Sunday—gives tangible support to our faith in action and to our thankfulness to our Creator.

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