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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.

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This week at St. Augustine

Sunday, Sept. 28—Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical color: Green

6 a.m. Mass—R/S Hugh Brown

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Jorge and Augusto Camara, Jerry Galang

9 a.m. Religious education, Annex Building

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Sage and the Kong Kee Family

5 p.m. Mass

Monday, Sept. 29—Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Jay Kleven

5:45 p.m. Pastoral Council meeting, Damien Meeting Room

Tuesday, Sept. 30—St. Jerome, priest and Doctor of the Church

Liturgical color: White

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, Oct. 1—St. Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin and Doctor of the Church

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Purie Cortez (thanksgiving)

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Chad Lopati (birthday)

6:45 p.m. RCIA, Damien Meeting Room

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

Thursday, Oct. 2—The Holy Guardian Angels

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Joan Hahn

3 p.m. Wedding rehearsal

5 p.m. Mass

Friday, Oct. 3

First Friday

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Benediction and Adoration

3 p.m. Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, Northwestern Lieutenancy, Vigil

No 5 p.m. Mass

Saturday, Oct. 4—St. Francis of Assisi

First Saturday

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Sandy and Paul Cockrell (anniversary)

Church cleaning: Tongan Society, Asst. Catechist's Mystery

2 p.m. Wedding

5 p.m. Mass

Breaking open the Word

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection

Some years ago I was faced with a dilemma...I was being asked to break my promise to my aunt, who has Alzheimer's, I was mad at the Sisters, my siblings for not being responsible enough, God and the list went on. However, God who knows us best and loves us so much, had given me a director who was tenacious. Bottom line, I was not going to get off the hook that easily.

As I grew closer to requesting permission to take my vows, I knew I had to resolve this matter. With lots of prayer and sleepless nights, I had to face what was truly the issue, which was the sin of pride that was holding me back from letting go and trusting in God's goodness.

To be motivated, encouraging, have solace in love, participate in the Spirit, compassion, and mercy, look at Christ. Then you will not act out of selfishness, but will serve others humbly. Sometimes God appeals to people's self-interest to get them to do what is right. He uses their self-interest to overcome their self-interest.

Classical mystics speak of "being bold with God." This "boldness," they suggest, comes not at the beginning of the spiritual journey, but more toward the end of it, when, after a long period of fidelity, we are intimate enough with God to precisely be "bold," as friends who have known each other for a long time have a right to be. After you have been friends with someone for a long time, you can be comfortable with expressing your needs to him or her and in the context of a long, sustained relationship. Old friends, precisely because they know and trust each other, can risk boldness in their friendship that younger, less mature friendship cannot.

And so the Psalm gives us the right prayer: "Lord, teach us your ways!" Our ways need to be God's ways. It is good if our words say yes to God. But what is crucial is that our lives say yes to God. Unless they do, our words are worthless.

Sr. Cheryl Wint osf

Readings

Ezekiel 18:25-28 When the wicked turn away from their wickedness they have committed and do what is right, they shall surely live.

Psalm 25 Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Philippians 2:1-11 Consider others as better than yourselves; look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

Matthew 21:28-32 Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you.

Weekday

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 138; Jn 1:49-51

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119; Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday's readings

Is 5:1-7; Ps 80; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

Synod on the Family prayer

Pope Francis and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops have encouraged that Sept. 28, 2014, be a day of prayer for the Synod on the Family, which will convene Oct. 5 at the Vatican. "The Extraordinary Synod on the Family is an important moment for the Church and for families," Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, president of the U.S. Conference of Bishops, said. "I welcome heartedly this day of prayer for the Synod fathers and for all who will participate. As the Church turns with special attention to the family, may God's plan for marriage and the family be a source of hope and healing for all."

The following prayer was written by Pope Francis for this day of prayer:

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate
the splendor of true love,
to you we turn with trust.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic Churches.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again
experience violence, rejection and division:
may all who have been hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth,
may the approaching Synod of Bishops
make us once more mindful
of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,
and its beauty in God's plan.*

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
graciously hear our prayer.
Amen.*

Bulletin quiz

From which book of the Bible does the phrase "seeing the handwriting on the wall" come?

The expression originates from Chapter 5 of the Book of Daniel from the handwriting on the wall witnessed at a banquet hosted by King Belshazzar. As those at the feast profaned the sacred vessels pillaged from the Jerusalem Temple, a disembodied hand appeared and wrote on the palace wall the words, MENE, TEKEL, and PERES. These words mean: "MENE, God has numbered your kingdom and put an end to it; TEKEL, you have been weighed on the scales and found wanting; PERES, your kingdom has been divided and given to the Medes and Persians." (Daniel 5:26-28)

Next week's question: Which book of the Old Testament is the shortest?

Keep our RCIA inquirers in your prayers



This Wednesday, those who are interested in joining us as Catholic Christians or those who are seeking Confirmation will explore where they find God in their lives. Where do you find God in your life? Please pray for all of our RCIA inquirers on their journey.

RCIA still open for registration

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) was established by the Church for individuals who wish to become Catholic. St. Augustine's 2015-15 RCIA class is underway, meeting **Wednesdays 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). Although the class has started anyone interested may still join.

New Religious Education program 2014

The Religious Education program for youth is underway. You will notice 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. With our children in attendance at the 8 a.m. Mass, we will help them better participate in our Sunday worship and be good stewards of what God has blessed us with.

Learn more about the Bible

Need a refresher on the Bible? All in the parish are welcome to join this year's RCIA candidates for a class, led by Fr. Ed, that will give an overview of the Bible.

The class will be at **6:45 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15**, in the Damien Meeting Room.

There's still time to register to vote

The 2014 general election is Nov. 4. All Hawaii residents eligible to vote are encouraged to register if they have not done so already. A resident must register by Oct. 6 to vote in the general election. Registration forms are available at: Satellite City Hall, public libraries, U.S. Post Offices, the Phone Directory, State services agencies, the University of Hawaii System, and the Office of Elections' website (<http://hawaii.gov/elections>)



Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre meets here this week

The Western and Northwestern Lieutenancies of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem will jointly host their annual meetings in Waikiki from October 3 - 6. Please welcome the 650 Knights and Ladies of the order who will be here. St. Augustine will host a vigil from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3. All are welcome.

Honored guests include the Cardinal Grand Master, Cardinal Edwin O'Brien, and the Governor General of the Order, Count Agostino Borromeo, and Br. Peter Bray, vice chancellor of Bethlehem University.

Since the founding of the Order 900 years ago, members have dedicated themselves to personal sanctification, fidelity to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, and support of the Christian community in the Holy Land.

Knights and Ladies of the order continue this tradition through prayer and pilgrimage, active involvement in their parish and diocese and a commitment of financial resources to support Catholic institutions in the Holy Land. Financial contributions by members of the Order are used throughout the Archdiocese of Jerusalem, which includes Israel, the Palestinian Territories, Jordan and Cyprus, to support:

- Parishes, churches and community centers
- Convents, seminaries and seminarians
- clinics and hospitals
- Parish grade schools, high schools and Bethlehem University
- Humanitarian assistance for food and medical supplies

Fr. Lane is the Area Councillor of the Order in Hawaii and is co-chairing the meeting along with Tom and Ann Brehm. There are 29 active Knights and Ladies in Hawaii.

Meeting events include the Friday vigil at St. Augustine, an investiture ceremony for new members on Sunday Oct. 6 at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel, and an address by the Grand Master on Sunday.

“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.

Maui artist featured at Heritage Center

Maui artist Philip B. Sabado and his wife, Christine, will be at the Heritage Center after the 5 p.m. Mass Saturday Sept. 27 and each Mass on Sunday Sept. 28 to talk about the impact of Sts. Damien and Marianne on his artwork, including prayer cards, lithographs and art prints. Some of Sabado’s work is sold at the Heritage Center.

This is a unique opportunity to talk with Sabado, a well-known Maui artist, and get to know his work better. We invite you to visit the Center Sept. 27-28 and learn more about his work and what is offered at the Heritage Center.

“Father Damien passed away many years before I was born; yet his spirit seemed to breathe and weave into all our lives on this small island,” says Sabado, who was born on Molokai. “As a young boy, we often went “holo holo” would take a drive to the pali lookout (above Kalaupapa). I remember looking out at the beautiful vista mesmerized. Then I looked down to the weathered signs and read about the great tragedy of the great expanse of land below.

“As an adult, I was invited to visit Kalaupapa and was able to donate a painting and watercolors of this special place. It was then that I began to experience how amazing a man Father Damien was.

“I am deeply honored to be able to portray Father Damien in paintings as I have always known him; kind, gentle and compassionate to the people of Molokai. I am happy the world can now see him and know him as I always have, a gentle giant who loved his Church, and the people of Molokai, my home. Now Kalaupapa and the legacy of a great man will now be known to the world.”

Stewardship of treasure

Collection for the week ended Sept. 21: \$6,953.39
Second collection for Catholic University: \$2,705.34
Disbursements: for week ended Sept. 21: \$21,387.16
Parish assessment: \$10,553.00

Liturgical bits and bytes

Celebrating the Mass

When we gather for Sunday Mass it is important that we reflect on what we believe about our presence. We believe that each person in the assembly is important. Each has a role to play. Each has a contribution to make for the good of the whole assembly. The Introductory Rites of our liturgy are designed to help us “come together” as a family. It takes some significant effort to do that. We should make a special effort to be in church at least in time to say “hello” to one other person before the gathering song. This will help us be better prepared to hear God speak to us. It is also a matter of good manners. If we arrive late, we distract those who are already in the pews.

Concert halls will not allow people to enter after the performance has started so as not to distract or disturb those already enjoying the show. It has to be as important to avoid disturbing those in prayer as those watching a performance. At those events we also stay until the end. It would be rude and disruptive to leave early. Our communion procedure, our announcements, our blessing and dismissal are all part our eucharistic celebration and prayer.

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