

# St. Augustine by-the-sea Church

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*Pastoral associate*

## Sunday Liturgy

5 p.m. Saturday

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

## Daily Liturgy

7 a.m. Monday-Saturday

5 p.m. Monday-Friday

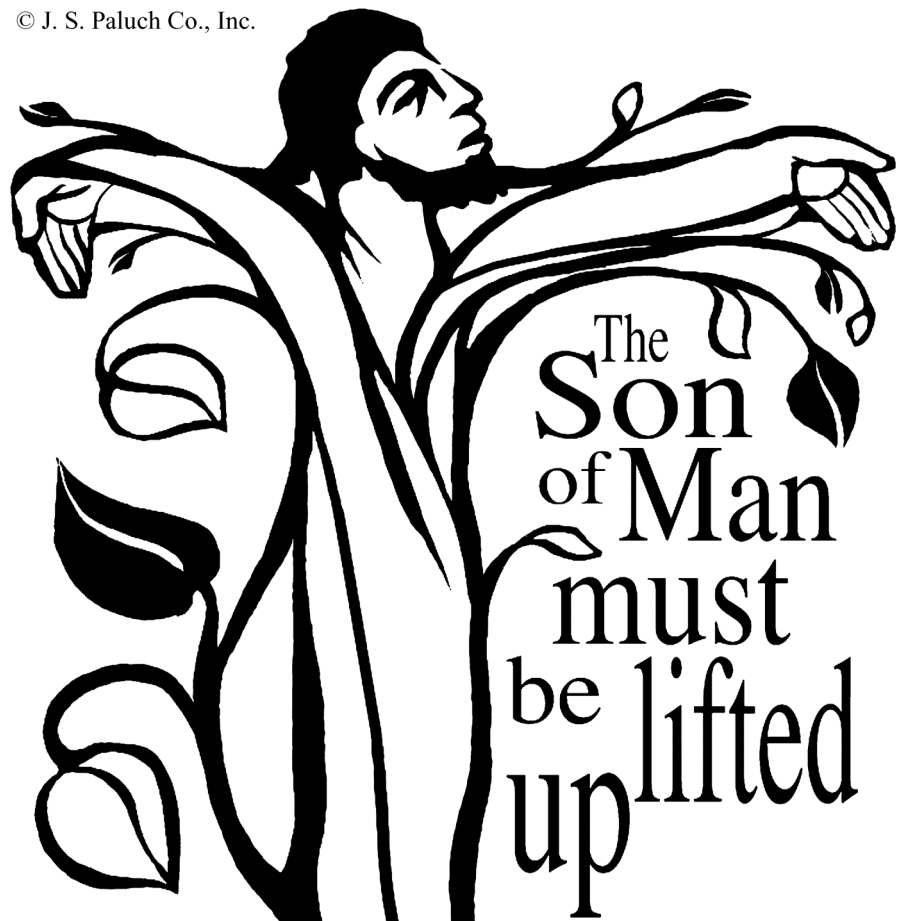
## Damien and Marianne of Moloka'i

### 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  
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Finance Committee chairman: Jim Dannemiller

### **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](mailto: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, March 22--Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Liturgical color: Violet

6 a.m. Mass--R/S Mary Constance Beasley

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Jerry Galang

9 a.m. Religious education, Annex Building

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Sage and the Kong Kee Family, Knights of Columbus; R/S Hedel & Herman Pelletier, Jennie Shyne, Violet Pahia

5 p.m. Mass

### **Monday, March 23--St. Turibius of Mogrovejo**

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass--R/S Mary Gahler

6 p.m. Parish Penance Service

### **Tuesday, March 24**

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass--S/I John Weikert (birthday)

5 p.m. Mass

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

### **Wednesday, March 25--The Annunciation of the Lord**

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

### **Thursday, March 26**

Prince Kuhio Day

PARISH OFFICE, HERITAGE CENTER, AUNTY CARMEN'S

KITCHEN CLOSED

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass --S/I Fr. Ed Popish (birthday)

No 5 p.m. Mass

### **Friday, March 27**

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 28**

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Church cleaning: Altar Rosary Society

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

# Breaking open the Word

## *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

### **Reflection**

“The hour has come...” The hour has come for God to make a new covenant with us. The “hour” has come for God to place his law within us and write it upon our hearts. It is the “hour” for God’s covenant of universal, unconditional, gratuitous love to be placed within us and written in our hearts.

In today’s Gospel, some Greeks want to see Jesus, that is, to interview him. So, He spoke to them and to the disciples, telling them what was in store for him in the long and profound meditation we hear on the “hour.” He invites or challenges them, and us, to follow him.

The grain of wheat must fall to the ground and die and it will produce much fruit. The “hour” is that of Jesus’ passion, death, resurrection, and ascension. Jesus is at the crossroads, he must make a decision. Jesus makes the free decision to journey to the cross. His loving surrender through his death on the cross seals that new covenant that Jeremiah speaks of in the first reading. His cross is the free total surrender of love, establishing a new covenant of love through which we become God’s people and God becomes our God.

“Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be.” If we are followers of Christ these “hours” will occur in each of our lives. At our specific crossroads, we, too, will be called to make the free decision to be grains of wheat bearing fruit, through dying to self, through losing our life. A full, worthwhile Christian life is meant to be spent in openness to hearing God and following God’s will, living a life of loving service and producing much fruit. The ultimate tragedy would be if we do not recognize it or find ourselves unready.

*Fr. Ed Popish ss.cc.*

### **Readings**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34** I will make a new covenant; I will write my law upon their hearts.

**Psalms 51** Create a clean heart in me, O God.

**Hebrews 5: 7-9** Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation.

**John 12:20-33** If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit.

### **Weekday**

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Ps 23; Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102; Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Is 7:10-4; 8:10; Ps 40; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105; Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18; Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

### **Next Sunday’s readings**

Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1--15:47

## Fifth Week of Lent

The first readings this week prepare for the gospels. We begin with the long, but well worth reading story of Susanna, which ends in “blessing God who saves those who hope in him.” The bronze serpent on a pole reminds us of Jesus’ saving cross. Three young men refuse to commit idolatry and show us how God protects “the servants who trusted in him.” God entered a covenant with Abraham. In the midst of his persecution, Jeremiah praises God, “For he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!” God promises to unite the people in an everlasting covenant.

Our gospels are again from the **Fourth Gospel**. Presented with a woman caught in adultery, Jesus replies, “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” Reminding us of the bronze serpent and his death, Jesus says, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I AM.” To the children of Abraham and to us Jesus declares, “If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” “Whoever keeps my word will never see death. ... Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham came to be, I AM.” They heard what they thought was blasphemy and tried to stone him. Jesus simply told the truth, because, “the Father is in me and I am in the Father.” After the raising of Lazarus, the plans were set to destroy Jesus. The high priest says the prophetic words, “it is better for you that one man should die instead of the people, so that the whole nation may not perish.”

## Daily Prayer

This is the last full week of Lent. We can feel the conflict and struggle developing in the readings. As we read about the drama that surrounded Jesus’ last days on earth and reflect upon its meaning, we experience how the drama that is going in our own hearts is more intense the closer we get to the end of Lent. The Spirit of the Lord is really trying to help us be more open and more free, to receive the graces our Lord wants to offer us. There is another spirit that is fighting just as hard to distract us, discourage us, and prevent us from being open and attentive to God’s gifts. The closer we get to the mystery of our Lord’s passion, death and resurrection for us, the more we can experience struggle. If I experience myself somewhat “at war” with myself, then these are very important days to keep deliberately asking our Lord to help me. It is also a great time to begin to prepare to renew the baptismal promises at Easter. We can reject the unloving choices we’ve made, all that is unjust, dishonest, disrespectful and violent. If we have developed the habit of naming a desire the first thing each morning, and carrying on a conversation with our Lord in the brief background moments of the day, we are already comfortable with letting the Word or the Season interact with the concrete events of the week. This way of finding intimacy with our Lord, through our daily interaction - even in a very busy life - is so appropriate for the Fifth Week of Lent.

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## Faith sharing April 20

St. Augustine's Faith Formation class meets at 6 p.m. April 20 in the Damien Meeting Room 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.

## Online Giving Program

*Online Giving* is now available for you to use to make gifts or donations to the Church.

*Online Giving* is an electronic method of processing your donation from the privacy of your home and at the time you decide to do it. Security measures are taken to ensure your transaction is safe, protected, and private.

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To use *Online Giving* you must have a credit card or a checking/savings account and a computer or mobile device. You will need to "enroll" into the program by going to our website ([www.staugustinebythesea.com](http://www.staugustinebythesea.com)) and "click" on the **Donate** tab on the top right hand side of the home page. Follow the instructions to complete your enrollment.

Need help? Call *Online Giving Hotline* 808 923-7024, Mon-Fri, during business hours.

## Daughters of St. Paul book fair

The Daughters of St. Paul, Catholic Sisters who are missioned at the Pauline Book & Media Center at 1143 Bishop St., Honolulu, HI, will hold a book fair after all Masses Saturday evening and Sunday March 28 and 29. The Sisters will have a selection of religious books, music CDs, DVDs and religious articles. The selection will include Bibles, lives of saints, prayer books, and reading materials for all ages. This will be a good opportunity to obtain spiritual materials for yourself and your family to deepen your knowledge of the Catholic faith. If you have any special requests, please call the Pauline Book & Media Center at 521-2731.

## Chrism Mass March 26

The Chrism Mass for the Island of Oahu will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 26 at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa. The Chrism Mass is one of the most solemn and significant liturgies of our church. Bishop Silva will bless the oil of catechumens, the oil of the sick, and the oil of chrism. The first oil is used for adult catechumens and infants, the second for anointing the sick, and the sacred oil of chrism for baptism, confirmation, the ordination of priests, and the consecration of altars.



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.

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

**Apps:** Magnificat, Divine Office, iMissal

**Weekly On Line Retreat:** <http://>

[onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/LentOnlineRetreat](http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/LentOnlineRetreat)

## Lenten food drive for 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.

## Lenten penance service

A communal Lenten Penance services with individual confessions will be offered at St. Augustine on Monday, March 23, at 6 p.m.



**Holy Thursday Mass:**

7 p.m. April 2

**Good Friday service:**

3 p.m. April 3

**Easter Vigil Mass:**

7 p.m. April 4

**Easter Day Masses:**

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

## “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.

## Family Promise in April

St. Augustine Parish will be assisting Holy Trinity Parish in its Family Promise ministry again in April. Families who are seeking permanent housing will be staying at Holy Trinity April 12-18.

St. Augustine Parish will be hosting dinner on Saturday, April 18 and we are seeking parishioners to volunteer to help with this important ministry to homeless families.

If you would like to help, please call the parish office at 923-7024. You will be asked to provide one dish (salad, entrée, vegetable, starch or dessert) for approximately four families.

You will be helping homeless families with young children who are working hard to get back on their feet and find permanent housing.

## Stewardship of treasure

**Collection for the week ended March 15: \$10,539.09**  
**2nd collection for Catholic Relief Services: \$3,327.49**  
**Children's' Offertory: \$68.25**

## Pilgrimage to Marian shrines

Join a spiritual pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain, France, Italy and Belgium Oct. 8-25, 2015. The trip will include Fatima and Lourdes, Rome, and Assisi. The cost is \$5,499 per person, which includes airfare from and back to Honolulu. The tour hostess is Mrs. Fe Rodillas and Fr. Louis Yim is the tour chaplain. For more details call Fr. Yim at 545-4267.

## Pray the Rosary

The Volunteers of the Heritage Center, Altar Rosary Society & the Knights of Columbus would like to invite everyone on Sunday mornings at 7:15 a.m. to join them in praying the rosary. If you have any special intention requests you would like us to pray for please drop by the Center in the week and fill out an intention slip. Also, if you are interested in leading the rosary on the 1st, 2nd or 5th Sundays of any given month please contact Sister Cheryl at (808)922-3121, training will be provided.

## St. Ann School teaching jobs

St. Ann Model School in Kaneohe has several teaching positions for the 2015-16 year open. They include art (part-time), junior high language arts (full-time) and computer (full-time). For more information go to [www.catholichawaii.org/about-us/careers](http://www.catholichawaii.org/about-us/careers). Or call 247-3092, ext. 102, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

## Envelopes available in parish office

If you have not picked up your 2015 weekly collection envelopes yet, you may get them in the parish office during office hours.