

St. Augustine by-the-sea Church

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Pastor

Fr. Benny Kosasih, ss.cc.
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Pastoral associate

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Sunday Liturgy

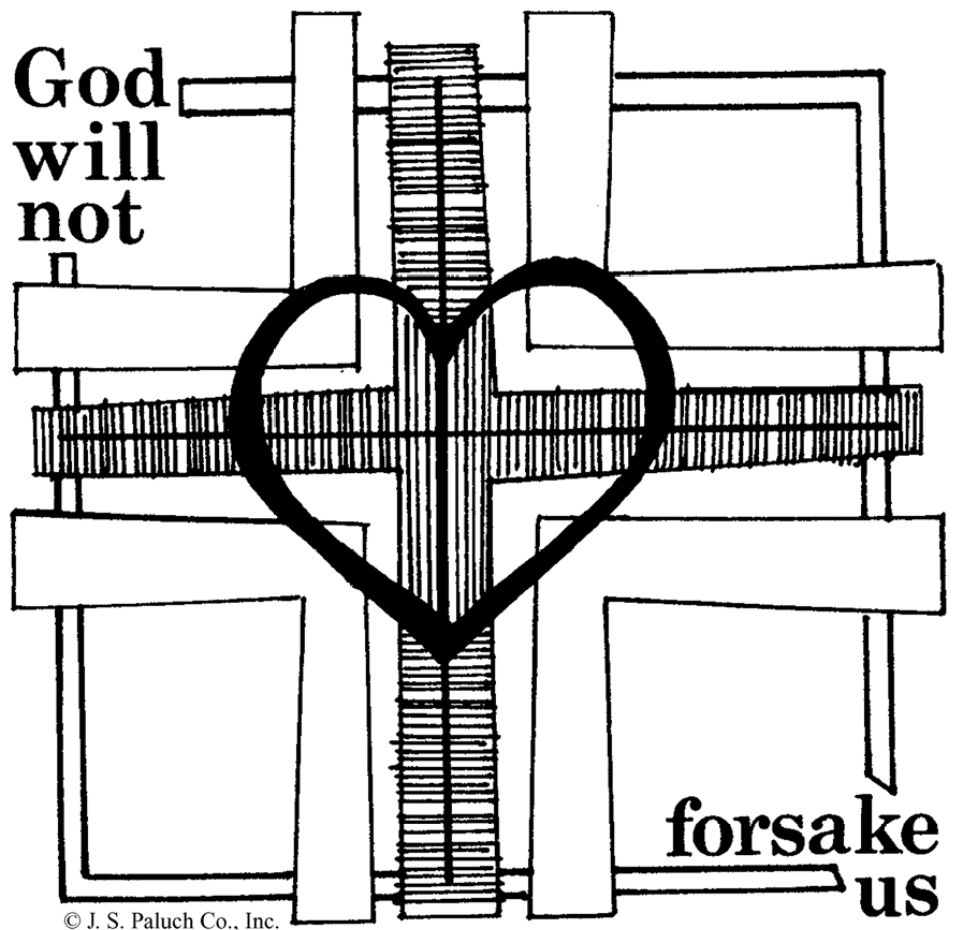
5 p.m. Saturday

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

Daily Liturgy

7 a.m. Monday-Saturday

5 p.m. Monday-Friday



*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 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.

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, Feb. 21--Second Sunday in Lent

Liturgical color: Violet

6 a.m. Mass

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Jerry Galang, Jean Orig; S/I Altar Rosary Society members, both living and deceased

10 a.m. Mass—R/S Kaethe & Walter Schmidt, Gentile Family, Cristiano Family; S/I Sage & the Kong Kee Family, Dr. Orlando Sanidad (healing), Dalton & Agnes Boutte (40th anniversary)

5 p.m. Mass

Monday, Feb. 22--The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass

6 p.m. Parish Lenten Mission

Tuesday, Feb. 23—St. Polycarp

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass--S/I Dolly Rich; R/S Zeb Rich

6 p.m. Parish Lenten Mission

Wednesday, Feb. 24

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass--S/I Betty Meyer; R/S Cornelio & Dolores Consing

5 p.m. Mass

6 p.m. Parish Penance Service

Thursday, Feb. 25

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

Friday, Feb. 26

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

6 p.m. Soup and bread supper following Stations, Damien Courtyard

7 p.m. Stations of the Cross -- Tongan Community

Saturday, Feb. 27

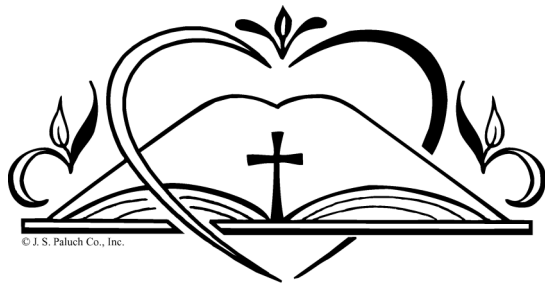
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6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass--S/I Bev Tavake (birthday)

Church cleaning: Altar Rosary Society

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



Breaking open the Word

Second Sunday in Lent

Luke's allusions to Jesus' death in Jerusalem prompt us to consider our being plunged into Jesus' dying and rising in the baptismal waters. We are invited this Sunday to see our baptism in light of the transfiguration.

Baptism isn't simply a ritual we perform, but initiates a covenant with God that we live out the rest of our lives. During Lent as we walk with the elect through their final preparation for baptism we, too, prepare to renew our covenant with God at Easter. This means that we not only already share in God's Life and look forward to that day when we will share eternal glory with God, but we also embrace the suffering and death.

Let's face it, constant dying to self gets tiresome! This Sunday we are given a glimpse of glory to help ease away the discouragement of a lifetime of self-emptying. This tells us something about how we might keep Sundays.

If each Sunday is a day of rest, a time to be good to ourselves, to do something special that is uplifting, to enter into a moment of glory, we would be better fortified to continue dying to self. Sunday is a weekly opportunity for us to enter into the glory of transfiguration. Blessed Lent.

Fr. Lane K. Akiona ss.cc.

Readings

First Reading — The Lord made a covenant with his faithful servant, Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land” (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18).

Psalms — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — We await the Lord Jesus, who will change us to conform with his glorified body (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1).

Gospel — Peter, James, and John witness the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain (Luke 9:28b-36).

Weekday

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105;

Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

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

Next Sunday's reading

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Daily prayer

During this second week of Lent we continue to try to make use of more reflective time each day. We are using all the resources available to us to practice new habits and patterns. We are still in the beginning stages of that process, so we shouldn't be discouraged if it takes more practice.

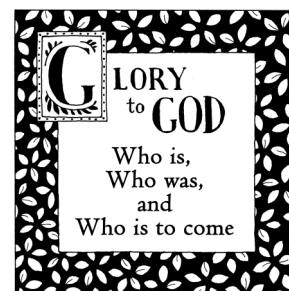
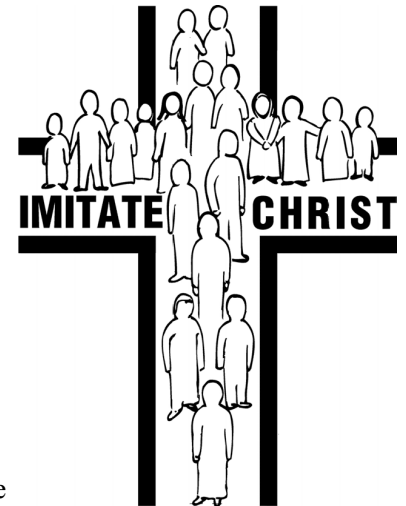
It is good to begin by being reminded that God is rich in mercy to us and that we should therefore be merciful to others. It is great to remember that exalting ourselves is dangerous and that there will be consequences for our mistreatment of the poor.

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?

This can all be part of the background of our busy, daily life. Each morning, when our feet hit the floor, if only for a few moments, we can ask for a simple grace. At first, it might only be, “Dear Lord, help me today.” As we brush our teeth, wash and get dressed 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.” Or we might get even more concrete, “Lord, Pat is such a struggle for me. Help me to remember how much you love me when I see Pat today. And, when I'm tempted to be impatient or angry, just help me pause and give that over to you, in gratitude for your love.”

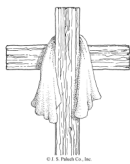
Each of us will be able to grow in our ability to have brief conversations with our Lord. Whether driving or shopping, doing laundry or paying bills, working in our office or taking a walk, we can use brief “background” moments to connect with our Lord. These moments of “contemplation in action” will give a character and shape to our day. 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.

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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 is meant to be shared. Through penance and the Sacrament of Reconciliation we can change sinful patterns.



The Church offers us many opportunities to grow in Lent:

Prayer

Mass: Monday-Friday, 7 am & 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: Feb. 22-24

Fasting

The two days of fasting during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. But penitential fasting in Lent is a wonderful exercise when we want to ask for an important grace from God. It is not that our fasting "earns" God's attention, but by fasting, we clarify our thinking and our feeling. It purifies and prepares us to pray more deeply.

Almsgiving

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

Lent food drive: Collection of non-perishable, unopened food items (not past expiration date) to Palm Sunday.

Sacrificial giving: Lent is a good time to practice sacrificial giving. Do I need that latte or new outfit? Would my money be better spent in outreach to the poor and marginalized? Do I give enough back to God?

Penance

To abstain is to not eat meat or any meat byproducts (such as gravy some soups). Its purpose is to be an act of penance - an act of sacrifice, that helps us grow in freedom to make much bigger sacrifices. The prescribed days of abstinence are Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 6:30-6:45 am. and 4:30-4:45 pm. Tuesday-Thursday; 3-4 pm. Saturday.

Parish Communal Lent Reconciliation Service: 6 p.m., Feb. 24.

Parish Lenten Mission

'Stewardship: A Way of Life'

The parish Lenten Mission, with a theme of 'Stewardship: A Way of Life' and led by Fr. Lane and Deacon Andy, will be held in the church Feb. 22-24 at 6 p.m. each evening. There will be a Penance service Feb. 24.

How is stewardship a way of life?

Stewardship is not a new concept in our Judeo-Christian tradition. Some of God's earliest commands expect us to live as caretakers of all that has been bestowed on us.

(Gn 1:26-31).

The New Testament gives us the greatest example of stewardship – Jesus. In

parables and example, Jesus gives constant reminders of our obligation to live as stewards. (Mt 25:14-36).

Stewardship helps people to live as disciples in the real world with a better understanding of what it means to follow Jesus in an affluent, consumer-oriented culture. Stewardship sanctifies the good works already being done and strengthens the parish as an agent of salvation.

All that we have and all that we are is a gift from a loving and generous God. This includes our time, our talent, and our treasure; plus the gifts of the earth and all it holds, our faith, our personal vocation, and our very lives. Stewardship is a way of life based upon gratitude for these gifts. We are stewards not owners of these gifts. Our gifts are not to be ignored or used solely for ourselves, but are made available to build up the Kingdom of God.

We are to freely choose to use our gifts out of motives of love, thankfulness and justice, not guilt and fear. This may require a conversion of mind and heart.

Stewardship is a holistic approach to faith. It addresses our inherent need to give back to God. Stewardship relates to developing (formation) and sharing the gift of faith (evangelization); using our time and talents to do God's will in our own families (family life) and in service to others (church life and social action); plus sharing our financial resources to address the needs and concerns of the people of God throughout the world (charitable giving).

Stewardship is not about raising money or recruiting volunteers to fill ministry needs. It is about spiritual development. It is about responding to the call to be a disciple of Christ. Stewardship applies to every aspect of our individual lives and to the life of the parish community. Stewardship is best understood by living it.

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops Pastoral Letter on stewardship, "Stewardship, A Disciple's Response," (1992), describes a Christian steward as: "one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord."



Meet Fr. Benny Kosasih ss.cc.

Fr. Benny Kosasih, who is the new parochial vicar at St. Augustine, first arrived in Hawaii in 2006, professed his vows in the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary in 1995 and was ordained in 2002.

His first assignment in Hawaii was at St Ann's in Kaneohe. Just before coming to St. Augustine, he was assigned at St Michael's in Waialua.

In his free time, Fr. Benny plays badminton and ping pong. He also enjoys movies and playing the guitar. His reading interests range from spirituality to computers. He enjoys web-site designing.

His favorite Gospel quote is Matthew 5:16 : "In the same way, let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."



Operation Rice Bowl

Every Lent, Catholics in the United States do something amazing. Their prayers, fasting and almsgiving become lifesaving aid for millions of individuals living in conditions of poverty around the world. The hungry are fed; the thirsty are given drink; the homeless find shelter. And this has been going on for more than 40 years. That's the impact of CRS Rice Bowl. That's how what you give up for Lent can change lives. A simple cardboard box—a CRS Rice Bowl—inspires prayers, fasting and almsgiving within Catholic families across the U.S., and delivers hope to millions around the world.. Rice Bowls are available at the church entrances.

Through CRS Rice Bowl, we devote our Lenten prayers, fasting and gifts to change the lives of the poor. Let the CRS Rice Bowl be your ticket to global solidarity as you pray, fast, learn and give this Lent in order to change the lives of our brothers and sisters in need.

Sidewalk remodeling

The City and County will soon continue the remodeling of the Kalakaua Avenue sidewalk. With the remodeling of the sidewalk, the driveway onto Kalakaua will no longer be used as an exit. Thus, parking will be a greater challenge when this takes place.

We are looking at other options, such as parking offsite, valet parking, etc. This will be a major detriment for attendance on weekends until the new parking structure is built. We have requested that the section in front of the church be done at the end of the project.

Pray that we all have patience and understanding.

2nd collection for retirement fund

The Sacred Hearts priests and brothers brought the Catholic faith to Hawaii in 1827. It was a mission that has borne much fruit. St. Damien of Moloka'i, our brother, is a shining model, like the many others who came and made an impact on the life of the church in Hawaii. Today, several of our priests and brothers are retired. The second collection this weekend for the SS.CC. retirement fund will help the order continue to provide a place where they can rest from their labors. Mahalo for your support of this important retirement fund.

Stewardship of treasure

Collection for the week ended Feb. 14: \$9,795.75

Augustine Education Fund: \$2,675.39

Join us for Stations, soup on Fridays

The Knights of Columbus are providing a light soup supper on Fridays in Lent after the 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross. Please join us in the Damien Meeting Room for food and fellowship immediately following the Stations of the Cross.

Lenten food drive for the homeless

Every Tuesday, the outreach ministry of Our Lady of Kea'au on the Waianae Coast serves more than 300 hot meals to homeless individuals and families. This includes those who live on the beach as well as those in an emergency shelter.

As a part of our outreach ministry the parish of St. Augustine will be collecting nonperishable food items and toiletries for the Outreach Ministry at Our Lady of Kea'au from Ash Wednesday through Palm Sunday. This annual Lenten food drive brings home to us the very real needs of so many of our brothers and sisters.

Drop off your nonperishable food items (particularly canned meats and canned meals such as spaghetti and canned vegetables and fruit) and unopened toiletries in marked boxes in the church.

Parishioners remembered in prayer

The parishioners of St. Augustine will be remembered in the prayers and the works of the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts at Regina Pacis Convent March 13-19, 2016. If you have intentions you would like the Sisters to remember, please let the Sisters know by phone, mail or email.

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