

St. Augustine Church by-the-sea

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Sunday Liturgy

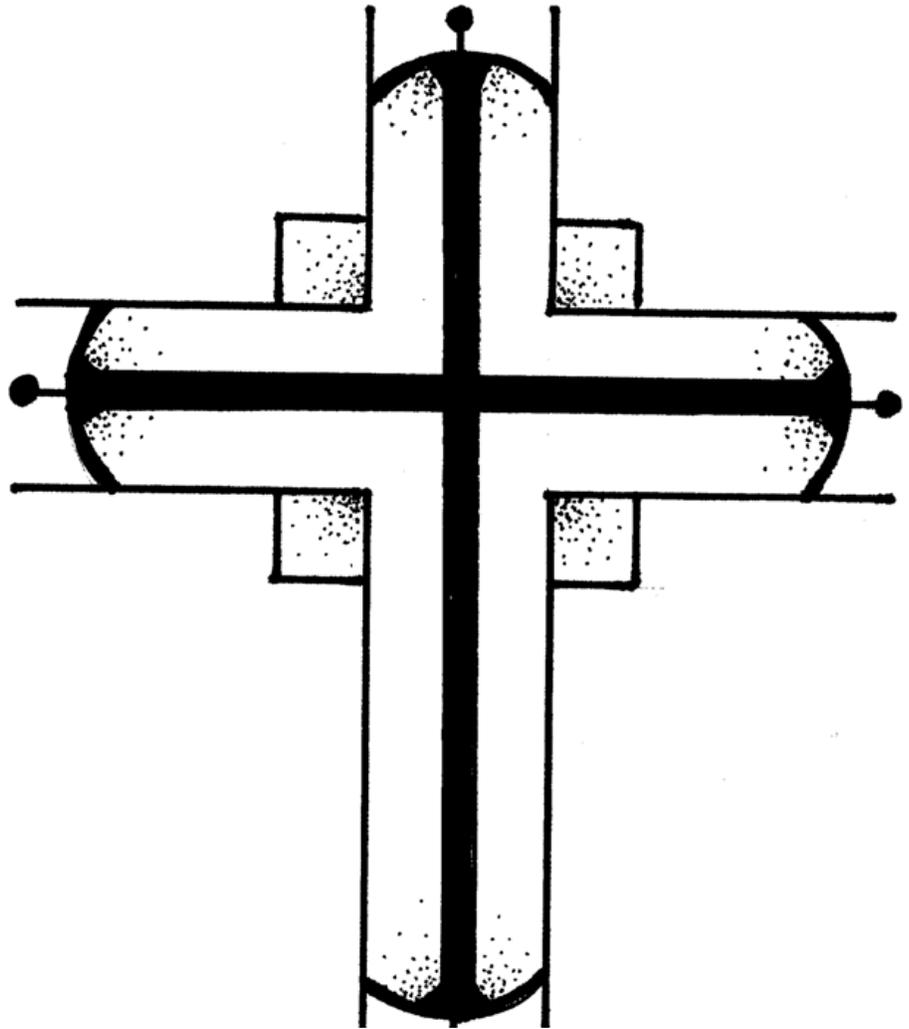
5 p.m. Saturday

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

Daily Liturgy

7 a.m. Monday-Saturday

5 p.m. Monday-Thursday



*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, Jan. 28--Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical color: Green

6 a.m. Mass—S/I Kelly and Cora Navarro

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Pua Bow

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Kong Kee Family

5 p.m. Mass

Monday, Jan. 29

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass

6 p.m. Knights of Columbus meeting, Damien Meeting Room

Tuesday, Jan. 30

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

9 a.m. Rosary making, Damien Meeting Room

5 p.m. Mass

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

Wednesday, Jan. 31—St. John Bosco

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

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

Thursday, Feb. 1

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Aristides De La Paz

5 p.m. Mass

6 p.m. Scripture reflection, Damien Meeting Room

Friday, Feb. 2—The Presentation of the Lord

First Friday

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Benediction and adoration

Saturday, Feb. 3—St. Blase, St. Ansgar

First Saturday

Liturgical color: Green/Red/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

Church cleaning: Tongan Society, Catechist Group

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Kong Kee Family



Breaking open the Word

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Perhaps we do not like to hear it but the Christian life (and, in fact, any life) is riddled by encounters with evil.

We learn in today's Gospel that Jesus is more powerful than that. Jesus has authority and by that authority he can dispel what is oppositional and troublesome.

Once we become followers of Jesus we will still encounter challenges and hostility.

Some might wish to think that becoming Christian inoculates one from having these encounters. But the Gospel and our own lived experience tell a different story.

Even though we will continue to face such encounters, we are comforted in knowing that Jesus has authority over all.

A preacher once phrased it this way: "Rest assured in your baptism." By that he meant that our baptism configures us to Christ, who will be with us.

Of course, this doesn't mean that we disregard precautions, or that we walk around in a state of naivete. Remember that Jesus himself was killed.

It does mean that we have an ally, the author of life. Once we know this, we can rest assured. Even death itself is not the final word.

Fr. Lane K. Akiona ss.cc.

Readings

Sunday

First Reading — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you" (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

Gospel — The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching (Mark 1:21-28).

Weekday

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3;
Ps 86; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12;
Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119; Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

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Daily Prayer

This is a wonderful week to use the brief background times of our lives to talk with the Lord about our need for healing. We can begin each day by naming some desire we have for healing and deeper wholeness and peace. Putting these desires into words early each day helps us give focus to our relationship with the Lord that day.

"Lord, thank you for this day. Be with me as I face the challenges before me today. I especially need patience and more compassion, Lord. Heal the anger I feel, and give me peace, so that I can love the way I know you want me to." Each of us can make this 30-second prayer specific to what we need to do each day, and what graces we need to do it. Throughout the day, we can continue our simple conversation with our Lord, speaking friend to friend.

We may encounter some spirits within ourselves that aren't very clean. Anger or resentment, fear or paralysis, jealousy or pride, lust or greed, self-pity or judging of others are all spirits that distort our ability to love others the way we are loved by our God. When we encounter them, we can ask the Lord to heal us, to drive these spirits from our hearts. Each experience of our need for a Savior can deepen our desire, and our ability to name them each morning.

The healing stories in the gospels make it clear that faith is key to the healing. When the people in Jesus' hometown say, "Isn't this just the carpenter's son?" their lack of faith is saying, "He can't heal us." In our own struggle with letting Jesus be our Savior, two things can get in the way. First of all, we need to know we need healing. Secondly, we need to want to be healed. If I cling to being angry or have become comfortable being afraid, I will first need to acknowledge what a difference freedom would mean in my life and come to desire healing. Then, I need to believe our Lord can heal me. The rest is easy. This honest dialogue with our Lord, throughout our days, no matter what we are doing, can help us grow in faith in the One who wants nothing more than to keep freeing us to know his love for us and to share it generously with others.

The integrating element of this daily prayer is the gratitude we express each evening, giving thanks for the grace to be able to connect with our Savior throughout this busy day.

Creighton University Online Ministries

Living Stewardship

In today's Gospel we hear proclaimed the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. He teaches. He heals. And all are amazed.

By their baptism, Christian stewards realize they are called to do the same in their lives. They are called to be the light of Christ each day.

As we bring closure to the beginning of this new year, now is a good time to ask the Lord to fill our hearts with courage and faith, so that we too may publicly minister in his name; that we may be liberated from our insecurities and fear so that we can share the Gospel authoritatively and work to heal at least one wounded relationship in the coming months ahead.

Knights car wash

STOP THE PRESSES!! HOLD THE HEADLINE!!

The Knights of Columbus are having another car wash. Now, this car wash is only for mostly dirty or kinda dirty cars. The day of the car wash will be Saturday, Feb. 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Church parking lot.

Wash only: cars \$8 / trucks, SUVs \$10.

THE PLUS includes vacuum and tire treatment: cars \$12 / trucks, SUVs \$14.

THE DUKE all previous plus clean interior front windshield and Armor All interior treatment and windshield washer fluid top off: cars \$15 / trucks/SUVs \$18.

Remember, God loves a clean car.

Box jellyfish collection

One of the ongoing projects of the Knights of Columbus is the box jellyfish collection and information program. During the monthly box jellyfish influx, the Knights pick up jellyfish that have washed ashore at Waikiki Beach and provide information to visitors and local residents about the presence of these stinging members of the ocean community.

In 2017, the Knights collected a little more than 9,000 jellyfish. This collection data is used in local TV and updates. If you would like to join the Knights on their jellyfish project, they meet at 6:15 a.m. in the Church parking lot. Contact Doc Hall at 808 312-3336. The next jellyfish influx will be Feb. 9-11.

Mardi Gras party Feb. 13

Celebrate Mardi Gras with us on Tuesday, February 13.

Time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Where: St. Augustine Church parking lot

Come and join us for fun, food, and entertainment.

Tickets will be sold after Mass and in the parish office.

Donation: \$10.00 per person

Mackey Lecture – April 22, 2018

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Mystical Rose Oratory – Chaminade University/Saint Louis School Campus

“Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship”

Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J.

(Lecture is free. No registration required.)

Prison Ministry Workshop with Fr. Greg Boyle – April 21, 2018

8:30am – 12 noon – also in Mystical Rose

(Registration is appreciated but not required. Contact Bro.

Dennis Schmitz, S.M. at:

baldschmitz@aol.com – 808-232-6691)

The Rev. Gregory J. Boyle, S.J., is the founder of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, the largest gang intervention, rehabilitation and re-entry program in the world.



Weekly Scripture discussions

Our weekly Scripture Reflections are held at 6 p.m. Thursdays in the Annex Building. They are open to all interested in deepening their knowledge of and appreciation for Scripture through reflection and discussion of the readings for Sunday. Please bring a Bible with you or a copy of the readings. Come and learn more about Scripture.

Shoe drive

We are assisting St. Michael's parish in Waialua in their drive to collect 25,000 pairs of shoes in a fundraising effort. If you want to help, donate used shoes in good condition. The shoes must be wearable (no holes or cracks) and have laces if applicable. No roller skates, rollerblades or ice skates. If you have shoes to donate, please call the parish office.

‘Glory in His Soul’

“Glory in His Soul,” a musical drama about the life of Henry Opukahaia written by Randy Hongo will be performed at 6 p.m. Feb. 17, 18, 24 and 25 at Kalihi Union Church. Seating will be in the sanctuary and will be first come, first served. There will be overflow seating in the gym. A love offering will be taken for Christian Vision.



Family Promise helpers

St. Augustine Tongan Youth and Young Adults cleaned the Makai House at Holy Trinity parish last weekend as part of our Family Promise ministry. Through Family Promise churches on Oahu provide shelter to homeless families on a rotating basis. St. Augustine assists Holy Trinity in this ministry. Mahalo to the Tongan community youth and young adults.



Fr. Lane K. Akiona, 37 years of priesthood

Fr. Lane Akiona, ss.cc., our pastor, celebrate his 37th anniversary of priesthood ordination this week.

His anniversary was Jan. 24 and the parish will celebrate the occasion with pastries, juice and coffee after the morning Masses on Sunday, Jan. 28. Fr. Lane, mahalo nui loa for your service and ministry.

Fr. Lane agreed to answer some

questions for the bulletin:

Q. What do you wish for St. Augustine Parish in 2018?

A. I wish St. Augustine will fully embrace stewardship as a "Way of Life." I am beginning to see the fruits of such an effort on the part of some of our parishioners and most especially visitors who worship with us. Our attitudes and actions must be a true witness of this "Way of Life," "Stewards of the Gospel."

Q. What is your favorite Scripture passage?

A. "My grace is enough for you." 2 Cor 12:9

Q. What is your fondest memory of growing up on Molokai?

A. My fondest memory of growing up on Molokai was the simple, safe, slow-paced lifestyle of the island. No one was in a hurry to get anywhere, we eventually got there. And the smallness of the island, everyone knew each other. I enjoyed going to the movie theater without a roof, and the appreciation of the environment (open skies, fresh air, water, etc.), very virgin aina/land.

Q. Who is your greatest inspiration as a priest?

A. Fr. Joseph Hendricks ss.cc. He encouraged me to enter the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts and was a great model throughout my formation period and well into my priesthood. He was always willing to teach, if you were open. He always found opportunities to make things happen when everyone doubted that it could happen.

Q. What are some of the places where you have served?

A. I've served at Christ the King, Kahului, Maui; Maria Lanakila, Lahaina, Maui; St. Michael's, Waialua, Oahu; St. Augustine, Waikiki, Oahu (twice); St. Patrick, Kaimuki, Oahu; St. Francis Hospital (chaplain); SSCC Formation Director; missionary to the Cook Islands (four glorious years).

Q. What keeps you going?

A. I think it's the people I have come in contact with. They are nourished by my ministry and definitely my sense of humor and my laugh.

Q. What's your favorite movie ever?

A. Mamma Mia! I love the music (ask Randy King). But I love action movies.

Our visitors write to us.....

This past July (2017) my wife, Barbara, and I celebrated our 50 blessed years of marriage on this beautiful island of Oahu. Our hotel overlooked St. Augustine by the Sea. During our stay we were graced with the opportunity to celebrate Sunday liturgy with the people of God in Waikiki in your Church.

That moment in time gave us a vivid understanding of the universality of God's love for his people and we felt completely "at home" surrounded by our brothers and sisters from many parts of the world -- many, like us, tourists.

The parish of St. Augustine by the Sea will always be a special part of our memories. We hope, with God's grace, that we may have the opportunity to one day return. In the meantime, we will continue to keep the people of your parish and the people of Hawaii in our prayers.

...May the pastoral staff of your parish continue to be blessed in your dedication to God's work.

Peace,

Deacon Bill Austin
St. John the Evangelist
Riverhead NY

Dear Fr Lane:

I wanted to write to you because this was my first time attending mass at St. Augustine this past weekend. I reside in San Francisco so this was my second visit to Waikiki and first time at St. Augustine. The church is beautiful but most of all I felt the love, strength and togetherness of the community and especially at the end of the 8 a.m. Sunday Mass when there was a hula performance by the women.

Lastly, for me, I look forward to the sermon because as the conduit or voice of God the priest brings me much closer to the message he wants us to hear. But at the same time I enjoy it when the priest can show emotion and be heartfelt in the message. You definitely conveyed that and I especially enjoyed it because of your infectious laugh which I have rarely observed in all my years of attending Mass. I believe that if Jesus were present, he would want us to be able to smile and laugh with him as he had done so many times with his disciples and the people who followed him,

God bless you always!

Tony Maglunog

