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St. Augustine Church by-the-sea

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



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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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Office hours

Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed noon to 1 p.m.
Closed Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: 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

Tongan Society

Knights of Columbus

Ka Huaka'i (Marriage ministry)

Please call the parish office for information about joining any of these organizations.

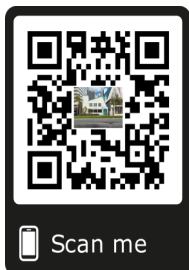
Aunty Carmen's Kitchen

Hot meals are served between 11 a.m. and noon Monday to Friday, except holidays

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, Dec. 22—Fourth Sunday of Advent

Liturgical color: Violet

6 a.m. Mass—R/S Adam Golas

8 a.m. Mass—S/I Joanne Lee

9 a.m. Religious Education, Annex Building

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Kong Kee Family

3 p.m. Divine Mercy (in Tongan)

3:30 p.m. Tongan Religious Education

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Albert Carse

Monday, Dec. 23—St. John of Kanty

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, Dec. 24

Christmas Eve

PARISH OFFICE, AUNTY CARMEN'S KITCHEN CLOSED

Liturgical color: Day: Violet Vigil: White

6 p.m. Mass—R/S Dan & Betty Comerford

9 p.m. Mass

Midnight Mass—S/I Hong Family

Wednesday, Dec. 25—Nativity of the Lord

PARISH OFFICE, AUNTY CARMEN'S KITCHEN CLOSED

Liturgical color: White

6 a.m. Mass—R/S Cresencia Jimeno

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Giuseppi Sarullo

10 a.m. Mass—R/S Betty Aderman

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Herbert Aderman

Thursday, Dec. 26—St. Stephen, the First Martyr

Liturgical color: Red

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

4 p.m.-7 p.m. IHS Shower Van, parking lot

Friday, Dec. 27—St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Lillian Rulak

Saturday, Dec. 28—The Holy Innocents

Liturgical color: Red

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Church cleaning: Altar Rosary Society and Knights of Columbus

No confessions

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Kong Kee Family

Breaking Open the Word

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Since Dec. 1, the First Sunday of Advent, we have been preparing for our celebration of the Nativity of the Lord, the Good News promised us.

Hopefully, it has been a time of preparing our hearts for the great feast.

Today, just days away from that great celebration, we hear of Joseph, the good and faithful man who heeded the angel's message, fulfilling his role in the great story of Jesus coming to our world.

Joseph, in responding to the message from God, offers us a model of how to live a life in Christ — in ways big and small in our daily lives, in moments of great insight, and in our daily routine chores.

We hear little of Joseph in the Gospels and his voice is not heard, yet his message is profound.

Joseph, an ordinary man, has an important role in this greatest of events, a role he lived out in his ordinary life. His response to God and his actions are a powerful example for us of "Thy will be done."

A blessed Christmas to all.

Anne Harpham



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DAILY PRAYER

Open our hearts to the graces offered

This may be one of the most difficult weeks to be reflective throughout each day. This weekend may be quite full for many of us. Others of us may be alone although we may be a part of the faith community on Tuesday or Wednesday, or perhaps daily this week. While some of us have guests staying with us and a house to clean this week, others of us will be reviewing memories and struggling, even a little, with being alone.

Even though this may be a very busy week, with final Christmas preparations, or perhaps travel to visit family, it can be a contemplative week if we focus our desires each morning. No matter what our days hold, we can take a few minutes in the shower or while getting dressed to consciously ask for the grace to approach Christmas with faith and with a heart open to the graces offered us. "Lord, help me today to stay focused on your coming in the flesh to be with us. While I'm busy about this and that, I ask your help. Keep reminding me throughout this day about Mary's acceptance of your plan for her, about the poverty into which Jesus was born." We will use our own words to connect these stories of our Salvation with the concrete interactions and events of our upcoming day.

Then, throughout the day, we will be able to let familiar parts of the story sustain us this week. All of us can relate to Zechariah's hesitation. We can look for and notice the times when we are hesitant to place our trust in God and how little we have to say about faith. But, when Zechariah could write "His name is John (God is gracious)," Zechariah could speak again. As we rush from one place to another, we can pray, "Lord, I know you are gracious, even when I act like I doubt it. Let me place my trust in you."

Mary herself can be a wonderful guide for us this week, and we can be bold in asking her to show us the graces her Son wants to give us this week. The one who says "Behold the handmaid of the Lord" and "My being proclaims the greatness of the Lord" can help us find words for our "yes" and for our giving praise to God this week.

It could be a great grace to pause before going to church, Christmas Eve or Christmas morning, as individuals or for a brief prayer as a family, to ask for the grace to be touched by how he came in history for us and how he comes now among us still, to set us free.

Creighton University Online Ministries

Stewardship envelopes available

The 2020 Stewardship Envelopes are available to be picked up in the church. Be sure to check the listing for correct info and number. DO NOT take someone else's envelopes. If you need assistance, please ask or contact the parish office. Parents with children, please have your children pick up their stewardship envelopes as well. No need to sign in, just have them place their names on the envelopes.

Readings

First Reading — You will be given this sign: The virgin shall conceive and bear a son (Isaiah 7:10-14).

Psalm — Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:18-24).

Weekday

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25; Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89; Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday: **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31; Mt 10:17-22

Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124; Mt 2:13-18

Next Sunday

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



St. Augustine Christmas party

You won't want to miss St. Augustine Parish's annual Christmas party on Saturday, Jan. 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel.

We will continue the Christmas season and festivities with caroling and entertainment by the Tongan Community's Religious Education children. The theme for the party will be "Candy Cane Lane."

Tickets are \$40 (\$20 for children 6-12) and may be purchased in the parish office or after Mass.

The deadline to purchase tickets is Dec. 30.

Angel Tree 2019

As we continue to "celebrate our past and move forward in mission" we always look for opportunities to help others in a special way. This year we are doing an Angel Tree to give to the Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Foundation, which treats mothers and babies in the Holy Land. Holy Family Hospital is located just 1,500 steps from the birthplace of Christ. Holy Family is a state-of-the-art maternity and neo-natal critical care center serving poor and at-risk families in the Holy Land.

The Hospital stands as a beacon of hope for women and children in Bethlehem, including refugees and those living in remote desert communities.

If you wish to participate, just take a card or several cards from the tree in the Church and share with others. Place your gift in the envelope and send it off to Holy Family Hospital.

As a primary work of the Order of Malta -- the world's oldest Christian charity -- the hospital serves to further the Catholic values of preserving life, fostering peace, and giving the hope to those without a voice. No one is ever turned away.

By participating you help to provide an invaluable resource to the Holy Land and give mothers and babies there a sense of HOPE for the future. Learn more about how you can support the good works of Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Foundation at www.birthplaceofhope.org. Mahalo for your kokua

Christmas collection

There will be two collections at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. The first collection will be the regular Sunday collection for the general support of the parish and the second will be the Christmas Gift to the Church collection.

Mahalo for your generous support of our parish and our many ministries and our outreach services in the parish and the broader community.



Mele Kalikimaka a me Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!

As we end 2019, we as a parish community have much to be grateful for what we have received from Akua. He has been our constant guide throughout our 165 years as witnesses of faith in Waikiki. As we begin a new year in 2020, other challenges and graces will befall us, especially with the opening of the Damien and Marianne of Molo-ka'i Education Center in the fall. Like all things, we continue to fundraise for the Center's completion for the artifacts design, exhibits and interactive displays. Any gift would be appreciated.

Let us give thanks to Akua for his continued blessings in all that we do, for we are truly grateful. During this Christmas season, please remember those who have no one to celebrate this joyous season with. With lives of dedicated discipleship may we always help to provide for those most in need.

On behalf of our parish staff and community, our partners in ministry and all those who continue to support us, WE wish you and your loved ones much aloha and peace during this Christmas season and throughout 2020. As we "celebrate our past and move forward in mission" let us honor Akua for his continued guidance and aloha.

Me ke aloha pumehana,

Fr. Lane K. Akiona ss.cc.

Christmas Mass schedule

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24

NO morning Mass

6 p.m., 9 p.m. and midnight Masses

11:30 p.m. Christmas caroling

Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec. 25

6 a.m., 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Masses

Dec. 26-28

7 a.m. Mass only; No Scripture class on Dec. 26;

No confessions on Dec. 28

Dec. 30-31

7 a.m. Mass only

New Year's Day

8 a.m. Mass only

Jan. 2-4

7 a.m. Mass only; No Scripture class on Jan. 2

Jan. 4

No confessions

ON THE CALENDAR

Dec. 29 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Dec. 30 Aunty Carmen's Kitchen 11 a.m. -noon

Dec. 31 Parish office, Aunty Carmen's Kitchen closed

**Jan. 1 Parish office, Aunty Carmen's Kitchen closed
8 a.m. Mass**

**Jan. 2 Aunty Carmen's Kitchen 11 a.m. -noon
IHS Shower Van 4-7 p.m. parking lot
No Scripture class**

Jan. 3 Aunty Carmen's Kitchen 11 a.m. -noon

**Jan. 4 Parish Christmas party, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.,
Marriott Hotel**

Parish Debt Reduction Collection

Over the years, the Diocese has asked that parishes do an attendance count for the month of October.

For the last two years there has a dramatic drop of 2,000 people attending St. Augustine for Sunday liturgy.

With that said, it means

This year especially with the additional challenges of unexpected payables, we are doubly challenged.

Other pastors are facing the same dilemma even with a larger stable community.

St. Augustine is quite unique and different since we have a very small base community.

Therefore, the Debt Reduction collection will continue as it is additional income that we would not otherwise receive.

Mahalo to our parishioners who use the parish stewardship envelope system, especially for increasing your gift to the parish.

Mahalo nui loa to all who continue to assist our parish during these times of greater challenge, may you all be blessed for what you share.

Aloha, Fr. Lane



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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGE FORM

To demonstrate my/our support for the **Damien and Marianne of Molokai Education Center**, it is my/our desire to pledge a gift totaling \$ _____ to the capital campaign to build a new center.



Last Name First Name Corporation Name (if applicable)

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My tax-deductible gift will be given over a time period of: One-Time Gift Two years Three Years

Beginning on (month/day/year) _____ I/we will pay Annually Monthly

Please list my gift as follows (print name): _____

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Please DO NOT publish my name as a donor.

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