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St. Augustine by-the-sea Church

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



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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.

Auntly 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, Nov. 29 --First Sunday of Advent

Liturgical color: Violet

6 a.m. Mass—R/S Patsy Lum; All Souls Intentions

7:15 a.m. Rosary

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Jerry Galang; All Souls Intentions

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Sage and the Kong Kee Family; R/S James Bushong, Joan Bining, Francisco Nabong; All Souls Intentions

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Shamila Green (birthday); All Souls Intentions

Monday, Nov. 30--St. Andrew

AUNTY CARMEN'S KITCHEN CLOSED

Liturgical color: Red

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass —R/S Cresencia Jimeno; All Souls Intentions

Tuesday, Dec. 1

AUNTY CARMEN'S KITCHEN CLOSED

Liturgical color: Violet

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, Dec. 2

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

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

11:30 a.m. Christmas concert practice

5 p.m. Mass

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

7 p.m. Tongan Choir, annex building

Thursday, Dec. 3--St. Francis Xavier

Liturgical color: White

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

Friday, Dec. 4--St. John Damascene

Liturgical color: Violet/White

First Friday

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Adoration and benediction

6 p.m. Parish Christmas Concert

Saturday, Dec. 5

Liturgical color: Violet

First Saturday

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

Church cleaning: Altar Rosary Society

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. St. Augustine Closet, Damien courtyard

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

Breaking open the Word

First Sunday of Advent

Today we begin the hope-filled season of Advent — a season of promise, expectation and of watchfulness. It is a beautiful time of the year -- a time in the midst of the hustle and bustle to slow down, to learn patience and vigilance.

Easier said than done. The whirl of shopping, of parties, of holiday preparations can overtake us. And the times in which we live can weigh on us. Homelessness, global warming, terrorism, economic uncertainty, political turmoil. We are buffeted by an overseas evil we cannot grasp in its enormity yet very real in its consequences.

But our way can be strengthened by the season, by the hope and promise embodied in the Incarnation.

In our first reading today, the prophet Jeremiah speaks to a people who also lived in uncertain times. Jeremiah promises the savior, the fulfillment of God's promise to his people.

In the second reading, St. Paul also speaks to a people buffeted by change and turmoil and urges putting God's promise of peace into action. "May the Lord make you increase and abound in love..." Even today's Gospel speaks of tribulations -- and of the only true hope, only true light in our life that will bring us out of our times of dismay.

It is that light, that true hope on which we can focus this Advent. It is a hope and light that can strengthen us no matter the buffeting of change and turmoil. May the light of faith and Love shine ever brightly for you.

Anne Harpham

Readings

First Reading — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

Psalm — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

Gospel — There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

Weekday

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;
Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday's reading

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Daily Prayer

Despite all of the distractions at this time of year, we really can focus on Advent during these weeks. We seem to get very busy, and at times have to go to a number of social events or wrestle with budgets and shopping, but the heart of this season is all about expectant hope. So, we begin our Advent journey by giving ourselves some time - just a few minutes each day - to reflect on how much God promises us.

Each morning this week, while we are first coming to consciousness, we can name a desire, name an emptiness or feeling of anxiety or worry that we can feel. It is into the raw places in our lives such as these, that our Lord came to be with us. So, this week, we can begin to invite our Lord to be Incarnate in our lives, in the places we need him the most.

Our goal this week is to let ourselves feel like those to whom the promises of our God are made. We want to get in touch with ourselves, especially those parts of ourselves that are in need of a Savior. We do this by keeping our focus on the places that feel like a desert, the places that feel like we've been through a war, the places that feel like a lifeless stump. When we have a hard time seeing, we ask for the grace to be able to believe the promise that we shall see. When we seem deaf, we place our trust in the One who assures us that we will hear. And when we feel beaten down and awfully lowly, we turn to the One who promises that we will "find joy in the Lord." And, who among us doesn't have days on which we are aware of various kinds of wounds? On the day of promise, "the Lord binds up the wounds of his people."

As we let these deep realities of our daily, busy lives come into focus and interact with the readings, something wonderful happens. We become more and more aware of our need for God. Very naturally and quite spontaneously, a prayer comes forth from deep within us, which we can say in the smallest moments of our busiest days. "Come, Lord." "Come and save me." "Come and be with me in all of these messy, empty, dry and disordered places in my life." "Come, Lord. I feel my longing for you grow. I feel my hope grow. And, as I place my hope in your promises, Advent begins to come alive in me."

All of this preparation can happen in the simplest way, before the first Christmas decoration goes up. And, for each moment of each day that we encounter a place that we desire, that we long for our Lord's coming, we can express our thanksgiving. Each night we might pray:

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?

The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid?" (Ps. 27)

Creighton Online Ministries

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Candle offerings

As a faith community, St. Augustine Parish is committed to outreach to those in our community who need our help for their basic needs. As faith-filled stewards, concern for the poor, the needy and the marginalized should be a part of all of our lives. In furtherance of that philosophy, beginning in Advent this year, \$2 from each candle offering in our parish will go to our parish efforts to feed the hungry and to programs in the community that help the poor. The candle offering thus is being increased to \$5. Each candle donation is a way of offering personal prayers and is a fulfillment of Jesus' teaching to care for your neighbor in need.

Advent Parish Mission Dec. 7-9

This year's Advent parish mission will focus on stewardship and who we are called to be as the People of God. Mission themes will include gratitude, gift, talent, generosity, faith, trust, the role of the community.

The parish mission will be led by Leisa Anslinger.

Leisa has a degree in theology from the Athenaeum of Ohio and was a pastoral staff member of Immaculate Heart of Mary parish for 12 years with responsibility for faith formation and stewardship. The parish mission will be held at **6 p.m. Dec. 7-9** in the church.

Annual Christmas concert Dec. 4

The annual St. Augustine Christmas Concert will be held at **6 p.m. Dec. 4** in the church. The concert will feature our St. Augustine music ministry and the Altar Rosary Society.

St. Augustine Closet open Dec. 5

The Altar Rosary Society Closet will open on **Saturday, Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** in the Damien Meeting Room. If you're looking for a treasure and something old or somewhat new, come check us out.

Book Fair Dec. 5-6

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 **Dec. 5 and 6** after all the Masses. 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.

Stewardship of treasure

Collection for the week ended Nov. 22: **\$7,503.35**

Children's collection: **\$34.00**

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Advent Penance services

Advent Penance Services in the East Oahu Vicariate are scheduled for:

- December 2 St. Patrick, 7 pm
- December 9 Sts. Peter & Paul, 6 pm
Star of the Sea, 6:30 pm
- December 14 University Catholic Center, 7 pm
St. Augustine Church, 6 pm
- December 17 Holy Trinity, 7 pm
- December 23 Sacred Heart/St. Pius X, 7:30 pm

Family Promise in January

St. Augustine Parish will assist Holy Trinity Parish in its Family Promise ministry again in January.

Families who are seeking permanent housing will be staying at Holy Trinity Jan. 24-31.

St. Augustine Parish will be hosting dinner on **Saturday, Jan. 30** and we are seeking parishioners to volunteer to help with this important ministry to homeless families.

This is an opportunity to provide direct assistance to families who are working to find permanent housing and a more stable environment for their children.

Church groups across the island are becoming a part of the solution through their assistance.

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

2016 envelopes available

Stewardship envelopes for those who give to St. Augustine using the weekly envelope system are available in the sacristy.

If you do not use envelopes and would like to begin, please call the parish office during office hours.

Hospitality Sunday next weekend

We celebrate Hospitality Sunday next weekend. Join us on **Dec. 6**, the first Sunday of the month, for pastry, coffee and juice after all Sunday morning Masses. Get to know your fellow parishioners, meet new friends and enjoy fellowship after Mass.

Faith sharing meets Dec. 21

St. Augustine's faith sharing group meets **Monday, Dec. 21 at 6 p.m.** in the Damien Meeting Room. We are using Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si*, as the basis for our sharing. *Laudato Si* is Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, "On Care for our Common Home."

In this encyclical, Pope Francis asks us to look deeply at our consumer-driven society and throw-away culture. Join your fellow parishioners in a discussion on how our faith challenges us to be stewards of our home. We are reflecting on Chapter 2 of the encyclical currently. Download the encyclical at: <http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/index.html>. We will have copies available at class or you may purchase copies of the book at Pauline Book and Media Center.

Aunty Carmen's Kitchen

Did you know that so far this year Aunty Carmen's Kitchen has served more than 10,000 meals to those in our community who are hungry? Or that your donations keep this ministry going? We see the news daily, that so many are homeless or without food. You are helping those in need through your generosity. The second collection **this weekend** will benefit Aunty Carmen's Kitchen, which offers a free meal from 11 a.m. to noon weekdays.

Aunty Carmen's Kitchen is closed from **Tuesday Nov. 24 through Tuesday Dec. 1**. It will re-open on Dec. 2.



St. Augustine Parish Christmas Party



Date: Saturday, January 9, 2016

Place: Hale Koa Hotel @ the Banyan Tree Room

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Cost: \$35.00 per person

Aloha Attire

There will be entertainment

Tickets are sold in the parish office and after Mass.

Blessing for an Advent wreath

Lord our God,

*we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
he is the Savior of every nation.*

Lord God,

*let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.*

May the wreath and its light

be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.

May he come quickly and not delay.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.. Amen.

—From Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers"

A St. Augustine Thanksgiving



Above: Some of the 30+ volunteers who helped to serve lunch.

Right: Our fabulous kitchen crew.

Photos courtesy of Bob Allen

Stewards of Time and Talent

Mahalo nui loa to all those stewards who helped serve lunch to the hungry on Monday. Everyone enjoyed the experience and the turkey meal. Blessings upon you during this season of giving. The glory is to God and we help in making his Kingdom known.

Aloha ke akua.

