

# St. Augustine Church by-the-sea

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## Sunday Liturgy

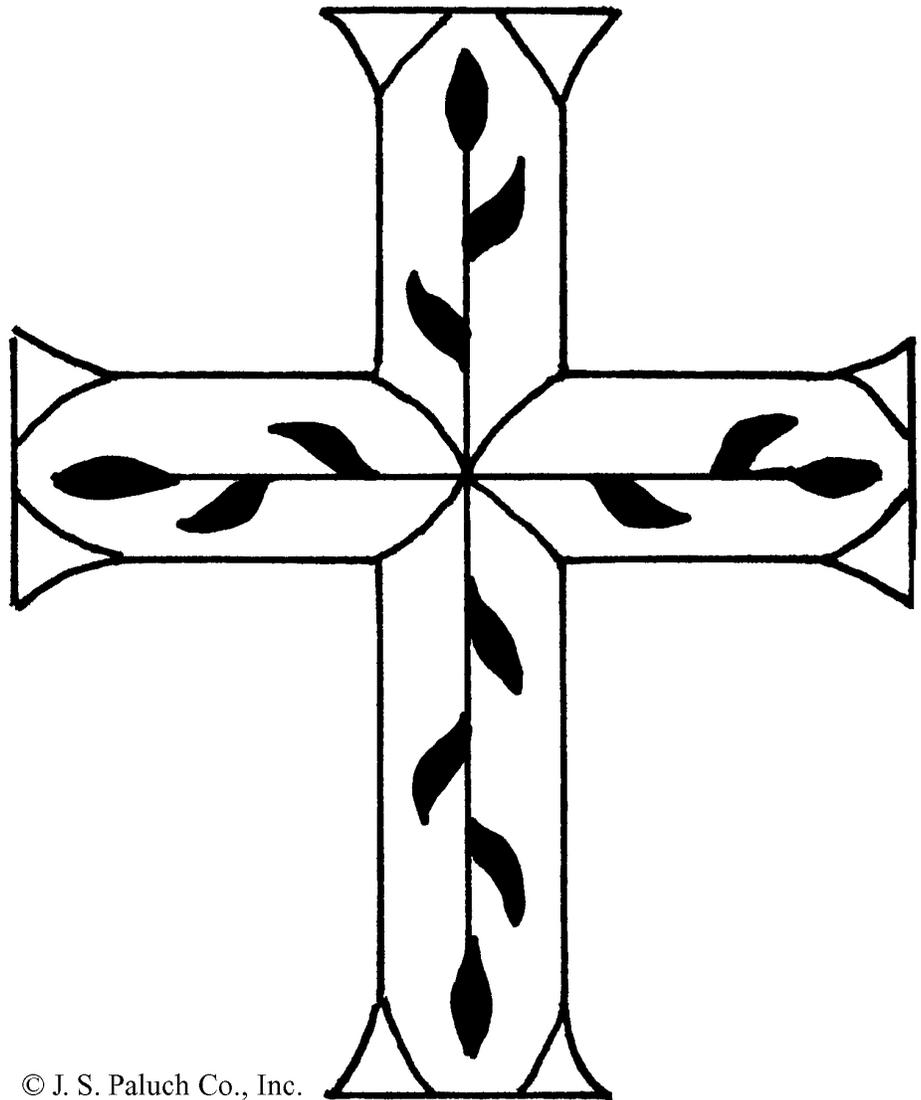
5 p.m. Saturday

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

## Daily Liturgy

7 a.m. Monday-Saturday

5 p.m. Monday-Thursday



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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  
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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](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.

### **Aunt 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, Aug. 27—Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Liturgical color: Green

6 a.m. Mass

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Jerry Galang

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Kong Kee Family

5 p.m. Mass

### **Monday, Aug. 28—St. Augustine**

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Dr. Jorge Camara

### **Tuesday, Aug. 29—The Passion of St. John the Baptist**

Liturgical color: Red

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I LeeAnn Barr (healing)

9 a.m. Rosary making, Damien Meeting Room

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Anona Napoleon (healing)

7 p.m. Tongan Choir practice, Annex Building

### **Wednesday, Aug. 30**

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Valerie Mikaelson (healing)

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Betty Ann Porcaro

7 p.m. Tongan Choir practice, Annex Building

### **Thursday, Aug. 31**

Liturgical color: Green

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Louise Villagomez

5:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee meeting

6 p.m. Scripture Reflection, Annex Building

### **Friday, Sept. 1**

Liturgical color: Green

First Friday

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Bret & Jerilyn Osterberg (13th anniversary)

Benediction and adoration

11:30 a.m. Wedding

### **Saturday, Sept. 2**

Liturgical color: Green/White

First Saturday

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

Church cleaning: Tongan Society—Asst. President's Mystery

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Sala Tavake (birthday)

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Louise Villagomez

7 p.m. Tongan Choir practice, Annex Building

# Breaking open the Word

## *21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

In the second reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans, we can clearly feel just how in awe St. Paul is of God. The sheer amount of praise and wonderment he has for God's wisdom and knowledge is infectious! Even 2,000 years later, we can't help but nod in agreement and be filled with hope, comfort, love and appreciation when Paul celebrates God and concludes with, "to him be glory, forever."

In the daily grind of our lives, on top of the troubling and turbulent atmosphere of our country and world these days, we truly need to be guided by God's wisdom and knowledge. Prayerfully acknowledge our all-knowing and infinitely wise God and look to him with awe and faith. Like St. Paul, celebrate and give praise that we are able to find hope and comfort with God at our side who knows how to eliminate the darkness of our lives.

I'm reminded of a story of how three men were challenged with a bet to fill up an entire room with something; the only rule being you can only spend a couple of dollars. One man spent the money on some dirt, but could only fill the room about a third full. The second man failed also, filling the room about half way with straw and hay. The third man, however, spent just a few cents and won the challenge, filling the room with the light of a small candle.

God's wisdom and knowledge is a lot like that candlelight. No matter how much darkness there might be; no matter how challenging and dire a situation might seem, the infinite wisdom and knowledge of God will fill and overcome any darkness.

Today, more than ever, we ought to put all our faith in Him, and trust in his ways, his plans, his wisdom and his knowledge. To him be glory forever, amen!

*Deacon Keith Cabiles*

### Readings

**First Reading** — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).

**Psalms** — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).

**Second Reading** — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).

**Gospel** — Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:13-20).

### Weekday

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139; Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98; Mt 25:14-30

### Next Sunday

Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

## Daily Prayer

The old Baltimore Catechism defined Prayer as "raising the mind and heart to God." It reminds us that prayer is not simply saying words to God, or even thinking over religious things in our heads. Real prayer becomes a matter of the heart. We understand prayer best when we think of it as a relationship. Growing in prayer is to grow in love, in intimacy, in a type of communication that is "heart to heart." So, on the human level, if we have a difficult time receiving love or in surrendering our self-absorption and giving love or if we just haven't had much experience of being intimate and vulnerable with another human being, then it will be difficult for us to do that with God. Conversely, anything we can do to develop our relationship skills, to de-selfish ourselves and practice accepting love and loving generously will help us grow in our relationship with God.

This week, we can go from hearing these wonderful readings to listening to Jesus with our hearts. It is great to begin this week asking for the grace to reflect throughout the day on how we will enter "the narrow gate," by how we go about our day, interact with people, or return home from work.

We could ask for the grace to go deeper than the externals and rules and get to the heart of our faith - loving others with the same compassion and love that Jesus shows us. For some of us, it might be extremely helpful this week to take the word "awake" and to carry it all day long. "Help me stay awake, Lord: to be alert and attentive, focused and reflective today. It will be busy, but I ask that you help me be consciously aware that you will be with me all day." We may want to ask, "Lord, let me be conscious of the many gifts and blessings you have given me. Let me reflect upon how I use each gift gratefully and for others. Let me really see today if there are gifts that I am neglecting, squandering, or simply are afraid to use. Then, give me the courage to give you thanks and to be a good steward of your gifts."

As we prepare for Sunday, we can reflect upon giving up the honors in our lives. We can begin each day praying, "Lord, help me humble myself today, put myself last in caring for my family, in doing my job with a more selfless sense of service. Help me forgive people who aren't performing well or behaving well. Help me see the way you give me life in this surrender, in this freedom to spend brief moments today in talking with you, friend-to-friend, in heart-felt connection with you, for others."

*Creighton University Online Ministries*

## A Stewardship Moment

St. Paul reminds us that the ultimate origin of everything is God. Since everything comes from God, we are God's own. We can never put God in our debt. There is absolutely no negotiating with God. Every breath we take is a gift. Every good deed we perform is grace.

Good stewards realize they are created and called to make the beauty, greatness, compassion and justice of God and his gifts known throughout the world. The stewardship question for us is whether we are willing to embrace this call, acknowledge our dependence on God and give our lives over to him completely for this purpose.

## Weekly Scripture discussions

*"By reading the scriptures I am so renewed that all nature seems renewed around me and with me. The sky seems to be a pure, a cooler blue, the trees a deeper green. The whole world is charged with the glory of God and I feel fire and music under my feet." Fr. Thomas Merton*

Our weekly Scripture Reflections are held at 6 p.m. Thursdays in the Annex Building. They are open to all who interested in deepening their knowledge of and appreciation for Scripture through reflection, discussion and study of the readings for Sunday.

Please bring a Bible with you or a printout of the readings for the following Sunday.

Come and learn more about Scripture.



From left to right, Fr. Mike Scully SJ, pastor at Malia Puka O Kalani on Hawaii Island, our pastor Fr. Lane Akiona ss.cc., Fr. Gerard, Deacon. Jacques and Fr. David in a photo taken at Malia Puka O Kalani Parish. Frs. Gerard and David and Deacon Jacques were visiting from the diocese in Papeete

## Steven Angrisano concert

Steven Angrisano will be in concert Friday, Sept. 8, at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Steve's musical contributions include "Go Make a Difference," "Many and One," "A Rightful Place," "Sweet Redeemer" and "Emmanuel." The concert is free but a goodwill offering will be taken. Seating is limited. RSVP to [olgyouthchoir@gmail.com](mailto:olgyouthchoir@gmail.com).

## Looking to help others?

*"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in."-Anonymous*

Catholic Charities Hawaii relies on the support of volunteers and community partners to help it fulfill its mission, which is to help people in need help themselves. They can't do it alone. The help of volunteers provides hope for those most in need.



Will you help?

Contact Catholic Charities Hawaii's Volunteer Services and Community Engagement Program for more information at (808) 524-4673.

## BE INSPIRED AND TRANSFORMED!

The largest Catholic Convention in Hawaii is coming Oct. 20 – 22 at the Hawaii Convention Center. It will feature local, national, and international speakers including Cardinal Mafi and Sr. Helen Prejean.

You can also expect uplifting musical performances by Paul Kim, Jackie Angel, and local music ministries!

There will be Mass, Confessions, Adoration, and even a Chapel and Arts Display room!

You can find a listing of speakers and the schedule at [dmcchawaii.org](http://dmcchawaii.org).

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

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**Hawaii Convention Center**  
*see website for complete listing of events & speakers*

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With Grateful Hearts

## RCIA begins Sept. 20

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) was established by the Church for individuals who wish to become Catholic. This class, over 10 months, takes inquirers and catechumens through Scripture and Tradition, the sacraments, liturgy, faith sharing and spiritual growth, morality and conscience and justice and peace issues.

St. Augustine's 2017-18 RCIA program begins **Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Damien Meeting Room. Please call the parish office to register in advance of the first class.

## Knights give \$2M for Karamdes

Karamdes is a town on the Nineveh Plain that was destroyed by ISIS and will be the focus of the Knights of Columbus effort to reconstruct towns and resettle Christians and other religious minorities in Iraq. At its national convention in St. Louis recently Supreme Grand Knight Carl Anderson challenged all the councils in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Philippines, Poland, Ukraine and France to each raise \$2,000, the cost of resettling one family. About 1,000 families have moved back to Karamdes.

I say let's raise as much as we can to help our sisters and brothers who are at the front lines of living the faith. Discern as a good steward how you can kokua. More information will be forthcoming.

Mahalo,  
**Fr. Lane**

## Collection for Cathedral renovation

The second collection on Sept. 10 will be for the support of the ongoing renovation of Our Lady of Peace Cathedral. The clock tower renovation has been completed and planning is now underway for renovations to the sanctuary. Future improvements will include construction of the Reliquary Chapel, renovations to the interior body of the church, new furnishings and artwork, new tile floors, restoration of the vaulted ceilings, stained glass windows and the pipe organ, new light and audio/visual systems, and new electrical and mechanical systems.

## Marianist Liturgy and Arts Conference

*Hō'olohe ia ka na'au – Listen to the Heart"*

**November 2-4, 2017**

Marianist HILAC emphasizes the mutual enrichment of the Hawaiian/host culture and the traditions of Catholic Christianity. To that end, local and mainland artists and presenters come together to form community as they present concerts, lectures and workshops about the liturgical arts and the history and culture of the Hawaiian Islands.

Marianist HILAC this year will feature the music of popular liturgical composers such as Tony Alonso, Lori True, Chris de Silva and others who have helped shape the Church's prayer over the years. For more information or to register, visit: [www.marianisthilac.com](http://www.marianisthilac.com).

## Religious education begins Sept. 17

The catechists of St. Augustine strive through their presence and actions to guide students as they encounter Jesus on their faith journey. They encourage growth of the Catholic faith through teaching Catholic doctrine and tradition, prayer, faith in action and personal witness to enable the students to share Jesus' message of love with others.

We pray everyone is having a good summer. In preparation for the 2017-2018 Religious Education classes, which start on **September 17**, completed registration forms must be submitted to the parish office no later than September 11.

Before any student can be registered in the Religious Education Program, the family should be registered in the parish. Tuition should be paid or arrangements made with the parish office. To enroll your child, a registration form needs to be filled out and returned to the parish office. Registration forms can be returned to the parish office via email, mail, the collection basket, or in person.

Returning students' registration forms will be emailed to all parents and guardians the week of August 21. If any parent or guardian of returning students does not receive an email by August 25, please contact the parish office immediately.

New students' registration forms should be requested from our parish office by emailing [staugustinebythesea@gmail.com](mailto:staugustinebythesea@gmail.com) or calling 923-7024 Mondays through Thursdays 8am – 4pm or Fridays 8am – noon.

**Sister Cheryl Wint**

## Answer the call to be a catechist

Help our children be all they can be. Become a Religious Education team teacher and use the talents God has given you to help teach our faith.

St. Augustine is looking for a few good men and women to be volunteers and team teach. So, if you are seeking for ways to make meaningful contributions to our church, to maintain your skills (or learn new skills!) have a rewarding experience and to interact with others,

please contact us at the Rectory Office for more details (808) 923-7024 Monday to Thursday 8am -4pm, closed from noon – 1pm for lunch or 8am –noon on Fridays.

Please review the Diocese of Honolulu website, [www.catholicahawaii.org](http://www.catholicahawaii.org) and click on Office of Religious Education and review the resources for being a catechist.

God Bless and please prayerfully consider joining our team.

Your servant leader,  
**Sister Cheryl**

