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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

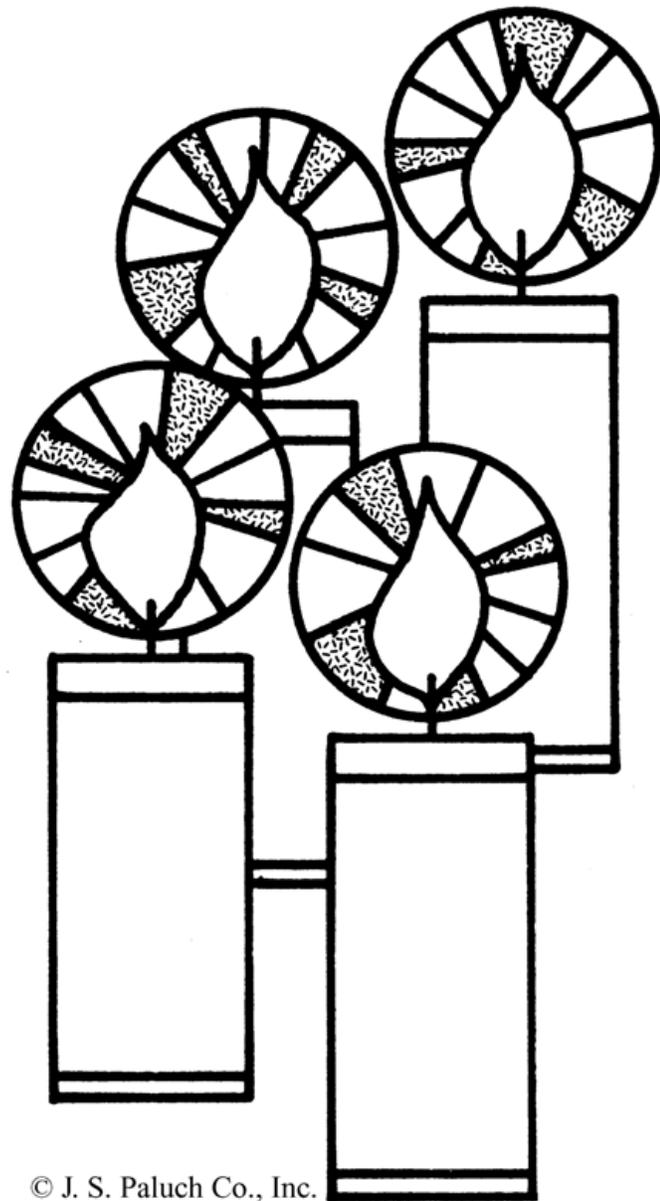
## Daily Liturgy

7 a.m. Monday-Saturday  
5 p.m. Monday-Thursday



*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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Keith Cabiles and Margaret Stafford

### **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.

### **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, Dec. 24—Fourth Sunday in Advent**

Liturgical color: Violet

6 a.m. Mass—R/S Thelma & John Ah Choy

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Pua Bow

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Vince & Dorothy Vincent (healing)

No 5 p.m. Mass

### **Christmas Eve Masses:**

Liturgical color: White

6 p.m. Mass

9 p.m. Mass —R/S Viola & Sala Palepale

11:30 Christmas carols

Midnight Mass—S/I Joe Kibler's Family living and deceased

### **Monday, Dec. 25—The Nativity of the Lord**

**PARISH OFFICE AND AUNTY CARMEN'S KITCHEN CLOSED**

Christmas Day

Liturgical color: White

6 a.m. Mass—R/S Cresencia Jimeno

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Dan & Bette Comerford

10 a.m. Mass—R/S Eisenhower Salanga

5 p.m. Mass—S/I Gina Hong

### **Tuesday, Dec. 26—St. Stephen**

**PARISH OFFICE AND AUNTY CARMEN'S KITCHEN CLOSED**

Liturgical color: Red

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

9 a.m. Rosary making, Damien Meeting Room

### **Wednesday, Dec. 27—St. John**

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Jean Orig

5:30 p.m. Wedding rehearsal

7 p.m. Tongan Choir, Annex Building, upstairs

### **Thursday, Dec. 28—The Holy Innocents**

Liturgical color: Red

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5:30 p.m. Wedding rehearsal

### **Friday, Dec. 29—Fifth day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord,**

**St. Thomas Becket**

**PARISH OFFICE AND AUNTY CARMEN'S KITCHEN CLOSED**

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Lolita Villanueva

2 p.m. Wedding

### **Saturday, Dec. 30—Sixth day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

Church cleaning: Altar Rosary Society and Knights of Columbus

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Bill and Mary Kalowsky

2 p.m. Wedding

5 p.m. Mass—R/S Keoni Vincent-Falquet

7 p.m. Tongan Choir, Annex Building, upstairs



## Breaking open the Word

### *Fourth Sunday in Advent*

*“May it be done to me according to your word.”*

On this fourth Sunday of Advent – and in fact the only day in the short fourth week of Advent – we hear Luke’s account of the Annunciation. Mary responds to the startling words of the angel Gabriel with faith and with joy. Mary gives her “yes” to God’s plan for salvation. The Annunciation is celebrated in March, but we hear this account again today, setting the stage for the Incarnation.

God’s salvation is a gift, we cannot earn it. But it still requires our cooperation, our personal “yes.” God’s grace comes into our lives every day. And, when we cooperate with that grace extraordinary things happen.

Mary believed that “nothing is impossible to God,” Do we also believe that?

If we are really aware of how God works in our lives daily we have the opportunity to respond and also allow extraordinary things to happen. Our words and actions can then reflect that awareness of God’s presence in our lives.

On this last day of Advent and throughout the Christmas season, may we have the grace to listen and respond. That will be a bounteous gift indeed.

*Anne Harpham*

## Readings

### Sunday

**First Reading** — I will fix a place for my people. I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

**Psalm** — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

**Second Reading** — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

**Gospel** — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

### Weekday

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

During the 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

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

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

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

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96; Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96; Lk 2:36-40

### Next Sunday

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128 or Ps 105; Col 3:12-21 or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40

## Daily Prayer

There is a very quick transition after Sunday. Christmas is upon us. We can wake each morning with a brief prayer to remind ourselves that Our Lord came in history - for me. We can remind ourselves of our Advent prayers that he come to us now. The nativity stories can remind us of how he comes, in poverty, in rejection, into the lowliest of places, so that I'll believe now, this year, that he can and desires to come into my place, my heart, my life. It is a time of deep gratitude, no matter how busy we are. It helps to recognize this and let ourselves enter this part of the mystery of the Incarnation. We are living in the flesh each day of our lives. He came to enter this life and be with us in it. After Christmas, we have these few days to let the blessings of Christmas settle in.

Each one of us can begin our post-Christmas time by staying in touch with ourselves in the flesh - as people touched by Jesus' coming. We can turn to our Lord throughout each day and have real conversations with our Savior. Over the kitchen sink, by the dishwasher, in front of the washing machine. While going to work, walking, going to a meeting, returning from one.

During our preparation for Christmas we were asking the Lord to open our hearts, to let us wait with patient trust, and to come to us. This week we will experience joy and the mixed challenges of Christmas. We have the opportunity to have ordinary conversations with our God who came to be with us.

*Thank you so much, Lord, for becoming flesh for me. And, thank you for being with me now, in the midst of each day's joys and sorrows. I ask you to increase my trust in you, my desire for closeness with you and my commitment to turn to you all day long. Continue to be with me when I have to make difficult decisions, when I need extra patience and care when in challenging situations. Continue to let my heart experience the joy of Christmas all week as I see signs of your presence with me.*

When these words take on our own voice and our details, it will feel very personal. And, when we speak about our fears, our needs, when we express our gratitude and our deep desires, we are living and intimate relationship with the one who became flesh that we might never need feel alone again.

*Creighton University Online Ministries*

## Learning Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina or “Divine Reading” is an ancient Benedictine practice of reading, meditating, and praying on Scripture to increase faith and draw closer to God. Bring your Bible and learn and practice Lectio Divina with Sr. Marie Lemert, ss.cc. and Malulani Kamanu on Saturday, Jan. 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Anthony Retreat Center. Open to women and men 18 years and older. Lunch provided. Free will offering.

Registration required by Jan. 16. Call 845-0065.

## Christmas Mass schedule

Christmas is on a Monday this year. With Christmas Eve on Sunday, there will be no 5 p.m. Sunday Mass. You can fulfill your Sunday Mass obligation at the Saturday 5 p.m. or Sunday morning Masses.

The Christmas Eve and Christmas Day schedule is:

### Christmas Eve, Sunday Dec. 24

6 p.m. Mass --Contemporary Choir  
9 p.m. Mass—Cantor/Piano  
11:30 p.m. Christmas music— Tongan Choir  
Midnight Mass—Tongan Choir

### Christmas Day, Monday, Dec. 25

6 a.m. Mass —Cantor/Organ  
8 a.m. Mass—Contemporary Choir  
10 a.m. Mass—Contemporary Choir  
5 p.m. --Cantor/Organ

### Dec. 26-29

7 a.m. Mass only  
No confessions Dec. 26-30

### New Year's Day, Monday Jan. 1

8 a.m. Mass

## Purchasing Archbishop Sylvain's books

If you wish to purchase any of Archbishop Emeritus Sylvain Lavoie's books they may be ordered from amazon.com or you may order them directly from the archbishop.

His books are: "Walk a New Path," a guide based on the 12-Step Program to recovery and emotional strength for those who are dealing with grief, addiction or depression; "Drumming From Within: Tales of Hope and Faith from Canada's North;" and "Together We Heal," a 12-step approach for the healing of sexual abuse.

You may email Archbishop Lavoie at sylvain-mi@icloud.com. His web page is www.archbishopsylvainlavoie.com.

Archbishop Lavoie, who led our recent Advent Mission, is a Missionary Oblate who has spent more than 35 years ministering among the Indigenous peoples. His ministry has included lecturing and giving workshops and retreats on Indigenous ministry, spirituality, grieving and the Twelve Steps, liturgy, faith renewal, personal healing and community development.

## Holiday hours

In observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays, the parish office and Aunty Carmen's Kitchen will be closed Dec. 25, 26, 29 and Jan. 1 and 2.

## Christmas second collections

The second collection on Dec. 24 will be for the Christmas Offering. The second collection at Christmas Masses will be for Parish outreach ministries.

## Weekly Scripture discussions

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 copy of the readings for the following Sunday. Come and learn more about Scripture.. There will not be a Scripture reflection session on Dec. 28. The class will resume on Jan. 4.

## 2018 envelopes available

Stewardship envelopes for those who give to St. Augustine using the 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.

## St. Augustine Christmas party Jan. 6

Mark your calendars! Save the date! St. Augustine Parish's Christmas party will be held on Saturday, Jan. 6, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel. The theme will be :Hawaiian Country Christmas. The cost is \$35 per person. Tickets are available in the parish office or outside the church after Sunday Mass.

## 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.

## Mass ushers

Ushers serving at each Mass should designate one of the ushers to be the contact person. This will ensure that eucharistic ministers who are selecting gift bearers and identifying those with special needs know which usher to coordinate with. Mahalo to all of our ushers for their ministry and kokua.

## Hawaiian societies on Jan. 7

On Jan. 7, Hale O Na Alli will be honoring Princess Waahiikaahaula, their foundress, along with the other Hawaiian Royal Orders at the 10 a.m. Mass.

It has become a tradition for them to come to St. Augustine Church since many of the Royal family (the Kawananakoas) have been baptized at St. Augustine.

Our koa baptismal font was given as a gift by members of the Kawananakoa family in 1903.

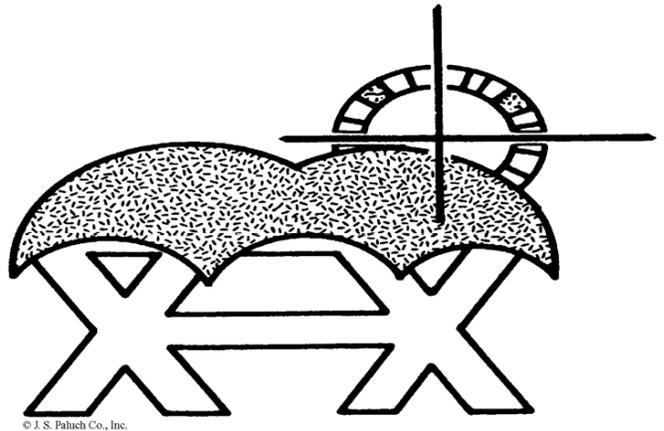
Please welcome the Royal Orders and Hawaiian Societies to our parish community.

## Religious Ed holiday schedule

Religious education classes will not be held on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.

## Parish Calendar

Dec. 25 Parish office and Aunty Carmen's Kitchen closed  
Dec. 26 Parish office and Aunty Carmen's Kitchen closed  
Dec. 27 7 p.m. Tongan choir practice  
Dec. 29 Parish office and Aunty Carmen's Kitchen closed  
Dec. 29 6 p.m. Christmas trolley ride. Tickets required.  
Jan. 1 Parish office and Aunty Carmen's Kitchen closed  
Jan. 2 Parish office and Aunty Carmen's Kitchen closed  
Jan. 3 6:30 p.m. RCIA, Damien Meeting Room  
Jan. 4 6 p.m. Scripture reflection, Annex Building  
Jan. 6 10 a.m. Parish Christmas party; Marriott Hotel  
Jan. 8 6 p.m. Knights of Columbus, Damien Meeting Rm  
Jan. 10 6:30 p.m. RCIA, Damien Meeting Room  
Jan. 13 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Augustine Closet, Damien Meeting Room



### *Family Table Prayer for Christmas Day*

Loving God,  
on this Christmas day we give thanks  
that Jesus, your Son, has come  
into our world bringing us gifts of peace and  
joy.

Bless us as we sit down together at this table  
for our Christmas meal.

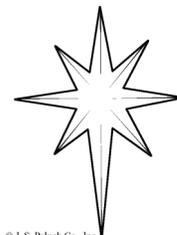
Bless the food we share  
and help us to remember those who are  
hungry.

Be with our neighbors and our friends,  
those who are lonely, sick or away from  
home.

We pray that our departed loved ones  
may now sit at your table in heaven.

May the joy of this feast  
give us strength and light, now and in the  
days ahead.

We ask this prayer through Christ, Our Lord,  
Amen



### ECUMENICAL TAIZÉ SERVICE in observance of the WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY



Thursday, January 25th, 2018  
7:00 pm

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