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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

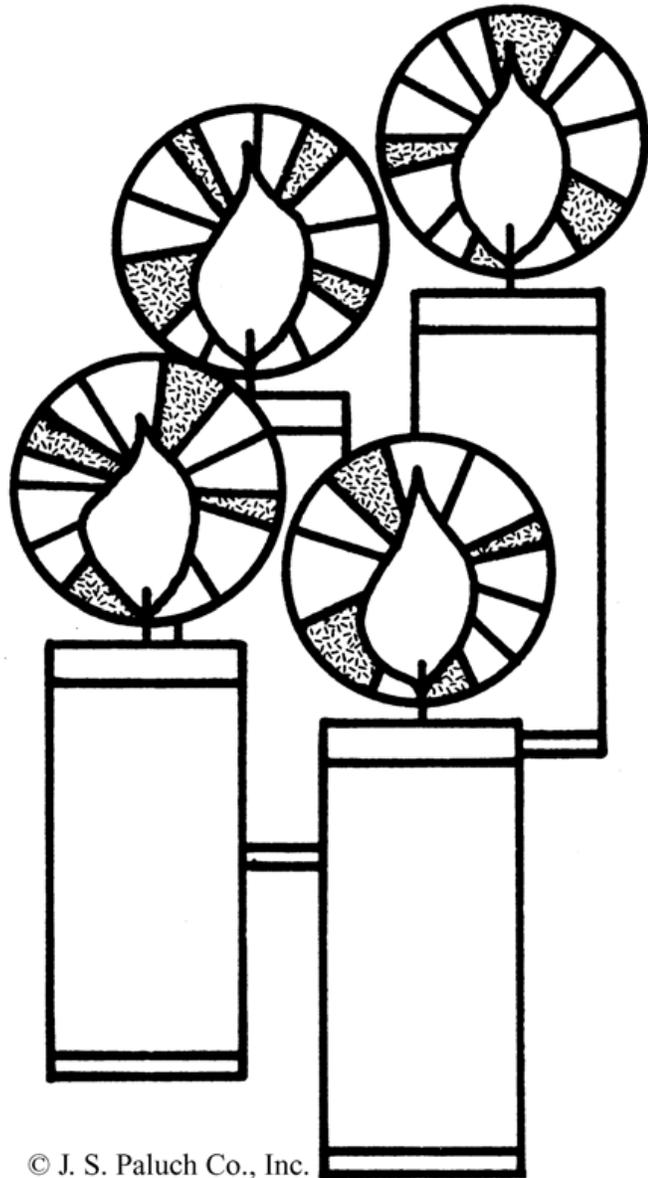
Daily Liturgy

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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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

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, Dec. 3—First Sunday in Advent

Liturgical color: Violet

6 a.m. Mass—R/S Rita Shimabuku

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Henry Zak

9 a.m. Religious education, Annex Building

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

5 p.m. Mass

Monday, Dec. 4—St. John Damascene

Liturgical color: Violet/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

5 p.m. Mass

6 p.m. Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, Damien Meeting Room

Tuesday, Dec. 5

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—R/S Ausasala Palepale

9 a.m. Rosary making, Damien Meeting Room

5 p.m. Mass

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

Wednesday, Dec. 6—St. Nicholas

Liturgical color: Violet/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

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

5 p.m. Mass

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

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

Thursday, Dec. 7—St. Ambrose

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Junito Legpit

5 p.m. Mass

6 p.m. Scripture reflection, Annex Building

Friday, Dec. 8—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

Liturgical color: White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

Saturday, Dec. 9—St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

Liturgical color: Violet/White

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

Church cleaning: Tongan Society/President's Mystery

7 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Mass

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

Breaking open the Word

First Sunday in Advent

Advent is a time for rousing!

My family recently moved into a new condo and we're all very excited about it. One thing we still need to get used to is the adjustment of getting up 30 minutes earlier than we're used to-- now around 5 a.m. versus 5:30 a.m. at the old house. Invariably, I find myself acting as the alarm clock, "Girls, time to get ready!!" The third --and loudest time-- usually does the trick.

As we embark on our beautiful Advent journey toward the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, I am reminded of the phrase, "Advent is a time for rousing!" Like me trying to awaken the girls from their slumber, the four weeks of Advent ought to be a gentle yet adamant voice that rouses, excites, and fires up our faith in preparation of what's coming.

The daily grind of everyday life can and does take its toll on each and every one of us, and the secular holiday season only intensifies it. We are stressed at work, anxious about finances, worried about relationships, oppressed by loneliness and sadness, fatigued by tribulations, stymied by sin and weakness --- but how hopeful it is to anticipate that in just 22 days, we commemorate the Light and our Savior coming into our lives and into the world!

To prepare, our Advent Journey ought to include prayer, introspection, spiritual reading, confession, sacrifice, and penance, all with an attitude of hope, joy and excitement. Let today be our first steps on this journey. Brothers and sisters, "time to get ready!"

Deacon Keith Cabiles

Sunday

First Reading — We are the clay and you, O LORD, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

Gospel — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

Weekday

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

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 lives come into focus and interact with the readings, something wonderful happens. We become 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)*

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Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Dec. 8: Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, Dec. 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and a Holy Day of Obligation in this diocese. There will be Masses at 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Friday.

Daughters of St. Paul Book Fair

The Daughters of St. Paul will be visiting our parish for a Book Fair Dec. 9-10. Pauline Books & Media is part of their larger apostolic mission of spreading the Gospel through social communication. The Sisters will be bringing books for all ages, DVDs about the lives of saints, music by the Daughters of St Paul Choir, and much more. These items will be available for purchase after the Masses. This is a great opportunity to purchase reading materials for yourself or gift someone with a book during this season of Advent and in anticipation for the Christmas season to come. You can visit their Pauline Books & Media Center at 1143 Bishop Street, Honolulu, HI 96813. Their hours of operation are Monday & Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Tuesday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Telephone number: [1-808-521-2731](tel:1-808-521-2731)

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.

Religious Ed holiday schedule

Religious education classes will not be held Dec. 24 & 31.



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

Parish Advent Mission

Archbishop Emeritus Sylvain Lavoie of the Archdiocese of Keewatin-The Pas, Canada, will lead our Advent Parish Mission Dec. 11-12 at 6 p.m. and will preach at the Sunday liturgies Dec. 9-10. The Advent communal penance service will be at 6 p.m. Dec. 13.

Archbishop Lavoie 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. He ministers at the Star of the North Retreat and Renewal Centre in St. Albert AB as chaplain and spiritual director. He is the author of three books: “Drumming From Within” on Indigenous ministry, “Together We Heal,” and “Walk A New Path” on addictions awareness. He is now working on a fourth book.

Advent penance services

East Honolulu Advent Penance services are:

Newman/Holy Spirit	December 5 @ 7 pm
Sts. Peter & Paul	December 6 @ 6 pm
St. Patrick	December 6 @ 7 pm
Mary, Star of the Sea	December 12 @ 7 pm
St. Augustine	December 13 @ 6 pm
Holy Trinity	December 18 @ 7 pm

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.

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.

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.

Parish Calendar

- Dec. 2-3 Lay minister commissioning at Sunday liturgy Masses
- Dec. 3 Hospitality Sunday, pastries after all Sunday morning Masses
- Dec. 5 9 a.m. Rosary making, Damien Meeting Room
- Dec. 6 7 p.m. Tongan choir practice, Annex Building
- Dec. 6 6:30 p.m. RCIA, Damien Meeting Room
- Dec. 7 6 p.m. Scripture reflection, Annex Building
- Dec. 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation -- Masses at 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Dec. 9 7 p.m. Tongan choir practice, Annex Building
- Dec. 9-10 Daughters of St. Paul Book Exhibit, after all Masses
- Dec. 11-12 6 p.m. Advent Mission
- Dec. 12 9 a.m. Rosary making, Damien Meeting Room
- Dec. 13 6 p.m. Parish communal penance service
- Dec. 13 7 p.m. RCIA, Damien Meeting Room
- Dec. 14 6 p.m. Scripture reflection, Annex Building



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"

The Advent wreath

Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.

The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

Oahu Religious gather pre-Advent

Religious communities on Oahu gathered on Nov. 26 to socialize before the beginning of the Season of Advent.

