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Sunday Liturgy

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

Daily Liturgy

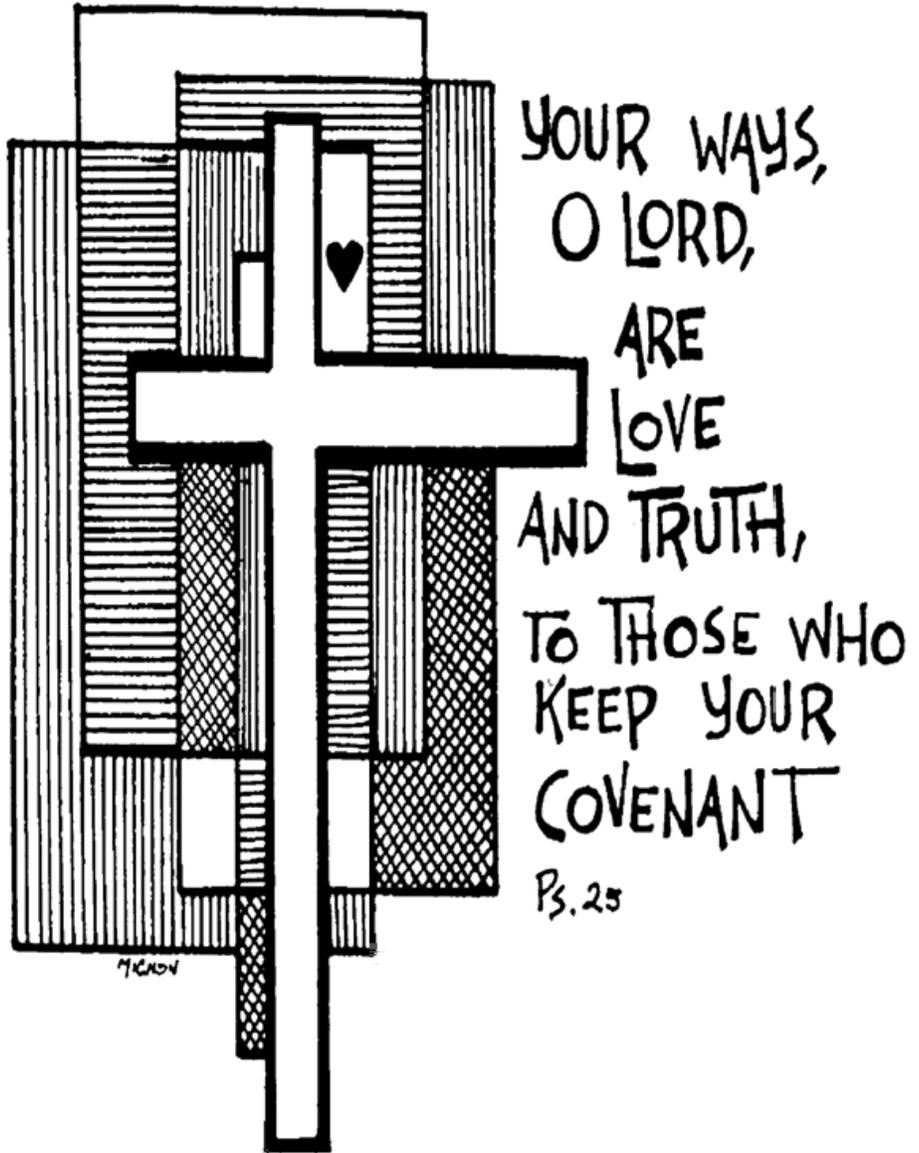
7 a.m. Monday-Saturday
5 p.m. Monday-Thursday



*You have made us for your-
self, 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.

To see our website on your mobile device, scan this QR code:



This week at St. Augustine

Sunday, March 29— Fifth Sunday in Lent

Liturgical color: Violet

Private Mass offered by Fr. Lane

Intentions: R/S Jerry Galang, Pua Bow, Jane Eastman Family, Albert Carse; S/I Kong Kee Family

Monday, March 30

Liturgical color: Violet

Private Mass offered by Fr. Lane

11 a.m.-noon: Aunty Carmen's Kitchen open

Tuesday, March 31

Liturgical color: Violet

Private Mass offered by Fr. Lane

11 a.m.-noon: Aunty Carmen's Kitchen open

Wednesday, April 1

Liturgical color: White

Private Mass offered by Fr. Lane

11 a.m.-noon: Aunty Carmen's Kitchen open

Thursday, April 2—St. Francis of Paola

Liturgical color: Violet

Private Mass offered by Fr. Lane

11 a.m.-noon: Aunty Carmen's Kitchen open

4-7 p.m. IHS shower van, parking lot

Friday, April 3

Day of abstinence

First Friday

Liturgical color: Violet

Private Mass offered by Fr. Lane

11 a.m.-noon: Aunty Carmen's Kitchen open

Saturday, April 4—St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Liturgical color: Violet

Private Mass offered by Fr. Lane

Intentions: S/I Kong Kee Family, R/S William McCrorie, R/S Eric Welch-Decatur III

The public celebration of Mass has been canceled in the Diocese of Honolulu through April 30, 2020, because of the coronavirus outbreak. Bishop Larry Silva has dispensed all the faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays during this period.



Breaking Open the Word

Fifth Sunday in Lent

From the beginning of creation, death has been a part of life. In Lazarus we see this played out. As a mortal man, he grows sick and perishes. In raising Lazarus from death, Jesus shows that he is the Lord of life. Next week on Palm Sunday, we will read the words from the Passion according to Matthew how at the moment of his own death, Jesus "cried out....in a loud voice,/ and gave up his spirit." The one who proclaimed, "I am the resurrection and the life" humbles himself to the point of death on a cross. In raising Lazarus, Jesus does not live to die again but is a new creation, the resurrected one who has passed through death and entered into even fuller life-life everlasting.

Such fundamental expressions of life and death are at the heart of today's gospel. Jesus deliberately was not present with Martha, Mary, and their brother, Lazarus. It seems Jesus wanted to be sure Lazarus was understood to be dead, not merely sleeping or sick, so that Jesus could raise him from the dead. As a result, many began to believe in him—that he had been sent by the Father.

What do we believe about Jesus? Do we believe he is the author of life with power over death? Are there any people like Lazarus in our own lives who need to be raised to new life? Lazarus was a prefiguring of the resurrection. And yet, even Lazarus died again. Jesus' own resurrection is not a mere resuscitation, but a raising to new life, qualitatively different, never subject to death again. When we live with the promise of renewed life for eternity, we are living the promise of the paschal mystery.

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Readings

First Reading — Thus says the Lord GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. Then you shall know I am the LORD, O my people! (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

Psalms — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

Second Reading — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

Gospel — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

Weekday

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Ps 23; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday

Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66

DAILY PRAYER

This is the last full week of Lent. We can feel the conflict and struggle developing in the readings. As we read about the drama that surrounded Jesus' last days on earth and reflect upon its meaning, we experience how the drama that is going in our own hearts is more intense the closer we get to the end of Lent.

The Spirit of the Lord is really trying to help us be more open and more free, to receive the graces our Lord wants to offer us.

There is another spirit that is fighting just as hard to distract us, discourage us, and prevent us from being open and attentive to God's gifts.

The closer we get to the mystery of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection for us, the more we can experience struggle.

If I experience myself somewhat "at war" with myself, then these are very important days to keep deliberately asking our Lord to help me. We can reject the unloving choices we've made, all that is unjust, dishonest, disrespectful and violent. We want to refuse to be mastered by an empty promises. Declaring our desire for freedom is a great preparation to receive this great gift.

If we have developed the habit of naming a desire the first thing each morning, and carrying on a conversation with our Lord in the brief background moments of the day, we are already comfortable with letting the Word or the Season interact with the concrete events of the week. This way of finding intimacy with our Lord, through our daily interaction - even in a very busy life - is so appropriate for the Fifth Week of Lent. We can discover areas that are still resistant to God's grace. We can ask for help to practice new ways of being free, or new ways of loving. We can find ways to make financial sacrifices to give to the poor this week.

Each night this week, we can give thanks. The closer we get to Holy Week and the events that brought us our salvation, each of us can express our gratitude, realizing this was all for me.

Creighton University Online Ministries



Live-streamed Mass available

The decision to cancel Masses was not taken lightly and was made after consultation with the members the Priests Council, Bishop Larry Silva said in announcing the suspension of public Masses through April 30.

Priests are to offer private Masses for the spiritual welfare of the people they serve, and pastors will offer a private Mass pro populo (for the people of the parish) every Sunday. The intentions of each day will be remembered by Fr. Lane in his daily private Mass.

The Bishop encouraged all Catholics to continue to keep the Lord's day holy by spending time in prayer and reflection. Mass will be celebrated without the congregation and live-streamed from the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace in Honolulu each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and can be accessed at <https://www.facebook.com/HonoluluCathedralBasilica> or www.hictv.com

EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network – Channel 30 for cable customers; Channel 261 for Dish customers) broadcasts Mass daily. Daily mass at Word on Fire: wordonfire.org/daily-mass.

The Scripture readings for Sunday, Solemnity, and Weekday Masses are available at uscgb.org/bible/readings. All are encouraged to spend time reflecting on these Scriptures, especially on Sundays.

Aunty Carmen's Kitchen update

Aunty Carmen's Kitchen, St. Augustine's mission to those who are hungry, will remain open despite the closure of the church and suspension of Masses. Meals will continue to be served between 11 a.m. and noon weekdays.

The IHS shower van will also continue to be on the parking lot grounds Thursdays between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

We are still accepting donations of food to the kitchen as well as financial donations. We are accepting rice; canned vegetables like kernel or sweet corn, cut or green beans, green peas, mixed vegetables with carrots, etc. Please drop items off at soup kitchen between 10:30 a.m. and noon Mondays through Fridays.

Save the date...for Holy Land tour

I will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of my ordination in 2021. In celebration of that milestone, I will be leading a tour of the Holy Land Jan. 24-Feb. 5, 2021.

Religious ed classes

In compliance with the diocese's decision on suspension of classes, parish religious ed classes are canceled at least through April 30. Catechists will be sending lessons and links to resources by email. If you have questions, please call the parish office.

Lent food drive

We have suspended collection of food items and toiletries for Our Lady of Kea'au on the Waianae Coast, which weekly serves hundreds of hot meals to needy and homeless individuals and families. All of the food and toiletries collected so far will be delivered to the



Each year, the Season of Lent is offered to us as a time of renewal. Usually, we take up this Lenten journey as the gift of personal renewal in terms of our relationship with the Lord. Our renewal becomes concrete when it comes down to self-denial, which allows us to live our faith more authentically. The almsgiving we do helps us express our gratitude and allows us to exercise generosity. However, Lent can also be a time to focus beyond ourselves. It can be a time of renewal that is offered us to hear the cry of the poor and grow in solidarity with them. Ultimately, this is spiritual renewal as well and helps us grow closer to our Lord who tells us that if we wish to love him, we must express that love as love for the least of our brothers and sisters.

How can I make this Lent a time to hear the cry of the poor? It all starts with desire and a few choices. If we recognize a desire to be more attentive to the poor and to grow in affection for and solidarity with them, then it is likely that this is a grace we have received.

Who are the poor? Who are most in need? It doesn't take a great social analysis to come up with some immediate answers in my own world and in the global situation today. Listening to the news - locally, nationally, globally - is a beginning. Who appears to be suffering? Who seems to be tremendously burdened?

What do I do when I begin to hear the cry of the poor? We tend to not think of the poor very much because to do so can render us sad or feeling "unable to help." But, if we use a time like Lent to try to reflect upon the situation of the poor near us and around the world, then the poor will help us come to know God's special love for them. In this reflection we will discover God's love for us because we will experience a solidarity with the poor. We can become aware of how narrow our concerns are or how self-centered we have become. Reflection upon the situation of the poor will draw us closer to them, helping us understand the mystery of radical dependence on God.

How will my prayer be different during Lent? If we spend Lent reflecting upon the situation of the poor, we will begin to pray differently. We will see not only see their radical dependence upon God but we will find ourselves turning to God on their behalf, before we ask anything of God for ourselves. This kind of prayer purifies our prayer. It helps us pray with a renewed spirit. With the poor as our prayer companions, we can surrender more easily and ask God for what really matters - first on their behalf and then for ourselves. Our prayer for ourselves will more freely become a prayer that we might be transformed to be better servants for others, especially conscious of those on the margins of society.



ALOHA....

We are excited to share with you many opportunities to be a part of the new Damien and Marianne of Moloka'i Education Center, which will open later this year. The Education Center will tell the story of the thousands of men, women and children who were exiled to Kala-wao and Kalaupapa because of their Hansen's Disease and the two Hawai'i saints, Fr. Damien De Veuster ss.cc. and Mother Marianne Cope osf, who shared Christ's love and compassion in ministering to them. Their example of selflessness is a powerful one for our world today. If you would like to be a part of bringing this story to our many visitors, please contact me at 923-7024. Me ke aloha pumehana, **Fr. Lane K. Akiona ss.scc.**



DAMIEN *and*
MARIANNE
OF MOLOKA'I
EDUCATION CENTER

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

NAMING OPPORTUNITY	COST	NUMBER AVAILABLE
Education Center Building	\$1,000,000	1
Chapel	\$600,000	1
First Floor Gallery	\$600,000	1
Garden	\$600,000	1
Second Floor Gallery	\$250,000	1
Panel of Nine Stained Glass Windows	\$150,000	1
Koa Statue: St. Damien De Veuster, ss.cc.	\$100,000	1
Milo Statue: St. Marianne Cope, o.s.f.	\$100,000	1
First Floor AV Presentation: Father Damien and Mother Marianne	\$25,000	4
Second Floor AV Presentation: Kalaupapa Residents	\$25,000	4
Chapel Pews	\$10,000 each	4
Outdoor Benches	\$7,500 each	2