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St. Augustine Church by-the-sea

Sunday Liturgy

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

Weekday Liturgy

Monday:

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours
7 a.m. Communion Prayer
Service

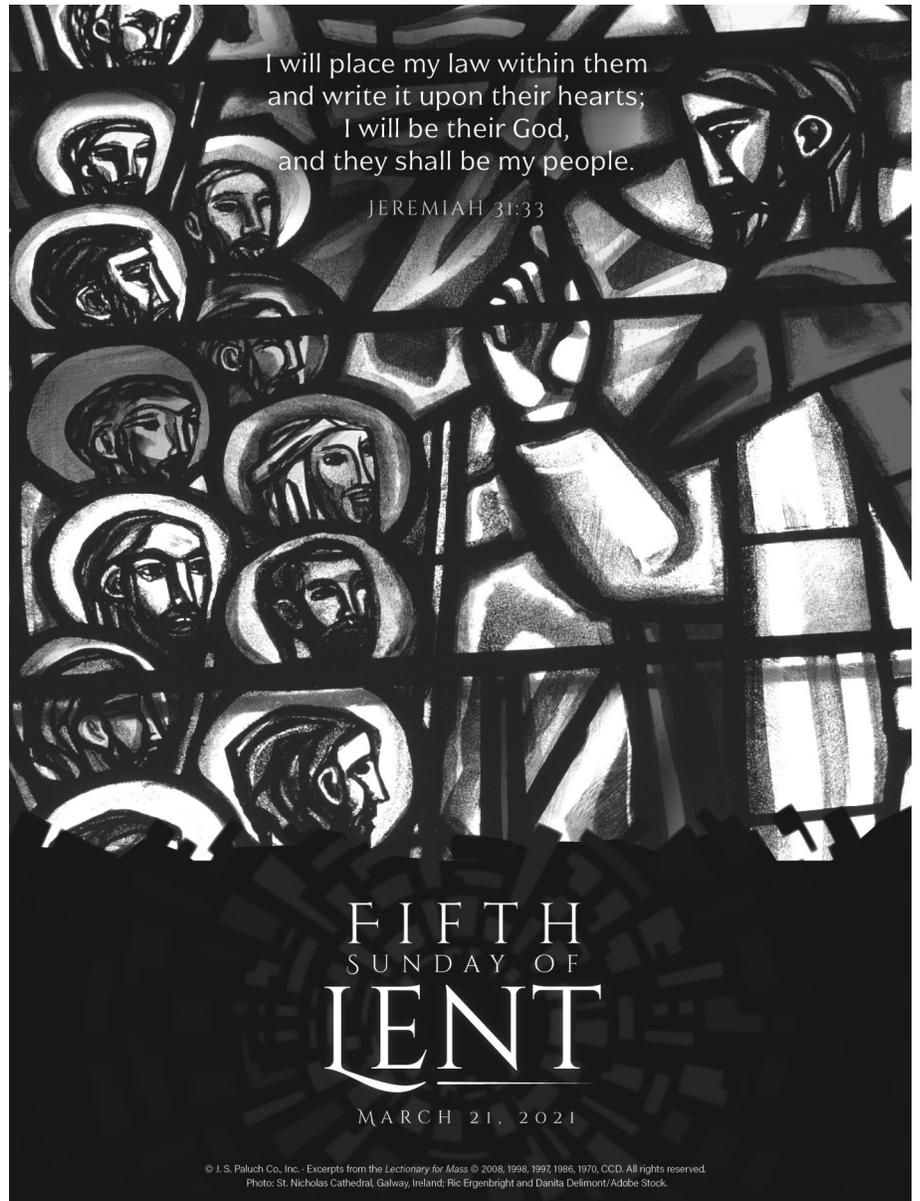
Wednesday, Friday, Saturday

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours
7 a.m. Mass



*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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and Mary since 1854*

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Reserve your seats for Mass

Reservations must be made for Sunday liturgy.

To reserve for March 27/28 Masses:

[https://
staugustinehawaii.flocknote.com/
signup/42226](https://staugustinehawaii.flocknote.com/signup/42226)

The deadline to sign up is Thursday. Walk-ins will be taken as space is available. If you do not have internet access, please call the parish during office hours.

St. Augustine by-the-sea Parish

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Parish secretary: Bev Tavake

Pastoral Council Chair: Theresa Kong Kee

Finance Council chair Jim Dannemiller

Stewardship Council chair: Deacon

Keith Cabiles

Office hours

Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to noon

Sacraments

Reconciliation: 6:30-6:45 a.m. Wednesday, 3-3:45 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.

This week at St. Augustine

Sunday, March 21—Fifth Sunday of Lent

Liturgical color: Violet

6 a.m. Mass

8 a.m. Mass—R/S Pua Bow

10 a.m. Mass—S/I Kong Kee Family

Monday, March 22

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

Tuesday, March 23—St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

Liturgical color: Violet

Wednesday, March 24

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass—S/I Anthony Peloso

5 p.m. RCIA, Damien Meeting Room

Thursday, March 25—The Annunciation of the Lord

Liturgical color: White

4--7 p.m. Services for homeless: Revive & Refresh Mobile Hygiene Center, Hawaii Home Project-Hawaii Medical Corps, affiliate of the John A. Burns Medical School, Kakaako, IHS

Friday, March 26

PRINCE KUHIO DAY

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Day of abstinence

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass— R/S John and Kathleen Bero

Saturday, March 27

Liturgical color: Violet

6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours

7 a.m. Mass— R/S Janet Loo

Church & grounds cleaning: Tongan Society—Pulengaue moe Tokoni

5 p.m. Mass

Because of COVID-19, Bishop Larry Silva has dispensed the faithful from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass through noon on Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021. Those who cannot attend Mass in person are strongly encouraged to watch a live-streamed Mass and reflect on the Scripture readings.

Mass is live-streamed at 5 p.m. Saturdays at [facebook.com/StAugustineHawaii](https://www.facebook.com/StAugustineHawaii). The Mass will be uploaded to YouTube at 8 a.m. Sundays.

Face masks must be worn in church and social distancing must be practiced. Please enter through the front door of the church and exit by way of the two side doors. Mahalo for your kokua.

Breaking Open the Word

Fifth Sunday in Lent

As we approach Easter Sunday, there are still many who “wrestle” with their faith. Perhaps it is because God continues to be a mystery for them and they have not fully understood his presence of peace and friendship. Whatever may be the reason, it clearly defines us as not “true believers.”

In today’s gospel, there is the matter of death and being glorified. For many of us, death is an unwanted event in our life. It is finality, cut off from the wonders of this world. We are afraid of it and the mystery does not help us understand it. Many who believe as such cannot fathom a new life after death. But if we were to look at new life around us, it is something to behold.

Perhaps if we could see ourselves like a seed, it may help. The seed has an outer shell that protects and nourishes the new life within. It is a barrier against challenges that threaten the new life and cares for it with its life. It may seem gruesome in a way, but we understand that death is a part of life and we have come to accept it. It’s a fitting example for the gospel today and how it applies to us.

Our faith is founded on this belief. It may be hard to accept in giving up one life for another, but we are no different from the seed. For those who truly believe, it reminds us of our mortality which has a purpose. With this understanding comes courage, hope, and expectation. It also encourages us to be mindful of the new life to come and to care for it wisely.

We are like a seed in our faith. Jesus is the outer shell that sacrifices itself for the benefit of a new life for us. He cares for us, goes to battle against evil that snares us, and forgives us for our weakness and imperfection. This is his Love for us. Perhaps this understanding will help shed new light in our journey of faith this Easter. Let us open our minds and hearts to trust and believe in Him “wholeheartedly,” so that the life He protects will become the new life that was promised.

*Deacon Andy Calunod
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Readings

First Reading — I will make a new covenant; I will write my law upon their hearts (Jeremiah 31:31-34) 8 a.m. Mass: Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Psalms — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) 8 a.m. Mass: Psalm 130.

Second Reading — Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:7-9) 8 a.m. Mass: Romans 8:8-11.

Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) 8 a.m. Mass: John 11:1-45.

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: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

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; Mk 14:1 — 15:47

Holy Week and Easter schedule

Palm Sunday, March 27/28

Mass: 5 p.m. Saturday, 6, 8 and 10 a.m. Sunday. NO PALMS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED.

Holy Thursday, April 1

Mass at 7 p.m. with washing of the feet, followed by adoration. Altar Rosary Society, & Tongan Society; 9 p.m. Closing. Collection for Operation Rice Bowl

Good Friday, April 2,

Service at 3 p.m. ONLY! NO public veneration of the cross. Collection for support of Christians in the Holy Land

Holy Saturday, April 3

Easter Vigil at 7 p.m. Second collection is an Easter gift.

Easter Sunday, April 4

Masses at 6 a.m., 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 5 p.m.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL LITURGIES. THESE ARE THE LINKS TO SIGN UP:

Palm Sunday: [https://](https://staugustinewaikiki.flocknote.com/signup/42226)

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Holy Thursday: [https://](https://staugustinewaikiki.flocknote.com/signup/42227)

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Good Friday: [https://](https://staugustinewaikiki.flocknote.com/signup/42228)

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Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil: [https://](https://staugustinewaikiki.flocknote.com/signup/42229)

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Easter Sunday: [https://](https://staugustinewaikiki.flocknote.com/signup/42232)

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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 on 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. It is also a great time to begin to prepare to renew the baptismal promises at Easter. 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 empty promises. Declaring our desire for freedom is a great preparation to receive this great gift. If we are celebrating the Scrutinies with the RCIA candidates and catechumens, this is a wonderful time to pray for them as well, for their protection from the evil one in the last days of their journey.

Creighton University Online Ministries



From the Pastor

SPIRITUAL READING

(Check with local booksellers or online book sellers for availability):

The Reed of God, by Caryl Houselander

First published in 1944, *The Reed of God* is an enduring, timeless spiritual classic. Through beautiful prose and meditations, the British Catholic writer, artist, and poet Caryl Houselander depicts the intimately human side of Mary, Mother of God, as an empty reed waiting for God's music to be played through her.

The Story of a Soul: The Autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux – St. Therese of Lisieux

Two and a half years before her death in 1897 at the age of 24, as Thérèse Martin began writing down her memories at the request of her sisters in the Lisieux Carmel community, few could have guessed the eventual outcome. First published in 1898, her story quickly became a modern spiritual classic. Here, expressed with all of Thérèse's original spontaneity and fervor, we rediscover the great themes of her spirituality: confidence and love, the Little Way, abandonment to God's merciful love, and her mission in the church and world.

The Word on Fire: Proclaiming the Power of Christ – Bishop Robert Barron

Word on Fire is one of the leading introductions to Catholic faith and culture. Based on specific Bible readings from the Old and the New Testament, Bishop Barron shares enthusiastically from the riches of Christian belief and tradition. His lively presentation of Catholicism uses art, music, painting, poetry, philosophy and the saints' lives to illustrate the biblical message.

The Joy of the Gospel – Pope Francis

Examining the many obstacles to faith and what can be done to overcome those hurdles, Pope Francis emphasizes the importance of service to God and all his creation. Advocating for “the homeless, the addicted, refugees, indigenous peoples, the elderly who are increasingly isolated and abandoned,” the Holy Father shows us how to respond to poverty and current economic challenges that affect us locally and globally.

The Lamb's Supper –Dr. Scott Hahn

Of all things Catholic, there is nothing that is so familiar as the Mass. Yet most Catholics sitting in the pews on Sundays fail to see the powerful drama that unfolds them. *The Lamb's Supper* reveals a long-lost secret of the Church: The early Christians' key to understanding the mysteries of the Mass was the New Testament Book of Revelation. With its imagery, its mystic visions of heaven, and its end-of-time prophecies, Revelation mirrors the sacrifice and celebration of the Eucharist.

Mahalo nui loa

To all who sent birthday greetings through cards, text, Facebook, email, WhatsApp, etc. Mahalo! Mahalo! Mahalo! for your remembrance of my special day. Know that I appreciate your kindness and especially the special gifts offered. I have included all of you in my prayers and masses during these days. May you always be blessed.

Diocesan retirement collection

Mahalo to all who gave in support of this important collection for the retired priests of our Diocese. WE contributed \$1,865.50 for this effort. The entire diocesan collection netted \$165,627.02. For a first-time effort, it was extraordinary. Mahalo again for supporting our retired diocesan priests. It is a true witness of our appreciation for their years of dedicated service to our local church.

Fr. Lane

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## Lent food drive

Our Lady of Kea'au on the Waianae Coast weekly serves hundreds of hot meals to needy and homeless individuals and families. The parish of St. Augustine will be collecting nonperishable food items and toiletries for Our Lady of Kea'au through Palm Sunday.

Drop off your nonperishable, unopened food items (particularly canned meats and canned meals such as spaghetti and canned vegetables and fruit) and unopened toiletries in marked boxes in the church.

## Holy Thursday collection

The Holy Thursday collection will be Catholic Relief Service's annual Operation Rice Bowl collection.

Lent is a time of repentance and of uniting ourselves to Christ during his 40 days in the desert. During this sacred season, CRS Rice Bowl invites us to reflect on how caring for our neighbor is caring for Christ. *For I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me drink* (Matthew 25:35).

Together, we can respond to Christ's call to help those in need.

## One-day Bible conference March 27

Are you seeking to grow in your love and knowledge of God's Word? Join some of the nation's most dynamic Scripture scholars on **Saturday, March 27** for a one-day Bible Conference that will be streamed via Zoom! This virtual event sponsored by the Augustine Bible Institute is free for all registrants!

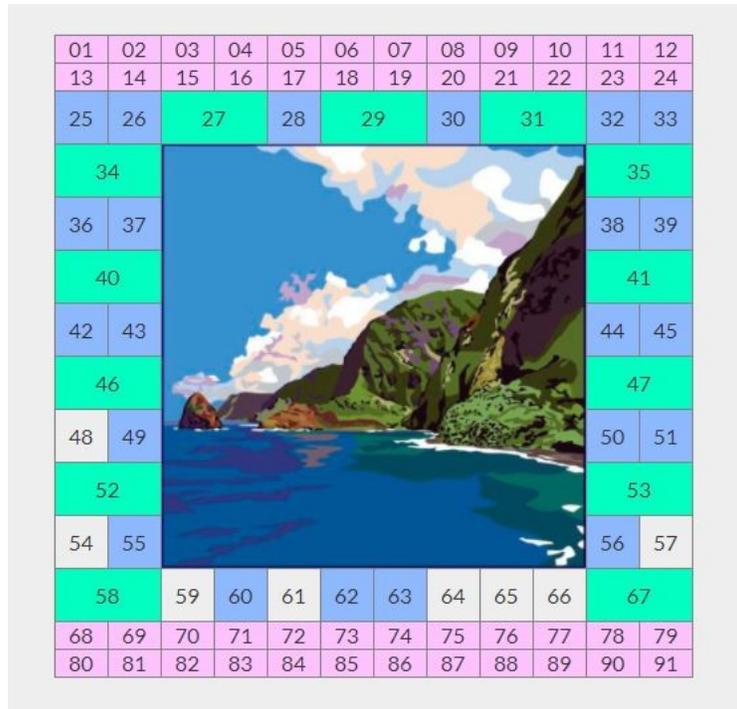
Go to <https://bibleconference.augustineinstitute.org/> to sign up to receive the conference link

# Remembrance tiles

You can support the Damien and Marianne of Moloka'i Education Center by making a donation for a Remembrance Tile. Your name or the name of a loved one, along with a personal message, will be etched on Corian and permanently placed on the Donor Wall near the front entrance. It's an opportunity to be part of this historic undertaking in the heart of Waikiki.

We've commissioned a local artist to create one-of-a-kind mosaics. The tiles are shown below. The tiles that are grayed are already chosen, the remainder are available.

## MEDIUM TILE: \$3,000



To purchase a tile, please fill out the form below and mail it to the parish office, St. Augustine Church, 130 Ohua Ave. Honolulu HI 96815.

You can also purchase a tile on our website at [www.damienandmarianne.org](http://www.damienandmarianne.org).

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Checks should be made payable to St. Augustine Church.  
To pay by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Amex):

Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV/CVC # \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Engrave my tile with the following:  
(2 lines for \$1,000 tiles, three lines for \$3,000 tiles and 4 lines for \$5,000 tiles.  
(20 characters per line, including spaces and punctuation)

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(Please give a first, second and third choice)