St. Augustine by-the-sea Church

You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you

-- St. Augustine of Hippo

With the servant leadership of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary since 1854

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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
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, May 24—Pentecost Sunday
Liturgical color: Red
6 a.m. Mass
7:15 a.m. Rosary
8 a.m. Mass — R/S Jerry Galang
10 a.m. Mass — S/I Knights of Columbus; R/S Albert Frumkin, Masako Ah-hee
5 p.m. Mass — R/S Walter Gorak, Frances & Joseph Vincent

Monday, May 25—St. Bede the Venerable, St. Gregory VII, St. Mary Magdalene de Pozzi
PARISH OFFICE AND AUNTY CARMEN’S KITCHEN CLOSED
Eighth week in Ordinary Time
Memorial Day
Liturgical color: Green/White
6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours
7 a.m. Mass — S/I William Watters, Doris Ormsby Watters, Fr. Martin Duggan
No 5 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, May 26—St. Philip Neri
Liturgical color: White
6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours
7 a.m. Mass
5 p.m. Mass
5:30 p.m. Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, May 27—St. Augustine of Canterbury
Liturgical color: Green/White
6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours
7 a.m. Mass
5 p.m. Mass

Thursday, May 28
Liturgical color: Green
6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours
7 a.m. Mass — S/I Pulileka Tuihalafatai (birthday)
5 p.m. Mass

Friday, May 29
Liturgical color: Green
6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours
7 a.m. Mass

Saturday, May 30—Blessed Virgin Mary
Liturgical color: Green/White
6:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours
7 a.m. Mass
Church cleaning: Tongan Society/President’s Mystery
5 p.m. Mass
Reflection

"Receive the Holy Spirit"

What did this mean for those who were bestowed with the Spirit?

Somehow we can make assumptions but not really be able to communicate completely what it meant. But we can be sure it was something very special. It was something out of this world!

This event has been repeated time and time again at Baptism. Through life-giving water, we receive the Holy Spirit. This is our belief. And this raises a question that many hesitate to ask, “Who, or what, is the Holy Spirit?”

To define the Holy Spirit we rely on teachings passed on from generation to generation. In our Catholic teaching, it is part of the Holy Trinity; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We can relate to the Father and the Son, but with the Holy Spirit we may have some difficulty as we try to define specifics only to the Holy Spirit.

If we use descriptive words, these come to mind: Teacher, protector, healer, provider, leader. They are words that reflect an action that someone does for another. And the Holy Spirit does all that and much more. Like comforter and forger which expand the breadth of the Holy Spirit. All of which points to one word, Love!

With this understanding, it would be safe to say that the Holy Spirit is the manifestation of God’s Love, given to us when we are born of the spirit; a priceless gift given out of love.

The Holy Spirit, also known as the Advocate or Paraclete and by other names, is our spiritual connection to God. This relationship should not be taken lightly, for to do so would be offensive to God. And we are cautioned by Jesus not to do so because there is no forgiveness for such action against God. We should also understand the ever presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. There is no secret that we can keep from the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit knows everything about us and rightfully so as an Advocate to God for us.

While there remains a great mystery about the Holy Spirit, we must trust in God’s Love for us and know that God works with the Holy Spirit to promote the good for us. Knowing this, our reverence to the Holy Spirit would be the same as speaking directly with God and should use this connection faithfully and with expectant faith. We should listen intently and mindfully respond to the guidance of the Holy Spirit inside and around us, as we journey through the challenges of life to keep on the path of righteousness.

Deacon Andy Calunod

Readings

Acts 2:1-11 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in different tongues.

Psalm 104 Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit.

John 20:19-23 As the Father has sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

Weekday

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Ps 79; Mk 10:32-45
Thursday: Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33; Mk 10:46-52
Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149; Mk 11:11-26
Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20; Ps 19; Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday’s readings

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

Daily prayer this week

This week we can find a lot of encouragement in the readings. The disciples, this most human group of Jesus’ followers, have opened their hearts to the Holy Spirit and found new courage. They shed their fears and boldly began doing what they longed to do - spread the good news. We, too, can find that courage in our lives. The same joyous strength that opened their hearts can touch ours in ways we can hardly imagine.

As we go through our week, in the smallest moments of the day, we can beg God for the strength of the Holy Spirit in our lives. As we awaken in the morning, sort laundry or do the dishes, we can change our attitudes toward these chores and see them as sacred moments of invitation from the God who loves us with such fire and compassion.

Dear Lord, you know how filled I am with fears. Let each moment of anxiety today be a reminder to open my life, my heart and my soul to the love and courage you offer me. I know that if only I could trust in you more, it would change my life.

We can find the courage to proclaim the good news as the disciples did at Pentecost, simply by asking God for that strength and then living as if we received it. It is not about the amount of time, but about an awareness of God’s presence in our lives. Believing and trusting in that love and grace, we can find the humility to say, “I’m sorry” to someone we have hurt. We can take a moment to write a note or an e-mail telling a suffering friend we are praying for them.

And all day long, as we run our errands or sit at our desks, we can take a moment to say “Thank you” to the God on whom we have such an utter dependence and who loves us with such abandon.

Creighton University Online Ministries
Legacy Campaign to benefit new museum

Dear parishioners and friends of St. Augustine,

As we move forward in continuing the legacy of our two Hawaii saints -- Sts. Damien and Marianne -- we are preparing to begin our Legacy Campaign to support the building of a new museum adjacent to the church.

The Legacy Campaign will take work, effort and dedication to be successful and I appreciate the commitment of our many supporters. The Legacy Campaign will be undertaken in two phases. The first phase will allow us to realize our dream for a new Damien and Marianne Museum and the second phase will enable the construction of a much-needed parish multi-purpose building and parking structure. This will complete our Parish Master plan, which began with the renovation of the church.

It is my hope that this Legacy Campaign will be creative and innovative in its format, not like a traditional campaign that relies solely on its parishioner base. We will also be seeking support from the broader community as well as internationally. The lives of Fr. Damien and Mother Marianne have inspired people from around the world and we believe many will want to help in our project.

The museum will house artifacts of Fr. Damien and Mother Marianne and will feature interactive exhibits and a meditation garden. I invite all of you to be a part of this very special and important undertaking. Sts. Damien and Marianne continue to be models of selfless love and service and we are blessed in being able to share their story with so many.

At the same time, we are embarking on a Stewardship Program, enabling our parishioners to discern how to best share their time, talent and treasure for the good of the community. We will be sharing more details as this program unfolds.

Pray through our saints, Augustine, Damien and Marianne that they will intercede on our behalf so that we can be successful in all that we do.

Fr. Lane K. Akiona ss.cc.

Faith sharing June 15

St. Augustine’s Faith Formation class meets at 6 p.m. June 15 for prayer, reflection and faith sharing. We are using the book, “The God Who Won’t Let Go,” by Fr. Peter Van Breeman SJ. Van Breeman reminds us that nothing can sever the relationship of God’s love for us and each of us is invited to experience God’s love and base our very life upon that foundation. All are welcome to join us.

Heritage Center spring sale

The Damien and Marianne of Molokai Heritage Center is holding a spring sale of items from the gift shop. The items will be offered for sale outside the church after all the Sunday Masses on May 24.

Healing Mass at Holy Trinity

There will be a Healing Mass Holy Trinity Parish on Wednesday, May 27 at 7 p.m. The Healing Mass is sponsored by the Hawaii Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services.

Faith Formation Conference

The 2015 Oahu Faith Formation Conference “We Are All Ohana” will be held June 19-20 at St. Stephen Diocesan Center. The workshop is open to all parishioners. More information and registration is available at www.catholichawaii.org/oahufaithconference.

There is a conference fee of $10 per course and the registration deadline is June 10. Light meals are available for purchase Friday evening and Saturday noon. Catechists may apply all courses toward ongoing certification unless otherwise indicated in course description.

Women’s Faith Sharing Group

How do women seek contentment in a world that is always demanding so much from them? Juggling the demands of their careers, family life, and other responsibilities can be a daunting task. But in seeking God first, true contentment and peaceful acceptance can be attained.

Come seek God’s Word for you at a Women’s Faith Sharing Group on Friday June 5 from 6 to 9 p.m. at St. Damien House at the Saint Anthony Retreat Center.

This is a free event. Light refreshments will be provided. Bring your Bible and a notebook. The event is sponsored by Saint Anthony Retreat Center, 3351 Kalihi St., Honolulu, HI 96819. Call to register: 845-0065.

Pray the Rosary

The Volunteers of the Heritage Center, Altar Rosary Society & the Knights of Columbus would like to invite everyone on Sunday mornings at 7:15 a.m. to join them in praying the rosary. If you are interested in leading the rosary on the 1st, 2nd or 5th Sundays of any given month please contact Sister Cheryl at the parish office.
Damien & Marianne
Inspirations of love and ministry

We are seeking to commission bronze outdoor statues of St. Damien and St. Marianne by Maui artist Gary Thomas for the meditation garden at the planned Damien and Marianne Museum. The statues can be seen here.

Fr. Damien’s life has long been an inspiration to Thomas and he wanted to portray Damien as he was in life, ministering to and interacting with his people, carrying his mana into the world. Thomas wanted to portray him as the vibrant man he was most of his life.

For Thomas, his Damien sculpture fulfills Matthew 10:42 (“And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.”)

The sculpture of Mother Marianne depicts her maternal and tender side. She filled the void of motherhood for the orphans at Kalaupapa while instructing them in the wisdom of God’s Word, said Thomas. For Thomas, St. Marianne lived the words of Luke 9:46 “Whoever welcomes a little child in my name welcomes me…”

We are seeking donations to help us obtain the statues for meditation garden in the new Damien and Marianne Museum. To donate or for more information, please see Fr. Lane.

Thomas also has maquettes of both statues for sale at $4,000 apiece. A portion of the sales price will go toward support of the statues for the meditation garden.

THE STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

My parish is composed of people like me.
    I help make it what it is.
    It will be friendly, if I am.
    It will be holy, if I am.
    Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.
    It will do great work, if I work.
    It will be prayerful, if I pray.
    It will make generous gifts to many causes,
    if I am a generous giver.
    It will bring others into its worship,
    if I invite and bring them.
    It will be a parish of loyalty and love,
    of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity, and mercy,
    if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.
    Therefore, with the help of God,
    I now dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be.
    Amen

Online Giving Program

Online Giving is now available for you to use to make gifts or donations to the Church.

What is Online Giving? It is an electronic method of processing your donation from the privacy of your home and at the time you decide to do it.

Is it safe? Yes. Security measures are taken to ensure your transaction is safe, protected, and private.

You are in charge! Online giving allows you to make regular or one-time donation, designate the fund, amount to donate, and when to make the donation. And it keeps an ongoing record of your transactions.

What you need to do to use Online Giving. You must have a credit card or a checking/savings account. Donations made by you will be transferred from the account you specify. You must have a computer or mobile device. You will need to “enroll” into the program by going to our website (www.staugustinebythesea.com) and “click” on the Donate tab on the top right hand side of the home page. Follow the instructions to complete your enrollment.

You can also click on the QR symbol on the bottom with your smart phone.

Need help? Call Online Giving Hotline 808-923-7024, Mon-Fri, during business hours.

Stewardship of treasure

Collection for the week ended May 17, 2015: $8,065.42
2nd Collection: $2,239.62
Children’s’ Offertory: $48.50

Our daily and Sunday collections

As good stewards, we are grateful to God for his many blessings. In gratitude we share with those who are in need. The collection at Sunday and daily Mass is part of our liturgy, and is a sign of our willingness to give all that we have to the Lord for the church and the poor. It is also expressive of what the Eucharist means in our relationship with others. In the early Church, everyone brought up what they had brought, eggs, produce or chickens or grain, or bread or wine. Some was used for the celebration and the rest was used for the benefit of the Church so that all were taken care of and no one was in need. Today, we share what we have with money. Our collection—daily and Sunday—provides tangible support to our faith in action and to our thankfulness to our Creator.