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SAINT STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH AUGUST 28, 2022

Memorial: Saint Augustine of Hippo, Bishop & Doctor of the Church



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FIRST Wednesday: After Mass until 6:00 PM
All other Wednesdays: After Mass until 9:00 AM



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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:
8:00 AM to 11:00 AM

A Catholic Community

Diocese of Honolulu

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we the family of St. Stephen Catholic Church nurture and sustain our faith through Love, Service and Unity."

DEVOTION

The Holy Rosary, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is prayed 35 minutes before Mass.

MASS SCHEDULES

MONDAY

[In the St. Catherine Chapel ~ Communion Service, 8:00 AM]

Tuesday ~ Saturday ~ 8:00 AM

Saturday (Main Church) ~ 4:00 PM

Sunday (Main Church) ~ 7:30 AM

Sunday (Main Church) ~ 10:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 to 3:30 PM
or by appointment



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LINK TO SUNDAY'S 10:00 A.M. MASS STREAMING:

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Stephens-Catholic-Church-Nuuanu-100906711581421/>

MAGNIFICAT

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Welcome to the Wedding Banquet

Invited to a wedding feast, the Lord looked round and noticed how all were choosing the first and most honorable places, each person wanting to take precedence over the others and to be raised above them. He then told them this parable, which even taken literally is most useful and appropriate for all who like to be honored, and fear being put to shame. To those of lower station it affords courtesy, and to those of higher condition respect. However, since it is called a parable, it must have some other interpretation besides the literal one. Let us see then what this wedding feast is, and who are the people invited to it.

This wedding feast takes place in the Church every day. Every day the Lord makes a wedding feast, for ever day he unites faithful souls to himself, some coming to be baptized, others leaving this world for the kingdom of heaven. We are all invited to this wedding feast—all of us who have received faith in Christ and the seal of baptism. This table set before us is that of which it is said: *You have prepared a table before me in the sight of those who trouble me.* Here is the showbread, here the fatted calf, here the lamb who takes away the sins of the world. He is the living bread come down from heaven, here placed before us is the chalice of the New Covenant, here are the Gospels and the letters of the apostles, here the books of Moses and the prophets. It is as though a dish containing every delight was brought and set before us. What more then can we desire? What reason is there for choosing the first seats? There is plenty for all no matter where we sit. There is nothing we shall lack.

But whoever you may be who still desire the first place here—go and sit in the last place. Do not be lifted up by pride, inflated by knowledge, elated by nobility, but the greater you are the more you must humble yourself in every way, and you will find grace with God. In his own time he will say to you: Friend, go up higher, and then you will be honored by all who sit at table with you. In the Church, then, the first seat, or the highest place, is to be sought not by ambition but by humility; not by money but by holiness.

— Saint Bruno of Segni

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REFLECTIONS FOR AUGUST 28, 2022
22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Attentiveness to Jesus

On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully.

Luke 14:1

Source content: mycatholic.life

What an interesting line. This line should not be overlooked in that it reveals a common reaction that some have of Jesus. What is the reaction? It's the tendency to observe Jesus carefully from a distance.

Sunday, August 28, 2022

Our Greatness in God

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted ... Luke 14:11

Hall of Fame baseball pitcher Dizzy Dean once exuberantly remarked that, "It ain't braggin' if you can do it!" And as much as I used to enjoy watching old film of Dizzy and his antics, I feel as if I need to correct him: "Dizzy, that's exactly what bragging is."

For when we do something well (even with phenomenal excellence), it's then when we should consider the gift we have received and the cause of our greatness. Humility isn't saying, "Aw, shucks, I'm not that good." That's false humility. True humility is saying, "I have been blessed with this talent," instead of "Look at what I have done all on my own." When we humble ourselves and give credit to the Giver of all good things, people will see exactly from where our greatness comes.

Today, use one of your talents in a way that points others to God.

~ Steve Givens

Reflections for Sunday, August 28 (Continued)

Look at the context of this statement. Jesus was invited to the home of a leading Pharisee and many other people were present. Those who were there would have been considered the "movers and shakers" of that time. They were the influential, wealthy, educated, and prestigious members of the community. Many would have been quite concerned about their reputation and quite curious about Jesus since He was growing in such popularity with the people. So, as a result, they were all "observing him carefully."

Notice the implication present in this description of their reaction to Jesus. Unlike the manifest sinners of that time, they did not come to Him, falling at His feet, begging for mercy. Rather, they appear to be quite interested in how Jesus will be accepted by others, what He will say and what they should think about Him. Even though it is unfortunate that they do not all completely turn to Jesus in faith, it's at least good that they are attentive to Jesus and realize He is unique.

This curiosity on their part is not all bad. In fact, it may lead some of them to salvation. By observing Jesus, they are clearly pondering Him, His words and His actions. This is good if and only if it results in each one of them turning to Him in faith and choosing to embrace our Lord regardless of what others think. This is a risk for those consumed with their own public image. But it's a risk that is worth taking. For those who are willing to humbly allow their observations to turn into true faith, their lives will change. But in order to do so, they must let go of any fear they have of what others may think.

Reflect, today, upon the tendency you have to only "observe" Jesus and His will from a distance. If you find you are curious and interested in the presence of God around you, do not hesitate to act on this curiosity, allowing His words and presence to change your life. Do not let yourself be concerned about what others may think.

St. Stephen The First Martyr

Knights of Columbus



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BLESSED MICHAEL McGIVNEY PRAY FOR US

ALOYSIUS FOOD BANK

The Knights of Columbus request your assistance in providing canned goods for the Aloysius Food Bank to help those in need. Please leave your donations into the plastic container in the entrance of the Church. Your gifts toward this cause will be greatly appreciated.

Mahalo!

Respect Life
Juanita Ruis, Respect Life Coordinator

Coming in September

• **September 8 (Thursday): Walking with Moms**

On this Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our parish will join with other parishes across the islands in a nationwide effort to increase outreach and support for pregnant and parenting mothers in need.

• **September 9 (Friday): "Life Mark"**

This movie, based on a true story celebrating love and adoption, is being shown at 7 p.m. only at Regal Kapolei, Regal Pearl Highlands, Regal Dole Cannery, Regal Windward, and Regal Maui Mall.

• **September 10 (Saturday): National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children**

• **September 29 (Thursday): Mass of Healing from Miscarriage**

Experience grace, healing, and a ritual naming of your pre-born child lost to miscarriage. Bishop Larry Silva will celebrate the Mass at 6 p.m. at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa.



DECORATORS NEEDED

Do you enjoy working with flowers? St. Stephen is in need of help in decorating the church. Interested? Please speak with Helen Luke for more information.

REFLECTIONS FOR AUGUST 28 (Continued from Page 2)

Give your life to Him without hesitation and you will be eternally grateful you did.

Lord, when I perceive Your presence in my life, give me the courage I need to respond. May I never let societal pressures or pride interfere with my turning to You. I love You, dear Lord. Help to love You without reserve. Jesus I trust in you.



MAIL INS: \$280.00

ONLINE: \$1,803.00

WEEKEND: \$1,348.00

TOTAL: \$3,431.00

LAST WEEK: \$9,226.66

MAHALO!

We are grateful to all who generously contribute their time, talent and treasure to our Parish Community.



INSPIRING QUOTES OF THE SAINTS

"Faith is to believe what you do not see. The reward of faith is to see what you believe."

~ St. Augustine of Hippo

"Our hearts were made for You, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in You." ~ St. Augustine of Hippo

"Father, I am seeking: I am hesitant and uncertain, but will you, O God, watch over each step of mine and guide me." ~ St. Augustine of Hippo



SAINt AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

Bishop & Doctor of the Church. August 28 Memorial. Patron Saint of theologians and printers. *Source: mycatholic.life*

The mighty African Saint Augustine climbed the heights of thought, stood upright on their peaks, and turned toward Rome, and thus spread his long, deep shadow over the entire globe. As a Christian thinker, he has few equals. He is the saint of the first millennium. Augustine was born in the small Roman village of Tagaste, in Northern Africa, to a minor civil official and a pious, head-strong mother. Tagaste had no swagger. Its simple people were bent over from working the land since time immemorial. The great African cities, hugged the Mediterranean coast, far from Tagaste, which was cut off, two hundred miles inland. When he was a boy, Augustine imagined what the far-off waves of the sea were like by peering into a glass of water. When he was twenty-eight, he descended from his native hills and sailed for Rome to find himself, God, and holy fame. When he returned to Africa many years later, it was forever. The hot-tempered young African had matured into a cool-headed spiritual father. He was now their bishop, lovingly and tirelessly serving the open, forthright townsmen that were his natural kin.

To read more about Saint Augustine, go to the link below:

<https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/#TOC-August>



CCD/Faith Formation registration begins 3-4 September 2022. Grades PRE-K through High School. Registration forms will be available in the back of the church.

Any questions or concerns feel free to contact the Catechists or call the Church Office @ (808) 595-3105.



Sunday, August 28, 2022

7:30 AM

22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

For the Repose of the Soul of:

†Celine & Kenneth Asato
†Josefina & Honorio Bautista
†Tony & Sarah Louis
†Francis Nagasawa
†Jimmy Solidum
†Al Tagab †Al Ibarra

Healing Prayers for:

Brittany Fujiyama

Isaiah Ares Kim Eun Jin Kim
Preston Pacolba

10:00 A.M. Mass

For the Repose of the Soul of:

†Celine & Kenneth Asato
†Vera Ashitomi
†Rufino & †Romana Baron
†Rosa Fernandez
†Helena Kim
†James "Jimmy" Solidum
†Salvador Solidum
†Al Tagab †Al Ibarra

†Roland Guieb

†Maria & Benigno Guieb

Healing Prayers for:

Luz Abcede

Nancy Contrades

Sally Crowell

Isaiah Ares Kim Eun Jin Kim

Carl Téves

Birthday Blessings for:

Monica Hahn (B-Day 29)

Landi Luke (B-Day 26)

Mass Intentions



Monday, August 29, 2022

8:00 AM

*Memorial of
The Passion of St. John the Baptist*

For the Repose of the Soul of:

†Jimmy Solidum

Birthday Blessings for:

Monica Hahn

Healing Prayers for:

Isaiah Ares Kim



Tuesday, August 30, 2022

8:00 AM

For the Repose of the Soul of:

†Jimmy Solidum

Healing Prayers for:

Isaiah Ares Kim



Wednesday, August 31, 2022

8:00 AM

For the Repose of the Soul of:

†Steve Aki

†Deacon Thomas Contrades

†Jimmy Solidum

Healing Prayers for:

Isaiah Ares Kim



Thursday, September 1, 2022

8:00 AM

For the Repose of the Soul of:

†Kenneth Asato

Healing Prayers for:

Isaiah Ares Kim

Prayer Requests

For The Sick & The Homebound

Luz Abcede, Nancy Asato, Stephanie Baron, Paula Carrington, Nancy Contrades, Bernard Ho, Margaret Robello, Ken Ryan, Patti & Wayne Silva, Mary Souza, Carrie Talwar, Richard Wong

† For The Deceased Of The Parish †

Steve Aki, Celine & Kenneth Asato, Vera Ashitomi, Ignacio Q. Babauta, Benito & Rosario Bautista, Rosalie G. Cadiz, Dr. Joseph & Priscilla Chang, Doreen & Francis Chia, Catherine Choo, Sam Chun, Stephen Fujii, Al Ibarra, Ron Kano, Betty Lowe, Martin Luke, James Solidum, Salvador Solidum, Vickie Solidum, Al Tagab, Nancy & Raymond Tom, Jack Wong, Shirley Wong, Clement Yee, Don Yee



Friday, September 2, 2022

8:00 AM

For the Repose of the Soul of:

†Al Ibarra

†Jimmy Solidum

Healing Prayers for:

Isaiah Ares Kim



Saturday, September 3, 2022

8:00 AM



*Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great,
Pope & Doctor of the Church*

For the Repose of the Soul of:

†Jimmy Solidum

Healing Prayers for:

Isaiah Ares Kim



Saturday, September 3, 2022

4:00 PM



For the Repose of the Soul of:

†Celine & Kenneth Asato

†Doreen & Francis Chia

†Al Ibarra

†Jimmy Solidum

†Al Tagab

Healing Prayers for:

Paula Carrington

Isaiah Ares Kim

Juanita Ruis

Ken Ryan

Patti & Wayne Silva