

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, January 7

The Epiphany of the Lord

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6p

Monday, January 8

The Baptism of the Lord

Tuesday, January 9

First Week in Ordinary Time

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 10

First Week in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, January 11

First Week in Ordinary Time

Friday, January 12

First Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 13

First Week in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Ss. Damien/Marianne Devotion Group at 12:30pm

Sunday, January 14

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6p

Religious Education Class at 8:00am

Most Beautiful Among Women

Start 2018 in the Goodness of God! Most Beautiful Among Women, a women's ministry for woman of all ages, presents a women's workshop "2018: The Year of God's Goodness, isn't it time you received it?" Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm in the Kamiano Center. There will be praise and worship, teaching from the Word, fellowship, a musical play, breakfast, lunch and snacks provided, gifts, prizes and surprises! Come meet new friends and receive fresh revelation about God's plan for your life! Find the details and register at www.hisgoodness2018.com

Adult Faith Formation

New Adult Faith Formation program available this January! Join us on Sunday, January 14 at 11:30am at the Kamiano Center. Bring a friend.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 13,704.39
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,363.99
Coffers	\$ 774.79
Holy Day Collection	\$ 17,042.30
Total	\$ 32,885.47



Respect Life Ministry

Come meet with the Respect Life Ministry as we watch the second talk in a series of eye-opening educational DVDs into the world of abortion. Come learn with us from Dr. Theresa Burke and husband Kevin Burke, and Fr. Frank Pavone. We will meet on Sunday, January 7, 2018, from 1:00-3:30 pm in the Kamiano Center. This gathering promises to be one of great interest and information. All are welcome. For more information please contact Lisa Shorba at 469-5479.

Cathedral Renewal Campaign

As the year comes to a close, we reflect on the great many supporters who have come together to make possible the upcoming renovations to the Cathedral's sanctuary. Over the past year, the Cathedral Renewal Campaign has raised an additional \$1,995,500 from the combined gifts of individuals, parishes, foundations, religious orders and local businesses. Mahalo nui loa for your generous support!

Funds collected in 2017 will directly support renovations to the Cathedral's sanctuary, which will begin in early 2018. Exciting upgrades to the sanctuary will take place behind a partition wall and will be unveiled in August 2018, the 175th anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral. Parishioners and visitors can look forward to a new extended sanctuary platform with new screens on either side, while the current scrim will be taken down. Bishops' Burial Chapels will be added on either side of the high altar, which will be cleaned and restored during this next phase.

Have you considered a year-end gift or a pledge to help restore and preserve our historic Hawaiian Cathedral?

To learn more about Cathedral Renewal Campaign and/or to make a contribution: Visit us online at: www.HonoluluCathedralRenewal.org Click on the "Learn" button, or select "Renewal Campaign" in the toolbar to view our 5 ½ minute campaign video.

We also offer a menu of individual naming opportunities, which may be obtained by contacting the campaign office:

Email: CRC@rcchawaii.org Phone: (808) 585-3329

January 7, 2018 – The Epiphany of the Lord

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Isaiah 60:1-6 | Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 | Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 | Matthew 2:1-12

The solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord has several themes. First, we have the wise men being guided through darkness by the light of the star. Second, we have the star as a sign that leads the wise men to Jesus. Third, we have the manifestation of God to Gentiles, not just Jews pointing to the reality that Jesus came for all people. Fourth, we have the mystery that God does reveal his very self in human flesh. Young children relate better to the themes of signs and being a signs of Jesus to others. It is important to keep repeating those themes throughout the year.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time"

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 | Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 | 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 | John 1:35-42

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

Even though many of the Christmas decorations are taken down right after January 1st, the Church invites us to continue the celebration of Christ's birth. Today, as we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, we affirm essential aspects of our belief in the presence of Christ in our world.

The word, "epiphany" means "a manifestation". This feast celebrates the reality that Christ has come so that God's love might be made known to all people in every generation. Even though Jesus was born centuries ago in a small town, this fact has been made known to people everywhere. The Magi represent the rest of the world that would come to know about Jesus Christ. Today we are reminded that we are called to continue to share this message of God's love with everyone. Although our relationship with God is intensely personal, we should not hide the fact that Christ is in our lives. We should not be ashamed of our faith or of living our values. Christ has come that God's love might be made known and we make it known by how we live.

The star that led the Magi to Christ reminds us that He is the light of the world. The light of God's love should be the guiding influence in our lives. Even though we experience the darkness of sin and struggle with disappointment and the challenges of life, God offers us the light of Christ to help us along our way.

The precious gifts offered by the Magi to Jesus remind us that we are to offer what is most precious in our lives to God. Sometimes we only give God the leftovers; if we happen to have some extra time or resources we share them. The challenge of real Christian living is to give "substantial" gifts; to give from the "substance" of who we are. What am I holding back from God?

As we begin 2018, let us begin again to make Christ known by how we live. On behalf of our entire Cathedral Basilica staff, I want to wish you a Happy New Year filled with the light of Christ. Thanks to all who helped to make our Christmas celebration so wonderful. Thank you for your generous monetary donations given during this Christmas season.

In Christ's love,

Very Rev. Msgr. Gary L. Secor, V.G.

Rector

Sharing Faith

- ◆ Why is light such a pervasive symbol in the Bible? How does it speak to you of the presence and work of God in your life?
- ◆ This solemnity celebrates Christ's manifestation to the world. How do you manifest the presence of Christ in your life?
- ◆ The Magi followed the light of a star to find the Light of the World. Who or what has lit the way for you, guided you toward Jesus, shown you the love and mercy of God, and helped you to see Christ in all people?

Living the Liturgy

- ◆ In some countries, gifts are exchanged today instead of on Christmas. Think of someone in need of "light" in their life and give them a gift of a small candle.
- ◆ The foreign kings needed humility to pay homage to a "king" who was so different from themselves. Find a book or article to read that espouses a position you would have trouble accepting. After reading it, list at least three things you learned and see differently than before.
- ◆ When you say grace, pray for peace and blessings for the people of each land, remembering that Jesus is the Shepherd of all.