

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, January 10

The Baptism of the Lord

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

Religious Education Class at 8:00am

Adult Bible Study at 10:30am

Monday, January 11

Tuesday, January 12

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 13

Sacrament of Reconciliation 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, January 14

Friday, January 15

Saturday, January 16

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

St. Damien Prayer group at 12:30pm

Bible Study at 3:30pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, January 17

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Religious Education Class at 8:00am

Adult Bible Study at 10:30am

March for Life

Everyone is invited to attend the 43rd Annual March & Rally for Life on Friday, January 22nd at the Hawaii State Capitol located at 415 S Beretania Street. The 2016 rally, theme, "Pro-Life + Woman Go Hand-in-Hand" (adapted from National March for Life) is a family-friendly event and expects to again draw as many believers who believe in the Sanctity and Value of the Human Person. For more information, please call Deacon Kin Borja at (808) 224-0696

Sign Up For Our Pilgrimage!

A Jubilee "Year of Mercy" Pilgrimage to The Holy Land in the Footstep of Jesus from April 11 – 22, 2016 Travel Arrangements via Delta Airlines. Please see Alike Cullen for more information or call Faith Journeys at 1-877-732-4845, Option 1 (Tell them you're from the Cathedral Basilica.)

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 12,597.87
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,686.08
Holy Day Collection	\$ 5,071.23
Coffers	\$ 918.08



Total \$ **20,273.26**

Cathedral Renewal Campaign

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

PTG Movie Day Was A BIG SUCCESS!

Mahalo for the CCA PTG for organizing a very successful STAR WARS MOVIE DAY! Mahalo for all the families and parishioners for joining us on this special day! God Bless!

BACK TO SCHOOL!

School Resumes Monday, January 11, 2016

January Family Calendar

Visit the link on your browser for the January 2016 Family Calendar: <http://teacherweb.com/HI/Cathedral/CatholicAcademy/Homepage/FAMILY-JANUARY-CALENDAR.pdf>

CCA in the National Light!

The School Improvement Network visited CCA last school year to film us in action and created a video of the hard work and progress that CCA has achieved! Please use this link on your browser to view video: <https://youtu.be/qN6FF3gs3yY>

January 10, 2016 – The Baptism of the Lord

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

*Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 | Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 | Acts 10:34-38 | Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 or
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 | Psalm 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 | Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 | Luke 3:15-16, 21-22*

Our Christmas season ends with this feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Then we move into Ordinary Time. The first reading today, from the prophet Isaiah, describes God's servant. This passage is a part of a section called the "suffering servant passages," which detail the mission for the servant as one of sacrifice and suffering. Jesus is shown as God's servant, who will be "a covenant to the people, a light to the nations" (Is 42:6). This servant will be filled with the Spirit of God and will walk peacefully in God's ways. He will open the eyes of the blind and bring freedom to "those who sit in darkness" (v 7). Although it is uncertain who the prophet had in mind, the church sees Jesus as the fulfillment of the suffering servant of God.

Jesus' baptism in the Jordan by John is regarded as the beginning of his public ministry. After insisting that John baptize him, God sent the Spirit on Jesus. From this point on, the Gospels report Jesus' work of spreading the good news, healing, and performing miracles as he opens people to a new understanding of God and the kingdom of God.

Our baptism is the beginning of our ministry. We are called by God and given gifts for our use in ministry. January is Vocation Awareness Month. Our vocation may be to marriage and family. Through sacramental marriage, we are given the grace to follow this vocation and share our gifts with the wider community in service.

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Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 62:1-5 | Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 | 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 | John 2:1-11

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

As a further manifestation and "epiphany" of the Lord, we celebrate today the Baptism of the Lord. This mysterious event is a further revelation that Jesus is Christ, the Son of God, with whom the Father is well pleased. But, it is also an important reminder of who we are, especially because we too have been baptized.

We are reminded that we are beloved sons and daughters. Jesus was acknowledged by the Father as his beloved Son. God wants all of us to know that we are beloved as well. This sense of being loved by God is essential to our well-being. Without it, we begin to feel that God does not care or that God is out to get us and only interested in divine retribution. The truth is that God loves us more than we can imagine.

We are reminded that God's love is meant to comfort us in our trials and be experience as a grace of mercy that is freely given. Isaiah speaks of that comfort. It is important to sense God's care and comfort especially when life is not very friendly or comforting. It is essential to know that God is merciful because we are imperfect and in constant need of forgiveness. God gives us that forgiveness without our needing to earn it; all we need to do is ask for and accept it.

We are reminded that this love, comfort, and mercy are given to us so that we can live good lives. With these gifts comes a responsibility. We are entrusted with these blessings so that we can be a blessing to others. We are reminded that we are beloved so that we can remind others that they are beloved. We are shown mercy so that we can show mercy to others as well.

These rich graces are given to us in Baptism. Let us pray that we will let the fire of the Holy Spirit ignite them so that they will empower us to be God's beloved sons and daughters.

In Christ's love,
Fr. Gary L. Secor, V.G.
Rector