

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, January 15

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
2nd Collection for Repairs & Maintenance
Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6p
Religious Education Classes at 8:00pm

Monday, January 16

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Offices Closed
Cathedral on Holiday schedule

Tuesday, January 17

Memorial of St. Anthony, abbot
No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 18 – *Weekday*
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am
Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, January 19 – *Weekday*
Infant Baptismal Class at 6:00pm

Friday, January 20 – *Weekday*

Saturday, January 21
Memorial of St. Agnes, virgin and martyr
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
St. Damien Devotional Group at 12:30pm

Sunday, January 22

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
**2nd Collection for Latin America and
Black & Indian Mission**
Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6p
Religious Education Classes at 8:00pm
Infant Baptism at 9:00am

Our Lady of Fatima

Join us for a 24-Hour Adoration of Our Lord and Centennial Tour for Peace Vigil of the Pilgrim Virgin of Our Lady of Fatima here at the Cathedral Basilica. Welcoming the statue at the 6:30am Mass on Friday, February 3rd and ending on Saturday, February 4th at the 7:00am Mass. For more information, please contact Easter Almuena at ealmuena@rcchawaii.org or at (808) 227-7309.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 11,454.09
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,944.56
Coffers	\$ 934.63
Holy Day Collection	\$ 2,890.00
Total	\$ 17,223.28



Cathedral Renewal Campaign

**The Cathedral Renewal Campaign Receives a
Generous Bequest Gift!**

Monsignor Gary L. Secor is pleased to announce the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace recently received a generous six-figure bequest gift from the estate of Rosita Francisco. Rosita Francisco was a dedicated parishioner of the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace for 35+ years who passed away on July 8, 2016 and left a generous portion of her estate to the Cathedral Basilica in her will.

Michael Francisco, nephew of deceased parishioner Rosita Francisco, traveled to Honolulu from his home in Charleston, SC to meet with Monsignor Gary Secor and hand-deliver the check from his aunt's estate on December 12, 2016. Ms. Francisco's bequest, in its entirety, will be directed to the Cathedral Renewal Campaign to help fund renovation and preservation of the church where she faithfully worshipped for so many years.

Monsignor Gary Secor is honored to receive this gift and welcomed the opportunity to meet personally with Michael Francisco along with family friends and Cathedral parishioners, Paul and Faith Kealoha, who were instrumental in arranging the meeting and were close friends of Rosita's.

Monsignor Secor is working with the family to select a donor recognition opportunity to memorialize and honor Rosita Francisco's generous gift.

Have you considered including the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace in your will?

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.

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

January 15, 2017 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 / Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 / 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 / John 1:29-34

We live in a society and culture that values quick results. When it comes to what is important to us – coming to know Jesus – we cannot expect quick results. Learning to know Jesus from the many ways he comes to us requires patient waiting that opens wide our eyes to new possibilities. Knowing Jesus is a lifelong process, and being baptized into him demands lifelong living. We all probably take two steps forward in our self-giving and then a few steps backward and can get mighty discouraged along the way. We don't always see Jesus in the person who annoys us or the mundane, everyday tasks that bore us. Yet his Holy Spirit is with us, teaching us how to sacrifice ourselves for the good of others. The Holy Spirit draws us to twin with him and "the Son of God" so that our holiness spills over into life for others. Living Jesus' mystery of sacrifice and glory is our gift of the new life of spring for the world. There is abundance for all.

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Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 8:23-9:3 / Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 / 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 / Matthew 4:12-23

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

In today's second reading, Paul reminds the Corinthians that they are called to be holy. All of us, especially because of our baptism, are called to be holy. Holiness is not something reserved for priests or those in monasteries or convents. But, what does it mean to be holy?

Holiness means being a light to others. Isaiah reminds us that we are to be "a light to the nations". We are to be unashamed of our relationship with God and the goodness that we are called to. Our world, with its many dark moments and places, needs Christians who radiate joy, love, and peace.

Holiness means pointing out the presence of God. John was unafraid to point out Jesus and to call him "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world". We need to be bold in our proclamation. In a world that offers so many other "saviors", we need to speak the truth that only Christ can save us. We also must point to the many signs of God's saving presence among us. Do we see Christ in our lives, in one another, in all of creation?

Holiness means wholeness. It means a life of serving God with all that we are. It is being a person of integrity; one in whom physicality and spirituality are united and working together. It is allowing the Spirit of God to form every aspect of who we are. If we are "heavenly minded" is a way that is no "earthly good" we are not being truly holy. If our relationship with God only affects what we do on Sunday in church or at other isolated moments during the week, we are not being truly holy.

All of us can be holy. By being a light for others and living a life of integrity, we point the way to Christ who is the only one that can save us. Let us not settle for less than who God has called us to be; holy people!

I encourage you to join in proclaiming respect for human life. On Friday, January 20th, beginning at 3pm, there will be a rally at the State Capitol. This annual March for Life is one important way that we can clearly witness to our belief in the holiness of all of human life, from conception to natural death.

In His love,
Msgr. Gary L. Secor, V.G.
Rector