

The Church's Calendar This Week

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

Monday, January 18

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Cathedral on Holiday schedule

Cathedral offices closed

Tuesday, January 19

Red Mass at 9:00am

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 20

Sacrament of Reconciliation 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, January 21

Memorial of St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Friday, January 22

Saturday, January 23

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 24

Third 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 this 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

Stewardship of Treasure

| | |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Sunday Collection | \$ 10,784.07 |
| Weekday Collection | \$ 1,690.83 |
| Holy Day Collection | \$ 205.00 |
| Coffers | \$ 738.88 |



Total \$ **13,418.78**

The Holy Land

Due to recent events near and around the birthplace of our Catholic faith, our pilgrimage which was scheduled for April 2016 has been postponed. Any monies paid to Faith Journeys will be refunded. We apologize for any inconveniences caused!

Please call the office (536-7036) and ask for Alika if you have any questions.

Mutual Loving

A Valentine's retreat for couples in 1-5 years of marriage February 13, 2016 at 9am - 5pm at St. Anthony Retreat Center Email: sarc3351@gmail.com or call at 845-4353. For more information, please call Easter Almuena at 227-7309



Cathedral Catholic Academy
1728 Nuuanu Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96817
Phone (808) 533-2069 FAX (808) 533-3040

Quality Catholic education year-round.

BACK TO SCHOOL!

CCA returned back to school this week. We look forward to a Happy and prosperous New Year!

Award Reward Day

2nd Quarter awardees celebrated an Award Reward Day on Friday, January 15th as follows: Perfect Uniform - Out of Uniform Day, Perfect Homework & Good Behavior - Treat at Lunch Recess and Principal's List - Pizza Party with Mr. Pa'ekukui at 11:15am.

Take a Selfie with your Teacher Contest!

In conjunction with Catholic School Week, February 1st - 5th, Hawaii Catholic Schools is launching a "Take A Selfie With Your Teacher" contest. Students must be currently attending a Catholic School to be eligible and could possibly win \$100 Visa gift cards one for the student, and one for the teacher! All students (grades PreK to 12) currently attending a Hawaii Catholic School are eligible to enter. Winners to be announced at the end of Catholic School's Week in February 6, 2016. See official terms & conditions on their website at: <http://catholicschoolshawaii.org/news/>

January 17, 2016 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this 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

"God is great, God is good, and we thank God for..." What are the things that cause us to thank God? We commonly thank God for our health, our home, blessings, friends, and love. The list is as varied as we are. However, we typically thank God for things we like. Reflect on how Jesus gave the best wine in his compassion for the young couple. For each thing for which you give thanks, find a way to make that things possible for someone in need.

This week think about thanking God for diversity, for people who are different from you, for variety and for challenges, for the good times and the difficult times, for those who cause us to think and for those with whom we disagree. Consider the great wisdom God employed in creating a world that is truly complete. In God's world everyone and everything has a place.

At times we may feel we do not belong to Christ's world. Our friends may betray or reject us. Our jobs may go sour. We may struggle in school. Perhaps we feel rejected because we are new to a neighborhood or joined a sports team or organization that does not seem to accept us. Do not despair! Sometimes we have to be patient while God designs our help. Even though there are times that our struggles feel unique, they are really not too much different from those experienced by our friends, neighbors, and even our ancestors. In community we can experience the nurturing warmth and support of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

CELEBRATING THE LECTIONARY © 2016 Resource Publications, Inc.

Next Sunday's Readings

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 | Psalm 19:8- 10, 15 | 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27 | Luke 1:1-14; 4:14-21

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

John's gospel today recounts the first of Jesus' miracles. As John tells us about this event, he means to indicate that this is one of the "signs" around which his gospel is structured. This means that the event is more than just a story about Christ being kind in a moment of human need or an indication that Jesus liked to be at parties or fun events. What is the deeper significance that we are meant to see?

First of all, the miracle occurs at a wedding. In the light of the first reading from Isaiah, we are being reminded of the spousal love that God has for us. This image of spousal love is often used in the Bible to describe God's love for us and what our love for God should be. It tells us that this love is everlasting, deeply felt, and should be mutually exchanged. All the blessings and burdens that characterize a life-giving marriage, by analogy, are part of a life-giving relationship with God.

Secondly, we see how Mary's faith and intercession helps us to experience the miracle of Christ's love. She is a perfect example of faith and perseverance as she doesn't allow Jesus' apparent rebuke to shake her belief in his ability to help. She told them and she tells us to: "Do whatever he tells you". We would do well to listen to her and to follow her example. We can also help one another to believe in Christ's power.

Finally, the changing of water into very excellent wine is a reminder of what God wants to do for each of us. If we will give to God what we have, even if it is imperfect and not enough, God will change it into something much better. This is the foundation of the optimism that is at the heart of Christianity; the best is yet to come!

At each Eucharist, we celebrate our wedding feast with the Lord. Jesus comes to us as one who loves us so much that he wants to be in communion with us forever. We affirm our love for him and one another. As the bread and wine is changed into Christ himself, we know that God can take what is ordinary and change it into something extraordinary and very excellent; his very self! If God can do that with water, bread, and wine, God can certainly do that with each of us. All we need to do is: "Do whatever he tells you".

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