

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, January 20

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection for Repairs & Maintenance

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

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

Monday, January 21

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Memorial of St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

Offices Closed – Cathedral on Holiday schedule

Infant Baptism Class at 6:00pm

Tuesday, January 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, January 23

Wednesday of the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, January 24

Memorial of St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday, January 25

Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

Saturday, January 26

Memorial of Ss. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, January 27

Third 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/6:00pm

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

Infant Baptism at 9:00am

Holy Land Pilgrimage

We still have room left. Fr. Marvin is leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from October 13-24, 2019. We will be partnering with a parish from WA, so very limited space is available. It is a great opportunity to journey in the land of Jesus. Please contact Fr. Marvin at (808) 536-7036.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,808.90
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,567.52
Coffers	\$ 1,068.94
Holy Day Collection	\$ 51.00
Total	\$ 11,496.36



Annual March for Life

The Annual March For Life at the Hawaii State Capitol is coming up & I hope you'll be able to join us. Tuesday, January 22nd from 2:00 – 8:00pm. Sign waving begins at 2:00pm. The March around the Capitol begins at 5:30pm. We'll end with prayer in the rotunda at 8:00pm. So come any time that works with your schedule!

Our Rachel's Vineyard team will have a display table with brochures, posters, and information for people interested in the healing retreats. Talks & activities will be happening throughout the day... They also have a KEIKI Poster Contest... see flyer attached with information for your kids...prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place will be awarded.

Come and show your love & support for all human life. For more information, email Lisa Shorba at lisashorba@gmail.com

Cathedral Senior Ministry

The Senior Ministry will hold an Appreciation Fellowship for Rosary Makers from 10:00 – 11:00am and a Fiesta Santo Nino Celebration from 11:00am – 2:00pm. All events will take place on Sunday, January 27th at the Kamiano Center. All Senior Parishioners are invited to attend this event. For more information, please call the office.

Cathedral Renewal Campaign

As always, Bishop Larry Silva and Msgr. Gary Secor extend their appreciation and aloha for your generous and prayerful support.

Please consider joining us with a generous gift or pledge today! To learn more and/or to make a contribution:

Call: 808-585-3357, or visit us online at www.HonoluluCathedralRenewal.org.

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January 20, 2019 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Isaiah 62:1-5 | Psalm 96:1a,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.

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Next Sunday's Readings: “Third Sunday in Ordinary Time”

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 | Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15 | 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 17 | Luke 1:1-4

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,

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

Rector