

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, January 21

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

Religious Education Class at 8:00am

Monday, January 22

### **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

Tuesday, January 23 – *Weekday*

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 24

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, January 25

### **Feast of the Conversation of St. Paul, Apostle**

Friday, January 26

### **Memorial of St. Timothy, Bishop Memorial of St. Titus, Bishop**

Saturday, January 27 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Sunday, January 28

### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

Religious Education Class at 8:00am

The Veritas Choir Concert at 1:00pm

## The Veritas Choir

You're welcome to attend Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> with an outstanding high school vocal ensemble from Veritas School. Based in Newberg, Oregon, conductor Sally Mehler and her thirty singers are noted for their diverse repertoire and performing excellence. Their acapella repertoire encompasses a range of music from chant to folksong, traditional to mildly avant-garde. They sing songs from all over the world, including songs in, so far, over 20 languages. An advocate of living composers, the Choir has commissioned and premiered several new choral works. Concert begins at 1:00pm.

## Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 9,849.27
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,886.81
Coffers	\$ 1,262.70
Holy Day Collection	\$ 235.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,233.78</b>



## Calling Young Adults!

Join Fr. Rheo Ofalsa at the Kamiano Ctr. after the 6:00pm Mass on Sunday, January 28. Call the office or email Deacon Joe at [ealmuena@rcc hawaii.org](mailto:ealmuena@rcc hawaii.org).

## Adult Faith Formation

Kristina DeNeve, Diocesan Adult Faith Formation Coordinator, is giving a presentation on Sunday, Feb 4th at 11:30 a.m. Join us and bring a friend. Email Deacon Joe and Easter [ealmuena@rcchawaii.org](mailto:ealmuena@rcchawaii.org).

## Cathedral Renewal Campaign

### **\$75,000 Grant Award Received!**

The Cathedral Renewal Campaign is excited to announce the receipt of a grant award of \$75,000 from the Atherton Family Foundation. The grant will be paid over three years, in annual instalments of \$25,000. These funds will help support renovations to the sanctuary, which are beginning this week. In August 2018, the renovated sanctuary will be unveiled for all to see the new Bishops' Burial Chapels, new extended sanctuary platform and removal of the scrim to show the high altar, among other details.

The Atherton Family Foundation is one of the largest endowed grantmaking institutions in the state of Hawaii devoted exclusively to the support of charitable activities. The Foundation prioritizes the establishment and maintenance of institutions and services that benefit the public, such as religious, charitable, educational, benevolent, scientific, health and social services.

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](http://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](mailto:CRC@rcchawaii.org) Phone: (808) 585-3329**

# January 21, 2018 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

*Jonah 3:1-5, 10 | Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 | 1 Corinthians 7:20-31 | Mark 1:14-20*

In life, it may seem that it doesn't always turn out that others listen and change their evil ways when confronted with the truth, or that people give up their families and livelihoods to follow God. We must be reading the Bible, because such things only happen there. Or do they? Each day men and women give up smoking, drinking, and drugs. Each day, unfaithful spouses repent and start again. And every day some generous souls join the Peace Corps, embrace religious life, or slip a ring onto another's finger because they heard a voice that said, "Come after me."

It's an insistent voice that voice we hear, and in today's readings, it is full of urgency. The time is short, it says. Respond now, before it's too late. The God who calls is full of forgiveness and of mercy, but we must reach out to take it. We must be willing to be changed, willing to give up what we enjoy and value, willing to repent of the ways of selfishness and pride. Remarkably, in the First Reading, it's God who repents "of the evil that he had threatened to do" (Jonah 3:10). Now it's our turn, for the world as we know it, whether we are aware of it or not, is passing away.

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### **Next Sunday's Readings: "4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time"**

*Deuteronomy 18:15-20 | Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 | 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 | Mark 1:21-28*

## From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

In today's gospel Jesus calls his first followers to be "fishers" of men and women. All of us are called to bring one another to Christ. As we relate to our spouses, friends, parents, children, co-workers, etc. we should be concerned about their spiritual and well as their physical well-being. And this concern needs to be actively demonstrated since "the fish are not going to just jump into the boat". Today's scriptures give us some clear indications about how we can go about responding to this responsibility.

First of all, we must get our own house in order before we worry about helping someone else. Today's readings clearly remind us of the need for personal repentance. It is impossible to clearly see the needs of others and to respond authentically if we are not seeing what need to change in our own lives. This repentance should involve a fearless moral self-inventory followed by an executed plan of action to change those behaviors and attitudes that are not leading us to Christ.

Secondly, we need to realize that this needs to be a communal effort. The fishermen that Jesus called fished together. Parents need to work together to lead their children to God. Friends need the help of other friends in order to invite their friends to Christ. Those who profess faith in Christ must demonstrate unity and love. The quickest way to dissuade people from following Christ is for those who claim to be following him to be divided. This is why, over and over again, Jesus emphasizes the importance of unity in the Body of Christ.

Finally, we must do all of this with patience and perseverance. Anyone who fishes knows that there are many times when you do not catch fish. The best way to catch nothing is to stop trying. It is not easy to help others come to know Jesus. To paraphrase St. Mother Teresa, we must remember that "God does not call us to be successful, God calls to be faithful". What counts for something in our relationships with God and one another is fidelity; the willingness to continue to "be there" for one another.

In today's gospel, it is clear that, without hesitation, these first followers joined Christ. What is keeping us from saying yes to God now? What is stopping us from leading one another to Christ?

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and generous support and we enter this next phase of the Cathedral Restoration.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector