

The Church's Calendar This Week

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

Monday, January 23

Memorial of St. Marianne Cope, OSF
Mass at 6:00pm

Tuesday, January 24

Memorial of St. Francis de Sales, bishop
doctor of the Church

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 25

Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, January 26

Memorial of Sts Timothy & Titus, bishops

Friday, January 27 – *Weekday*

Saturday, January 28

Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, priest and
doctor of the Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

St. Marianne Devotional Group at 12:30pm

Sunday, January 29

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Religious Education Classes at 8:00pm

Movie Night

Join us at the Kamiano Center Saturday, January 28th at 6:00pm. The movie is based on the novel by Franz Werfel, "The Song of Bernadette" is a venerative and sympathetic account of the life of St. Bernadette Soubirous. Everyone is invited to attend.

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 almuena@rcchawaii.org.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 11,955.26
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,664.62
Coffers	\$ 594.71
Holy Day Collection	\$ 15.00
Total	\$ 14,229.59



Cathedral Renewal Campaign

Accomplishments of 2016 and a look ahead

The New Year is off to a running start and we are able to look back at 2016 with gratitude and a sense of accomplishment. The renewal of the Cathedral Basilica continues to progress. Phase 2 began in 2016 with renovations to the bell tower, the culmination of which we celebrated with a lighting ceremony on December 21. We are blessed to be achieving this milestone and owe our thanks to the many contributors whose ongoing support has brought us this far. Mahalo nui loa!

The Renewal Campaign to support this project has also met with success and has picked up momentum over the past year, expanding our reach across the state of Hawaii, the U.S. mainland and internationally. Since our campaign resumed in earnest more than a year ago, we have raised an additional \$1,575,660 from 434 generous individuals, families, parishes, clergy, deacons and religious orders. This amount ensures our ability to continue Phase 2 work slated for 2017-18, including renovations to the sanctuary of the Cathedral Basilica.

In 2017, workers will begin developing out the sanctuary platform, which is being expanded to accommodate large celebrations and to restore the sanctuary's original footprint from the 1800s. Additionally, to restore the sanctuary to its own nineteenth-century design, the scrim (screen) will be removed to provide unobstructed views of the High Altar. Additional Phase 2 work includes: installation of Bishops' Burial Chapels on either side of the sanctuary as well as work in the sacristies and basement.

Please join in supporting the Cathedral Renewal Campaign with a sacrificial gift or pledge today!

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.

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January 22, 2017 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

We shrink from the darkness and dreariness; we don't like it. We prefer light. Yet seeing the Light who is Jesus is actually much easier than following the Light! John's faithfulness in preaching Jesus as the Messiah led him to prison and death. Jesus' preaching about God's kingdom at hand led him to the cross and death. If we follow the Light, we know what awaits us: dying to self. Yet dying is the only way we ourselves can become the light that shines for others. Following the Light takes us where we rather not go. But it is only this Light that brings us everlasting Life. This is why we choose to follow. This is why we choose to be the light. Jesus' call to us and our response to accept being the light is now, this time, our time.

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Next Sunday's Readings

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 | Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-19 | 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 | Matthew 5:1-12a

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 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?

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