

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, January 24

### **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Church in Latin America & Black and Indian Missions**

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 25

#### **Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle**

Infant Baptismal Class at 6:00pm

Tuesday, January 26

#### **Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops**

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, January 27

Sacrament of Reconciliation 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, January 28

#### **Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

Friday, January 29

Saturday, January 30

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 31

### **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

Religious Education Class at 8:00am

Infant Baptism at 9:00am

Adult Bible Study at 10:30am

## Second Collection

The Collection for the Church in Latin America supports pastoral programs as awarded by the Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. The National Collection for Black and Indian people continues as the embodiment of the Church's concern for evangelizing the Black and Indian peoples of the United States. Both projects include the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis. Please be generous and mahalo for your support.

## Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 9,538.96
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,517.55
Holy Day Collection	\$ 116.00
Coffers	\$ 578.29



**Total** \$ **11,750.77**

## 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](mailto:sarc3351@gmail.com) or call at 845-4353. For more information, please call Easter Almueña at 227-7309



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### **Parent Meeting!**

CCA Families attended a PARENT INFORMATION MEETING with the Very Reverend Gary Secor, Vicar General and Rector of the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20TH at 6 p.m. in the SCHOOL HALL to discuss the future of Cathedral Catholic Academy.

### **January Calendar Now Available Online**

<http://teacherweb.com/HI/CathedralCatholicAcademy/HomePage/FAMILY-JANUARY-CALENDAR.pdf>

### **Take a Selfie with your Teacher Contest!**

In conjunction with Catholic School Week, February 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 24, 2016 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Exegesis on this 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*

Have you ever experienced a minor or major identity crisis? Did you begin to wonder just who you are, what your purpose might be, and how you fit into life's big picture? Such feelings are not uncommon at various points throughout life. As our bodies slow down, we wonder how to keep up in a fast-paced society. Teenagers can feel lost in that middle ground between childhood and adulthood. Young adults wonder what place they need to assume in the "real" world. Single or widowed folks often feel left out when social activities cater to couples. Youngsters moving to a new neighborhood are unsure of how to fit in.

God wants us to remember that we are all part of one family. We have a place. We fit. We are needed and valued as children of God.

In his First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul compares God's family to a body that relies on all of its parts to function properly, even when those parts do not feel much like being part of the body. We need one another, we depend on one another, and we look to one another for support and encouragement. We were not created in isolation, and it is not God's plan that we live in isolation. It is important that we understand our individual identities and also how we fit in the family of God.

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### **Next Sunday's Readings**

*Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 | Psalm 71:1-6, 15-17 | 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13 | Luke 4:21-30*

## From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

Have you ever lost the directions for the assembly of an item or for a place that you are travelling to? Without proper instructions, we can end up ruining what we are putting together or we may become lost on our way. The people of Israel, as described in the reading from the Book of Nehemiah, had lost the book of the law. Their tears of joy and sadness, upon hearing the law once again, are evidence that not having those directions had resulted in much heartache; they had lost their way.

Jesus Christ has come to give us the directions for abundant life, now and forever. Those directions are found in today's gospel as Christ proclaims the direction that his life and ministry would take. He proclaims that his anointing is to bring glad tidings, liberty, recovery of sight, and freedom from oppression. We are reminded that all of us, by virtue of our baptism, have been anointed to do the same things. In this way, the scriptures will be fulfilled in our hearing and doing of God's word.

If we lead this sort of life, we will experience the unity in diversity that St. Paul's speaks of in the second reading. Oneness in the body of Christ occurs when we, first of all, respect the differences of each person. Each person has something to contribute. Respecting differences doesn't mean that we agree always or condone every behavior or attitude. It does mean that we see that each person is a child of God with infinite worth and is worthy of our love. Oneness in the body of Christ occurs when we make it a priority to work together, even though we are different. We must recognize that we need each other in order to be healthy members of Christ's body. We should be concerned for all the members of the body, especially those that are suffering.

If we live a life of unity, we will experience the things that Jesus says in the gospel that he came to proclaim. His words will be fulfilled in our hearing as we fulfill the challenge of our calling. His words were spoken many centuries ago. We have a chance to proclaim them by how we live today.

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