

The Church's Calendar This Week

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

Monday, January 28

**Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and
Doctor of the Church**

Tuesday, January 29

Tuesday of the 3rd Week in Ordinary Time

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, January 30

Wednesday of the 3rd Week in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, January 31

Memorial of St. John Bosco, Priest

Friday, February 1

Friday of the 3rd Week in Ordinary Time

Adoration/Benediction at 10:00am

Saturday, February 2

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Mass and Holy Hour at 12:00 Noon

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

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, February 3

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

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 collaborating 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 \$ 8,649.06

Weekday Collection \$ 1,631.88

Coffers \$ 479.30

Holy Day Collection \$ 226.00

Total \$ 11,004.24



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.

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.

Augustine Educational Fund

On February 10th, please give the gift of education, and make a difference in a student's life. Your gift to our Second Collection goes directly to support tuition scholarships in your parish and/or vicariate for the 2019 - 2020 School Year. For more information, please call 203-6748 or visit www.augustinefoundation.org

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.

Click on the "Learn" button, or select "Renewal Campaign" in the toolbar to view our 5 ½ minute campaign video.

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Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

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: "Third Sunday in Ordinary Time"

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 | Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 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,

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

Rector