

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, January 28

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**2nd Collection for Latin America and
Black & Indian Mission**

Religious Education Class at 8:00am

The Veritas Choir Concert at 1:00pm

Monday, January 29

Tuesday, January 30 – *Weekday*

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, January 31 – *Weekday*

Memorial of St. John Bosco, Priest

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, February 1 – *Weekday*

Friday, February 2 – *First Friday*

**Feast of the Presentation
of the Lord**

Blessing of Candles

Adoration/Benediction at 10:00am

Saturday, February 3 – *First Saturday*

Memorial of St. Blaise – Blessing of Throats

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Mass and Holy Hour at 12:00n

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

Sunday, February 4

5th 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

You're welcome to attend today, January 28th 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

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| Sunday Collection | \$ 10,228.22 |
| Weekday Collection | \$ 3,281.30 |
| Coffers | \$ 654.21 |
| Holy Day Collection | \$ 1,749.00 |
| Total | \$ 15,912.73 |



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@rcchawaii.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.

Cathedral Renewal Campaign

The Elephant in the Room

Renovations to the Cathedral sanctuary began last week with installation of a construction partition wall. Although the usable interior space has been shortened, daily and weekend masses will continue to be held as scheduled in the abbreviated space.

The partition wall currently extends along the side wall and blocks public access to the Mauka entrance. This is a temporary arrangement, necessary for workers to bring in their machines for the construction of the Bishops' Crypts, Bishops' Burial Chapels and the new sanctuary platform. Once the machine work is done, in two- to three- months, the construction barricade will be reduced and access to the Mauka entrance will be restored.

The remainder of the partition wall will come down in July, upon completion of renovations to the sanctuary.

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 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 Phone: (808) 585-3329

January 28, 2018 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

Jesus amazes the people with his “authority.” His message differs from that of the scribes because he not only backs it up with signs (casting out demons), but its truth penetrates and quickens people’s hearts. God had promised Moses to send a prophet and to “put my words into his mouth” (Deuteronomy 18:18). Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of that promise and the people sense it. This man can’t be ignored, they realize. Because God’s prophet does his bidding and speaks his word, God expects us to listen to him. In fact, God warns, we’ll have to answer for ignoring any words the prophet speaks in his name (Deuteronomy 18:19). Moses reminds the people they wanted an intermediary, someone less intimidating than the awesome God who spoke to them in fire and thunder at Sinai. The irony is that God’s ultimate intermediary is his own divine Son. Today’s crowd understands the need to listen to him. And Paul does, too — that’s why he endorses an “undivided” life. Paul isn’t denigrating marriage, but emphasizing the need to be attentive to God’s Word as spoken in Jesus. Anything that distracts us from that should be eliminated. Single people know it’s no easier for them to hear and obey the Lord than married people. They, too, must eliminate distractions from their lives. It takes an open heart to recognize “a new teaching with authority” (Mark 1:27), and a generous heart to make room for it.

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Next Sunday's Readings: “5th Sunday in Ordinary Time”

Job 7:1-4, 6-7 | Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 | 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 | Mark 1:29-39

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

Today’s Scriptures speak about authority and how it ought to be exercised. All of us are in positions of authority of one kind or another. As parents, grandparents, adults, leaders in school, civic organizations, business, or church we all have opportunities to exercise leadership. So, today’s readings provide important lessons for us.

We are taught that real authority is exercised when words translate into deeds. People were impressed with Jesus because he not only talked about God, but performed signs and wonders that made God real to others. His teaching was not just a theoretical exposition of what might be possible; through the power of God he turned possibility into reality. The challenge for all of us is to “walk the talk”; to follow through on our words with deeds that reflect the guidance that we are providing.

We learn that authentic authority should always be at the service of love. Moses points out that it was out of compassion that God provided a prophet for the people. Jesus casts out demons as a loving response to a real human need. The challenge for all of us is not to “lord it over” others, but be willing to love them. The power that we exercise should be used in the name of loving service; “the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve”.

We discover that the true authority comes when the one in charge knows who is in charge of him/her. Moses reminds us that prophets must speak in the name of the one who sent them. Even the evil spirit in the Gospel recognizes that Jesus has been sent by God and is God’s Holy One; His authority comes from that relationship with the Father and the Holy Spirit. The challenge for all us is to be willing to be under the authority of others as we exercise authority. As we lead, we must be led.

The second reading is not really related to the first reading or the Gospel. It is important to understand that, taken in the light of all that Paul and the rest of Scripture say about the positive value of marriage, he is not saying that marriage is a lesser vocation or in any way wrong. Paul is emphasizing the importance of placing God first in our lives, whatever we choose to do. Maybe this does relate to the other readings in the sense that it means acknowledging the authority that God should have over all that we are.

In Christ’s love,

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

Rector