

The Church's Calendar This Week

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

Monday, February 1

Tuesday, February 2

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, February 3

Sacrament of Reconciliation 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, February 4

Friday, February 5

Memorial of St. Agatha, virgin, martyr

Saturday, February 6

Memorial of St. Paul Miki & Companions

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

St. Damien Prayer group at 12:30pm

Bible Study at 3:30pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, February 7

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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 or call at 845-4353. For more information, please call Easter Almueña at 227-7309

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,854.43
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,761.63
Holy Day Collection	\$ 45.00
Coffers	\$ 431.93



Total \$ **11,092.99**

Cathedral Catholic Academy News

Mahalo for your Prayers

Thank you for your prayers and kind thoughts with regard to our school closing announcement. We humbly ask for your continued prayers as we complete the last few months of school. A celebration of 80 years of quality, Catholic education will be announced shortly.

Admission Fair

CCA hosted an ADMISSIONS FAIR organized by the Hawaii Catholic Schools department. Representatives of various Hawaii Catholic Schools met with families to assist with the admissions process for the 2016-2017 school years. The fair was a result of the discussions with parents at the PARENT INFORMATION MEETING last week.

100th Day of School

CCA celebrated our 100th day of school on Thursday, January 28th with a visit from alumni and comedian Frank Delima! The school then culminated the celebration of the Makahiki Season with a special learning activity that included food and festivities!

Catholic School Week

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated nationwide from February 1st – 5th. Please join us Wednesday, February 3rd at 8:30 a.m. in the School Hall for Mass. Students will be celebrating throughout the week with all sorts of fun activities and celebrations! The week will conclude with the Annual Conference for Catholic Educators which is a NO SCHOOL DAY for students. CCA is proud to have nearly all of our teachers giving presentations on how teaching and learning can be experienced in a 21st Century classroom! BRAVO!

Take a Selfie with your Teacher Contest!

In conjunction with Catholic School Week, February 1st – 5th, 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 on February 6, 2016. See official terms & conditions on their website at: <http://catholicschoolshawaii.org/news/>

January 31, 2016 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this 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

Prophets like Jeremiah were not only preachers of God's word, they were also living examples of it. Their every word and action pointed to the Lord and the salvation he offered to his people. With his warning cry, the prophet Jeremiah reminded God's people when they missed the mark and needed to repent.

Paul, too, reminds God's people at Corinth how they are to act if they are to be true witnesses to his love. Not noisy gongs or clanging cymbals, but rather actions such as patience, kindness, and faithfulness are the signs of a Christian community. If Christians exercise this kind of love, then they act as true followers of Christ Jesus. Christians both announce and do what God commands.

Yet today's Gospel reading is clear about what might happen when we announce the Good News of God's reign. As both the Old Testament prophets and Jesus found out, not all welcome the message of God. Prophets are often driven out of town. We, too, have a choice to listen to Jesus' words or turn away from him.

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Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 | Psalm 138:1-2,2-3, 4-5, 7-8 | 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11 | Luke 5:1-11

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

Last Sunday, we heard in the gospel Jesus speak a consoling word; liberty to captives, good news to the poor, recovery of sight for those who are blind. As today's gospel indicates, this encouraging word was, at first, well received by the synagogue assembly. But, as they ask how "Joseph's son" could have spoken so eloquently, they betray their doubts about Jesus and their unwillingness to really follow him. As Jesus continues with a word that challenges them, they show their "true colors". They are ready to kill him.

Today's gospel challenges us to accept the prophetic words that Christ and the Church speak to us. It is not easy to hear the truth, especially when it calls into question our behaviors and attitudes. It is difficult, especially in a society, that often accepts behaviors and attitudes that are contrary to what Christ teaches. What is our response to Christ and to those who speak prophetically? Will we accept Christ only if he says what we want to hear? Will we accept him even when he says what we don't want to hear but need to hear?

The first reading challenges us to be prophetic. It is not easy to speak the truth, especially when we are opposed. It is especially difficult in a society that, in the name of tolerance, looks down on those who speak against behaviors and attitudes contrary to what Christ teaches. It is difficult to be honest with family and friends who may be misguided in their beliefs. What is our response to the call to be prophetic?

The key to accepting the prophetic word and speaking it is found in the second reading. It is love, after the description that Paul gives us and that Jesus proclaimed. To accept the challenge of the gospel, we must know that God loves us and his correction and teaching is done out of love. To challenge one another effectively, we must do it in love. This is because it is not only the truth that is important. How it is served up is significant. If it is served up in love it has the power to transform us and others.

This week is Catholic Schools Week. As I mentioned in my letter last week, we will need to close our school, Cathedral Catholic Academy, at the end of this school year. Please join me in giving thanks for 80 years of Catholic education at our school and let us pray for our parents, teachers, and staff as they prepare for this transition

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