

The Church's Calendar This Week

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

Monday, February 5

Memorial of St. Agatha, virgin and martyr

Tuesday, February 6

Memorial of St. Paul Miki & Companions, martyrs

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, February 7 – *Weekday*

Memorial of St. John Bosco, Priest
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am
Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, February 8 – *Weekday*

Friday, February 9 – *Weekday*

Saturday, February 10

Memorial of St. Scholastica, virgin
Altar Training Session at 9:00am
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
Ss. Damien/Marianne Devotion Group at 12:30pm

Sunday, February 11

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

2nd Collection for Augustine Educational Foundation

Religious Education Class at 8:00am

Augustine Educational Foundation

There are over 9,000 students in 39 Hawaii Catholic Schools. Become a partner in Catholic education, support the Augustine Educational Foundation on February 10th and 11th and help reach the goal of raising \$110,000 for tuition scholarships. This year's theme is, "He counts the stars and call them all by name", Psalm 147:4.

Support the AEF's Each Student is a Star - Give the Gift of Education Campaign by making a gift!

MAHALO for helping the Foundation reach its goal of raising \$110,000!

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,174.22
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,989.49
Coffers	\$ 630.38
Holy Day Collection	\$ 38.00
Total	\$ 9,832.73



Acolyte Training Sessions

Mr. Jonathan Farinas, will be conducting two Altar Server Training Sessions for current Acolytes – one on Saturday, February 10th and the other on February 17th both beginning at 9:00am.

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

February 4, 2018 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

His words are dismal, but Job never really despairs. Read the whole book and you see that, despite undergoing trials, our hero perseveres, trusting God, knowing he can't question God's ways. Many commentators on today's readings focus on Paul. It is tempting, because his call to be all to all is attractive and easier to dissect than Job's solemn dirge. But there's a reason why the First Reading is paired with the Gospel. Despair gets us in its clutches when we lose hope, and hope is lost when we forget who we are. Circumstances change: we're up one day and down the next. What helps us survive is remembering who we are when we fall. When we remember, despite the circumstances, that we are children of God — unique, beloved, and irreplaceable — we can survive.

Jesus' mission in the Gospel reminds us of our identity. Yes, he heals, but even he can't cure all the sick of Galilee. Jesus is really less about healing the infirm and more about proclaiming the Kingdom that offers us our identity as sons and daughters of God. That's why Jesus came, not to remove all troubles, but to remind us that God's love can and will sustain us through the vicissitudes of life.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "6th Sunday in Ordinary Time"

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 | Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11 | 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 | Mark 1:29-39

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

Jesus is concerned with the physical and material needs of people. That is why in the Gospels we see Him on so many occasions healing people of real bodily hurts. We also witness the miracles that responded to the need for food; He miraculously fed thousands. As St. Paul did, He "became all things to all". But, as St. Paul reminds us, He did this to "save at least some" and "for the sake of the gospel". In other words, while Jesus was concerned out of love for the human needs of others, He was more concerned for their spiritual welfare. This may be why, when more and more came to Him seeking the relief of their maladies, he went off to pray and then went on to the next village. He knew that the focus on physical healing would lead many to miss their need for a more important spiritual healing.

Job is certainly in need of relief from his bodily afflictions. But, the more significant affliction is the temptation to spiritual despair that he is obviously struggling with. Job comes through it all with a deeper understanding and faith in God. In the end, he is bodily and spiritually blessed.

It is certainly good to pray to be delivered from what burdens our bodily lives. But we also need the healing of our hearts and minds. The great temptation is to despair; to allow the burdens of our bodies and balance sheets to bruise and damage our souls. The challenge is create from the crucible of suffering a new and stronger faith. May God give us all the grace to do this.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector

Sharing Faith

◆ Jesus often went off alone to a deserted place. Why do you think he had this need for solitude? Do you need it in your life? Do you make time for it?

◆ There is a deep restlessness in Job. When have you experienced restlessness in your life? How has restlessness motivated you?

Living the Liturgy

◆ You probably know someone who has lost hope and is in the grip of despair. Try to reach out to that person by reminding them of who they are, emphasizing their uniqueness and irreplaceability.

◆ Count the number of times someone does something for you and the number of times you do something for others in the next three days. Which number is higher?