

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, February 5

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

Monday, February 6

**Memorial of St. Paul Miki and
Companions, martyrs**

Tuesday, February 7 – *Weekday*

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, February 8 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, February 9 – *Weekday*

Friday, February 10

Memorial of St. Scholastica, Virgin

Saturday, February 11 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

St. Marianne Devotional Group at 12:30pm

Sunday, February 12

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**2nd Collection for Augustine
Educational Foundation**

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

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

Augustine Educational Foundation

Our Catholic schools provide a quality education to students from all ethnic, religious and financial backgrounds. The Augustine Educational Foundation provides tuition scholarships to students with a financial need in our schools. Please help the weekend of February 11 & 12 and make a difference in a student's life – your gift goes directly to support tuition scholarships for our parishioners and vicariate.

Fishers of Men

The Fishers of MEN Catholic Fellowship Hawaii invite all men to attend their Quarterly Breakfast on Saturday, February 25, at the Kamiano Center featuring a keynote presentation by Fr. Daren Zehnle, KHS. For more information, please contact Ronald Gochenouer at gochron@gmail.com.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection \$ 8,579.17

Weekday Collection \$ 1,626.56

Coffers \$ 377.16

Holy Day Collection \$ 20.00

Total \$ 10,602.89



Cathedral Renewal Campaign

Accomplishments of 2016 and a look ahead

The New Year is off to a running start and we are able to look back at 2016 with gratitude and a sense of accomplishment. The renewal of the Cathedral Basilica continues to progress. Phase 2 began in 2016 with renovations to the bell tower, the culmination of which we celebrated with a lighting ceremony on December 21. We are blessed to be achieving this milestone and owe our thanks to the many contributors whose ongoing support has brought us this far. Mahalo nui loa!

The Renewal Campaign to support this project has also met with success and has picked up momentum over the past year, expanding our reach across the state of Hawaii, the U.S. mainland and internationally. Since our campaign resumed in earnest more than a year ago, we have raised an additional \$1,575,660 from 434 generous individuals, families, parishes, clergy, deacons and religious orders. This amount ensures our ability to continue Phase 2 work slated for 2017-18, including renovations to the sanctuary of the Cathedral Basilica.

In 2017, workers will begin developing out the sanctuary platform, which is being expanded to accommodate large celebrations and to restore the sanctuary's original footprint from the 1800s. Additionally, to restore the sanctuary to its own nineteenth-century design, the scrim (screen) will be removed to provide unobstructed views of the High Altar. Additional Phase 2 work includes: installation of Bishops' Burial Chapels on either side of the sanctuary as well as work in the sacristies and basement.

Please join in supporting the Cathedral Renewal Campaign with a sacrificial gift or pledge today!

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.

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February 5, 2017 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Isaiah 58:7-10 | Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 | 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 | Matthew 5:13-16

If salt loses its strength and taste, it is worthless. If a light is hidden, it gives no direction or help. If disciples do not follow Jesus, proclaim his message, or do good deeds, they give no glory to God and no longer act as followers. Without action, they give no witness to the grace and salvation of God.

The passage from Isaiah gives a clear message about those who practice faithfulness to God's covenant. They feed and shelter others. They do not turn their backs on those who are naked, afflicted, or in need. When believers act this way, their light breaks forth like the dawn of a new day. This dawning dispels darkness and sin and gives glory to God.

Jesus proclaimed a reign of God where justice and righteousness would come. As a faithful Jew, he would have known this image from Isaiah. His followers would have understood it when he told them they were the light of the world. Their call was to dispel darkness by caring for the least and powerless, just as Jesus did.

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Next Sunday's Readings

Sirach 15:15-20 | Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 | 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 | Matthew 5:17-37

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

As Jesus continues the Sermon on the Mount in today's gospel, he uses salt and light as metaphors for who we are called to be.

Jesus calls us to be the salt of the earth. Salt, especially in Jesus' day, was used to preserve food, to keep it from spoiling. The Lord reminds us that we should preserve all that is good and given to us by God, especially the values and teachings of Christ's message. Salt also is used to enhance food and to make it tasty and even exciting. Christ in our lives is meant to enhance who we are and to bring excitement and joy into our lives and into the lives of others. If our life in Christ is dull and boring then it is not really life in Christ.

Jesus calls us to be the light of the world. We should not be hiding our relationship with God, but should be willing to let it shine forth in our actions and words. When we do this, we cast out the darkness of sin and help one another to find the way to God. While light is nothing in itself, it reveals the beauty and goodness of what it shines on. We are called to humbly let others shine and to reveal God's goodness. We also, by being lovingly honest by exposing what is dark to the light of truth.

The other readings today further explain what it means to be salt and light. Isaiah exhorts us to reach out to those in need and to remove oppression, false accusation, and malicious speech. He promises that those who do so will experience the glory of God and the answer to our prayers. Paul indicates that knowing Christ and the meaning of his cross in our lives brings Spirit and the power of God. Even though we are weak and fearful, when we embrace legitimate pain we gain a renewed faith that rests on the solid ground of God.

I want to offer special thanks to all who shared their congratulations on the occasion of my Investiture as Monsignor. I am especially grateful to Pope Francis and Bishop Larry for their nomination and bestowal of this honor. It is a great joy to be a priest in the service of God and all of you!

In Christ's love,
Very Rev. Msgr. Gary L. Secor, V.G.
Rector