

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, February 11

### **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Augustine**

**Educational Foundation**

Religious Education Class at 8:00am

**World Day Prayer for the Sick Mass at 12:00n**

Monday, February 12 – *Weekday*

Tuesday, February 13 – *Weekday*

*Shrove Tuesday - Mardi Gras*

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 14

### **Ash Wednesday**

*Day of Fast & Abstinence*

**Masses at 6:30am, 12:00 noon & 6:00pm**

***Imposition of Ashes at Masses only***

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, February 15

*Thursday after Ash Wednesday*

Friday, February 16

*Friday after Ash Wednesday*

*Day of Abstinence*

**Stations of the Cross at 10:00am & 5:00pm**

Saturday, February 17

Altar Training Session at 9:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Sunday, February 18

### **First Sunday of Lent**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Repair and Maintenance**

Religious Education Class at 8:00am

RCIA Rite of Sending at 9:00am

## Augustine Educational Foundation

Our Catholic schools provide a quality education to students from all ethnic, religious and financial background. The Augustine Educational Foundation provides tuition scholarships to students with a financial need in our schools. Please take a moment today and help make a difference.

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

## Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 9,279.24
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,873.81
Coffers	\$ 553.21
Holy Day Collection	\$ 267.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,973.26</b>



## Acolyte Training Sessions

Mr. Jonathan Farinas, will be conducting an Altar Server Training Sessions for current Acolytes on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00am.

## Most Beautiful Among Women

Calling all women to come join us on Sunday, February 18, 2018, in the Kamiano Center from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm for fellowship, prayer, praise and worship, lunch, a teaching, as well as sharing insights from the Word of God, testimonies, and a joyful day together in the Lord! Feel free to bring your children. Come meet new friends!

## Cathedral Renewal Campaign

### What's Going On Outside?

You may have noticed the closure of the Makai entrance and the construction taking place on the south side of the church. The Cathedral is updating their electrical system and will consolidate electrical service at the rear of the church. Workers are trenching along the Makai side to run electrical conduit (and other utilities) in order to eliminate the electrical panels at the front of the building.

The coconut trees, which were near the end of their life, were removed to make room for the trench and for the planned landscape design.

During this process, the Makai entrance will remain blocked to prevent parishioners and visitors from injury caused by the construction. We apologize for any inconvenience and ask for your patience during this time. Mahalo!

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](http://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](mailto:CRC@rcchawaii.org) Phone: (808) 585-3329**

## February 11, 2018 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

Today's readings pose tremendous challenges for people of faith. In the First Reading, the Lord tells Moses to inform the whole Israelite community they are to be holy as God is holy. We might imagine making such an announcement in our town or parish church. Would our listeners believe such a message from God? The commandments that follow the Lord's announcement to the Israelites reveal how God's holy people are to act.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples concrete ways they are to act in the world, including the command to love their enemies and pray for those who persecute them. These are very specific instructions that, if followed by the disciples, will reflect the love and holiness God offers to his people. By offering such witness, Jesus' followers will not only reflect God's light in the world, they will sing praise as heard in the psalm for the goodness of God already given to us.

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#### **Next Sunday's Readings: "First Sunday of Lent"**

*Genesis 9:8-15 | Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 | 1 Peter 3:18-22 | Mark 1:12-15*

### From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

The history of the Catholic Church in Hawaii is truly blessed by the example of faith and love we see in Saints Damien and Marianne. Today's scriptures remind us of the power of faith and love.

During the time of Leviticus (the first reading) and even in recent times, Hansen's disease (leprosy) was experienced as a scourge that resulted in great physical and emotional suffering. Physically, it was a death sentence experienced in stages of increasing physical disfigurement, infection, and pain. Emotionally, it resulted in the isolation of the afflicted and the absence of physical contact with others. There was no hope and the hurt of loneliness and the absence of loved ones was severe.

We see the power of faith in the person with leprosy who believed that Jesus could cure him of what, by all human standards of the day, was incurable. He did not accept that he would be "unclean" forever. Do I believe that Jesus can heal me of those things that I and others have judged to be incurable? Can I trust that, even if I am not healed physically, Jesus can heal me emotionally and spiritually?

We see the power of love in Jesus who was willing to reach out and touch one who the world had designated "untouchable". He refused to love in an antiseptic and sterile way. He made love real and tangible and, in the process, healed not only the body but the spirit. Am I able to love, not abstractly or theoretically, but in the "flesh and blood" reality of my life? Even though I might feel unworthy, am I willing to allow others to touch me with their love?

We thank God that we have Saint Damien's and Saint Marianne's example to remind us that living as Christ did is possible, even in the most challenging of circumstances, even here in Hawaii. We pray that we will follow that example.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector

### NO ALOHA IN SUICIDE

Suicides have become a serious public health crisis in Hawaii, with one person dying from suicide in our islands every other day. We believe every life is precious and that preventing suicides is everyone's kuleana. We, the undersigned, believe every person is entitled to be safe at every stage in life, including those who may be marginalized such as the elderly, those who are disabled or have mental health challenges, and others. We believe awareness and suicide prevention programs are key to supporting the most vulnerable, consistent with our island values of caring for others like family. We believe physician- assisted suicide is not consistent with these values and sends conflicting messages to Hawaii's youth about suicide. Therefore, as a way to further reduce the prevalence of suicide in our state by 25% by 2025, we believe it is critical to concurrently prevent the legalization of assisted- suicide in our state. TAKE ACTION! For more information, please visit

<http://www.catholichawaii.org/hcc>