

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, February 12

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

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

**Educational Foundation**

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

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

Monday, February 13 – *Weekday*

Tuesday, February 14

**Memorial of St. Cyril, *bishop***

**Memorial of St. Monk, *bishop***

**Memorial of St. Methodius, *bishop***

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 15 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, February 16 – *Weekday*

Friday, February 17 – *Weekday*

Saturday, February 18 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

St. Damien Devotional Group at 12:30pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, February 19

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

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

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

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

## Saint Louis School

St. Louis School's "open House" will be held on Sunday, February 19, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. Please join us to learn about our education programs, meet our faculty and staff, and tour our campus. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Admissions at 739-4832 or email at: [admissions@stlouishawaii.org](mailto:admissions@stlouishawaii.org)

## 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](mailto:gochron@gmail.com).

## Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection \$ 9,230.81

Weekday Collection \$ 2,602.65

Coffers \$ 767.76

Holy Day Collection \$ 383.00

**Total \$ 12,984.22**



## Cathedral Renewal Campaign

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## "Most Beautiful Among Women"

Our women's ministry is meeting on Sunday, February 19th, in the Kamiano Center from 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm. We will share our journeys and pray for one another; our families, friends, government officials, our nation and the world! There will be live music as we sing praise and worship together. We will also have a short teaching and offer a new project that all can join. Please bring your own lunch. Enjoy an afternoon "in HIM!"

## Physician Assisted Suicides

*Bishop Silva has published a very important letter to all Catholic parishioners on the critical issue of physician assisted suicide, which is being considered by our State Legislature. It is inserted in today's bulletin, and published on the diocesan website, and we ask you to read it carefully and to take action.*

## Ministry Formation Workshops

We will be having our Liturgical Ministry Formation workshops on Friday, February 17 at 6:00 P.M. and Saturday, February 18 at 10:00 A.M. All current ministers and those interested in joining a ministry (Eucharist, Hospitality & Lector) should attend either one of the sessions.

## Adult Faith Formation

Our Adult Faith Formation continues its series on "Catholicism" Join us for faith sharing and fellowship in the Kamiano Center this Sunday (today) at 11:30am

## February 12, 2017 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Exegesis on this 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*

The Sermon on the Mount is the first of Jesus' five major speeches in the Gospel of Matthew. It is obviously related to Luke's Sermon on the Plain (Lk 6:20-49) but is more than three times as long. The author has gathered together traditional sayings and shaped them into an epitome of Jesus' teaching. The basic thesis of the Sermon is stated in today's passage (5:20): "Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the kingdom of God." For Matthew, the teachings contained in the Sermon on the Mount are the directives of Jesus the Messiah and Son of God, whose authority far surpasses that of every other teacher (see 7:29). They are presented as a sample of Jesus' basic demands made on his disciples and as an expression of Christian values. They pre-suppose the personal experience of Jesus and the good news of God's coming kingdom, and thus they offer practical advice on how to respond to Jesus and his preaching. Today's part of the Sermon contrasts the scribes' ideal of holiness based on the literal reading of Scripture and Jesus' more radical and demanding teaching. In this section (5:21-48), this contrast is carried out by means of six antitheses in which the words of the Old Testament ("You have heard") are placed beside the sayings of Jesus ("But I say to you"). The antitheses illustrate how Jesus came to "fulfill" the law and the prophets by explaining the meaning of the Old Testament commandments at their deepest levels.

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#### **Next Sunday's Readings**

*Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 | Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 | 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 | Matthew 5:38-48*

### From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family,

As we continue to hear from the Sermon on the Mount, today Jesus outlines the dimensions of ethical behavior for those who would follow him. As Paul reminds us in Corinthians, this is a wisdom that is more mature than the wisdom that the world proclaims. Christ indicates that to have a life-giving relationship with him, one must have a life-giving relationship with the law; a relationship that recognizes the purpose of the law, the problem with the law, and the promise that the law holds.

The purpose of the law is to point us in the direction of Christ-like love. As Jesus says in the gospel, he did not come to abolish the law. Life without laws is life with chaos. If anything goes, everything goes "down-hill" very quickly. The boundaries that the law provides are very important and life-giving. Rules provide important discipline and direction.

The problem with the law is that, while it points us in the right direction, it does not get us there. The law, while it may set minimum standards for good behavior, does not demand the maximum performance that Christ's love requires. In fact, the law can be used to avoid loving properly if strict adherence to its "letter" quenches its "spirit". In today's gospel, Jesus gives us several examples of this.

The promise that the law holds is found when we allow it to lead us to heart-felt conversion. Rules are meant to help us have a loving relationship with God and one another. When we accept proper boundaries in our lives and respect the boundaries of others, we experience that peace and security that allows love to grow. The wisdom of centuries embodied in life-giving law helps us to "stand on the shoulders" of others who have gone before and to benefit from their guidance and direction.

In today's first reading from the Book of Sirach we are reminded that God loves and respects us so much that he has given us free will. This is ultimately what makes real love possible; that it is freely given. Let us pray that we will choose to accept the wisdom of God's law and the life-giving limits it places on us. May this lead us to follow faithfully the most important law of all; the law of God's love.

In Christ's love,

Very Rev. Msgr. Gary L. Secor