

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, February 17

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection for Repairs & Maintenance

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

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

Monday, February 18

Monday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

President's Day Civic Holiday

Cathedral on Holiday Schedule

Cathedral Basilica and Chancery Offices closed

Mass at 12:00 noon

Tuesday, February 19

Tuesday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, February 20

Wednesday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, February 21

Thursday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

Friday, February 22

Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, *Apostle*

Saturday, February 23

Memorial of St. Polycarp, *Bishop and Martyr*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, February 24

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

Respect Life Ministry

The Respect Life Ministry will be gathering on the first Sunday of the month, March 3, at 1-330 pm in the back room of the Kamiano Center to watch the movie Gosnell. We begin with the Rosary and have a potluck lunch with movie to follow. All are welcome. Bring a dish to share.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,988.76
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,465.07
Coffers	\$ 308.07
Holy Day Collection	\$ 110.00
Total	\$ 10,872.05



Leave a Legacy

There are several ways to name the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace as a beneficiary of your will or living trust. A specific bequest is the most common and typically it is a dollar amount like \$25,000 or some other specific asset like appreciated stock. A residuary bequest gives all or a specific percentage of assets remaining in the estate after all debts, taxes, expenses and other bequests have been paid. Please call 585-3357 for more information and to receive a copy of the Cathedral's Planned Giving Guide.

Sisters of the Sacred Hearts

The Cathedral and our parishioners will be remembered expressly in the prayers and works of the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts at Regina Pacis Convent during the week of March 3 to 9, 2019. As Sisters of Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, our chapel is open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to anyone who wishes to spend some time in prayer. Anyone who have special intentions, please call the Sisters at 737-5822 or email: reginasscc@cs.com

Great Aloha Run 2019

Attention Participants of the 2019 Great Aloha Run! Please take note of the following opportunities for fellowship:

Join Bishop Larry Silva at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa on Sunday, February 17, 2019 for the 6:00 p.m. Mass, and receive a special blessing the night before the Great Aloha Run. Free athletic t-shirts will be given out while supplies last for participants of the Great Aloha Run.

Also, meet up with other runners/walkers for coffee the day of the run, Monday, February 18, 2019 at 6:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica/Chancery courtyard (1184 Bishop Street, Honolulu) for a send-off blessing and photo opportunity with Bishop Larry Silva.

After the run, celebrate with other finishers with lunch at St. Elizabeth Church in Aiea (99-312 Moanalua Road, Aiea) For more information, please call the office at 585-3300.

February 10, 2019 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Jeremiah 17:5-8 | Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4, and 6 | 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 | Luke 6:17, 20-26

Contrasts are often a good way to learn. They cause us to pay close attention and see differences. Today's readings, particularly the Gospel reading, are filled with contrasting images. There is water or drought, barrenness or life, wickedness or justice, happiness or misery, and of blessings or woe.

The Beatitudes in the passage from Luke's account contrasts the poor and the rich, the hungry and the full, the weeping and the laughing, and those hated with those of whom all speak well. Jesus' teaching surprised his listeners, reversing what they and we have come to expect. We can imagine the joy if this is true and we can see how this would indeed be Good News. But for it to be Good News for us, we must choose where to put our allegiance and trust. If we trust God, the blessings will be many, but they may not be the kind we have come to expect. Instead, like the prophets, including Jesus himself, we may find disbelief and ridicule. However, if we plant ourselves near God, we will be rooted in his flowing water of grace and providence. We will bear much fruit.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time"

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 | Psalm 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 | 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 | Luke 6:27-38

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

In today's gospel, Jesus gives what has been called "the sermon on the plain". It is very similar to "the sermon on the mount" in Matthew's gospel. Perhaps one difference is that Luke's recounting has Jesus speaking in a more starkly direct way which includes reminders about blessings and woes. In any case, Jesus is presenting an important teaching which is like a computer program. One needs to buy into and install this program into one's life in order to access the power and grace that God offers to us. All the readings today remind us of some important elements of this program which is really Jesus' program for salvation.

First of all, this is a program that looks toward eternal life. Ultimately, the goal is to get into heaven and to be in God's presence forever. So the operating system is not set up as a "quick fix" solution to get us through one or two difficulties of the present moment. God has designed us to live forever and wants us to adopt the attitudes and values that move us in that direction. As St. Paul reminds us, if our hopes in God are limited to this life, we are sadly selling God and ourselves short.

Secondly, this program is all about delaying gratification. In an age when waiting becomes more and more challenging, this is not a popular message. But Jesus reminds us that if you want it now you may get something but not all that God wants to give you. If we are willing to wait for the Lord's timing and endure legitimate burdens, then we will experience blessings more beautiful than we ever expected.

Finally, this program challenges us to embrace emptiness so that God may fill us. When we are feeling empty, the temptation is to immediately fill up on whatever is handy. It may be food, unhealthy intimacy, drink or drugs. Or we fill our lives with work and busyness. We avoid honestly facing that ache and pain in our lives and allowing Christ to heal it. The blessing in being empty is that it can provide a space for God to fill us.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector