

## The Church's Calendar This Week

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

Monday, February 20 – *Weekday*

Tuesday, February 21 – *Weekday*

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, February 22

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, February 23 – *Weekday*

Friday, February 24

**Memorial of St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr**

Saturday, February 25 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

St. Marianne Devotional Group at 12:30pm

Sunday, February 26

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

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

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

## Sharing the Faith

◆ What kind of announcement might you make to your neighborhood about God's message and commandment to love? How would you teach them about God's love?

◆ Paul says we are a temple of God and that the Spirit dwells in us. What does that mean to you?

◆ Read Psalm 103. How is God kind and merciful to you?

## Cathedral Family Ministry

"Praying together, Playing Together, Staying Together."  
If you would like to meet and connect with other families from our parish, please call Eddie Barinque at (808) 381-2285 or email [eddie@ilovehawaiiistore.com](mailto:eddie@ilovehawaiiistore.com)

## 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	\$ 8,494.31
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,759.21
Coffers	\$ 523.34
Holy Day Collection	\$ 130.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,906.86</b>



## "Most Beautiful Among Women"

Our women's ministry is meeting on today in the Kamiano Center from 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm. 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 lunch & Enjoy an afternoon "in HIM!"

## Cathedral Renewal Campaign

### Tower Windows and Bird Screens

Renovations to the Cathedral's bell tower were completed in December 2016, including the installation of new lights, which illuminate automatically at dark. If you have looked up at the tower during the day, or to see the new lights at night, you may have noticed the window openings of the tower are bare. This is because the white lattice panels that were there before were removed during renovations. In place of the bulky wood lattice, a fine bronze mesh screen will be installed in the tower windows.

The bronze mesh will screen out birds in order to prevent them from nesting-in and mucking-up the interior of the tower. The new screen is ideal because it will be less obvious to the eye than the lattice work that was there before; the bronze material is more time-period appropriate for the design of the Cathedral Basilica; and, using a metal screen offers greater durability and lifespan than the wood lattice or alternative nylon screens.

The bronze mesh screen has been ordered and is in transit to the Cathedral Basilica. Workers will install the new screen in the tower windows at the end of February and first weeks of March.

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](http://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 19, 2017 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Exegesis on this 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*

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**

*Isaiah 49:14-15 / Psalm 62:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 / 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 / Matthew 6:24-34*

### **From the Rector's Desk**

Dear Cathedral Family:

The heart is the symbol of love. In today's gospel, as we come to this part in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus comes to the heart of his teaching as he describes love as he understands it. It is absolutely important that we understand this teaching since it is a foundational concept on which everything else in the Christian life is based. What is Jesus saying here and how do today's other scriptures support his teaching?

First of all, Jesus is saying that love must begin with a healthy self-love based on the recognition that God dwells in us and that we are holy. "You cannot give what you do not have". If we don't have a sense of our own goodness and blessedness, we cannot extend goodness and blessedness to others. Much of what is unhealthy in human loving ultimately stems from a lack of self-love and the attempt to compensate for that emptiness.

Secondly, Jesus is saying that love must recognize that we are taking care of what belongs to God. The love that we give has been given to us. The life that we live has been given to us. You and I belong to Christ, as St. Paul reminds us in the second reading. We are God's temple and we are called to take care of the love of God that has been entrusted to us. God gives us freedom, but it is a freedom to be responsible for what God has gifted us with. We do not create love to be what we want it to be; God has given it to us and we ought to share love as God intends.

Finally, Jesus is saying that love is more about giving than getting and, paradoxically, it is only received when it is given away. Much of imperfect love focuses on getting love and making sure that others love us. While this is a type of love, it is not love after the example of Jesus Christ. The more excellent and perfect way is to love sacrificially. Only when love hurts is it really helpful to ourselves and others.

To love, as Jesus teaches us, is a tall order. But, we don't live this kind of love on our own. We have Christ to strengthen us, to instruct us, and to forgive us. It is our relationship with Jesus Christ that gives us the heart of Jesus.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector