

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, March 13

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Religious Education Class at 8:00am

Mass with 3rd Scrutiny at 9:00am

Monday, March 14 – *Lenten Weekday*

Tuesday, March 15 – *Lenten Weekday*

Presentation of the Lord's Prayer at 5:30pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, March 16 – *Lenten Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation 11:00am

Thursday, March 17 – *Lenten Weekday*

Friday, March 18 – *Day of Abstinence*

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

Saturday, March 19

Solemnity of St. Joseph

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

St. Damien Prayer group at 12:30pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, March 20

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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

Religious Education Class at 8:00am

Mahalo Nui Loa

As part of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, the Cathedral Basilica was privileged to host the “**24 Hours for the Lord**” celebration (a time for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, adoration, prayer and reconciliation.) Catholics from all parts of Oahu journeyed to 1184 Bishop Street to spend time with our Lord. I want to take this opportunity to thank our parishioners who went above and beyond to make this event a huge success. Special recognition goes out to our parish ministries that were present for most of the 24 hours...Outreach, Youth & Young Adults, Family, Prayer Circle, Home School, Rachel's Vineyard, That Man is You and the St. Damien Prayer Group. Very special recognition goes to John Fielding, Bonita Lim and the 7:30am Sunday Hospitality crew for the 24 hour refreshments provided in the Kamiano Center. Saving the best for last, I wish to thank Fr. Gary, Fr. Gordon, Fr. Marvin and the “awesome” parish staff for their selfless support and contributions! If the opportunity to host another 24 hour celebration presents itself, I would have no hesitation in accepting the challenge! Mahalo Plenty!

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 10,051.97
Weekday Collection	\$ 2,104.30
Holy Day Collection	\$ 10.00
Coffers	\$ 773.11



Total \$ **12,939.38**

Operation Rice Bowl

Starting today until Holy Thursday, March 24th we will be collecting your CRS Operation Rice Bowl. Please turn the bowls in during the offertory collection or the Parish Office. Mahalo for your support!

Movie Night

This Saturday, March 19th at 6:30pm, the Fishers of Men Hawaii will be hosting a free movie night. Showing is "The Staircase." A small chapel's choir loft survives incomplete with no staircase, until one day a mysterious drifter, with a background in carpentry, arrives in town. For more information, please call Ron Gochenouer at 306-7502.



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PTG Movie Night

Mahalo to our PTG for a wonderful MOVIE NIGHT celebration on Saturday, March 12th at 7 p.m. We are blessed by generosity of our PTG!

Alice in Wonderland Jr.

CCA travelled to St. Francis School to see "Alice in Wonderland Jr." on Thursday, March 10th. We are grateful to St. Francis School for this opportunity!

St. Francis Friendship Day

St. Francis School is hosting a FRIENDSHIP DAY on Monday, March 14th from 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Please copy link on your browser: <http://teacherweb.com/HI/CathedralCatholicAcademy/HomePage/FRIENDS-DAY-PDF-ST-FRANCIS.pdf>

Hawaii Catholic School Information

For your convenience, a listing of all Hawaii Catholic Schools on 'Oahu is available. The listing includes contact information and Open House dates. Please copy link on your browser: <http://teacherweb.com/HI/CathedralCatholicAcademy/Homepage/HAWAII-CATHOLIC-SCHOOLS-2016-PDS.pdf> You may also refer to the Hawaii Catholic Schools page: <http://catholic-schoolshawaii.org>

March 13, 2016 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Isaiah 43:16-21 | Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 | Philippians 3:8-14 | John 8:1-11

Imagine what it would be like to be with Jesus in the reading from the Gospel according to John. Are you one of the people coming to be taught by Jesus, or like the scribe or Pharisee bringing forth the woman who has sinned, or like the older people leaving the scene first? Could you be the woman herself? Many different people in this passage are given the same opportunity: choose conversion and in doing so be reconciled to God.

New paths open before us all the time, perhaps not as dramatically as God opening a way in the sea or a path in mighty waters as we hear in the reading from Isaiah. Nevertheless, God leads us every moment of our lives, making a way for his people to follow him. The great things God has done not only lead the returning exiles to sing of his great deeds in Psalm 126, but also invite us into deeper reflection and gratitude.

It is not too late. Even with one week left in our Lenten journey, now is a new moment, an invitation down a new path. The slate is wiped clean; our lives are refreshed. Indeed God's reconciling love is at hand.

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Next Sunday's Readings

Luke 19:28-40 | Isaiah 50:4-7 | Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24 | Philippians 2:6-11 | Luke 22:14-23:56

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

"He saved my life!" Imagine the thrill and joy of being rescued from death. Think of the deep gratitude that one should have for the person responsible for this. This was the situation that the woman in today's gospel found herself in. Without Jesus' intervention, she would have likely been executed. As Jesus saves her, he teaches us some powerful lessons about salvation.

We are reminded that God saves us from slavery to our past. All of us have made mistakes which still haunt us today. We have a hard time forgiving ourselves. We find it difficult to forgive others for their previous misdeeds. But God invites us to "Remember not the events of the past". Instead, God challenges us to focus on what lies ahead. The past is only important to the extent that it helps us to live in the present with hope for the future.

God calls us to recognize that the precepts of the law have no power to save us apart from our relationship with the person of Jesus Christ. While knowing the law can be helpful, really knowing Christ is so important. The woman caught in adultery was saved because of a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. True religion is not primarily about rules; it is about a relationship with God that guides our relationships with others.

Finally, we are asked to see that there is a difference between hating sin and loving the sinner. When Jesus saved the woman's life in the gospel, he did not save her from recognizing the wrong that she had been engaged in. He told her: "Go, and from now on do not sin any more." We have to be willing to judge right from wrong and be able to name sin for what it is. But we need to do that in a spirit of love and genuine concern for ourselves and others.

Whether we realize it or not, Jesus has saved our lives by his death and resurrection. He continues to save us as we are freed from our past, live our relationship with him, and are willing to hate the sin but love the sinner.

In Christ's love,
Fr. Gary L. Secor, V.G.
Rector