

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, March 18

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6p
2nd Collection for Repairs and Maintenance

Religious Education Class at 8:00am

The Scrutiny of the Rite of

Christian Initiation of Adults at 9:00am

Most Beautiful Among Women at 1:00pm

Monday, March 19

Solemnity of St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, March 20 – *Lenten Weekday*

Presentation of the Lord's prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, March 21 – *Lenten Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, March 22 – *Lenten Weekday*

Friday, March 23 – *Lenten Weekday*

Day of Abstinence

Stations of the Cross at 10:00am & 5:15pm

Lenten Penance Service at 7:00pm

Saturday, March 24 – *Lenten Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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

Religious Education Class at 8:00am



We encounter Alefa in Malawi, where seeds are helping her family survive an uncertain climate. How can you care for God's creation this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,367.76
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,864.97
Coffers	\$ 491.27
Holy Day Collection	\$ 55.00
Total	\$ 9,779.00



Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass is the annual liturgy where oils for use in administering the sacraments are blessed. Representatives from island parishes, and military and ethnic Catholic communities, bring their oils to the designated parish for that island in baskets and sleek glass containers. All are encouraged to join in one of the following celebrations presided by Bishop Larry Silva: **Oahu: Thursday, March 22nd at 7:00 p.m. Located at: Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, Honolulu.**

Cathedral Renewal Campaign

What's Going On Outside?

The Cathedral's original stained glass windows are geometric in pattern and were imported from France in the 1870s at the direction of Bishop Louis Maigret. The majority of the remaining original windows are installed in the gallery level today.

In the 1920s, as part of a renovation directed by Bishop Stephen Alencastre, fourteen pictorial windows were commissioned from the studio of Dr. Heinrich Oidtmann in Germany. These windows were installed in celebration of the centennial recognition of the arrival of the first Catholic missionary priests in Hawaii in 1827. These windows, located on the first floor, include scenes of Catholic Church history, local founding fathers, and Saints.

Four pictorial windows were removed from the sanctuary area in January and sent to Lambrecht Glass Studios in Omaha, Nebraska for detailed restoration. Specialists will reframe the windows and restore the glass and lead before sending them back for reinstallation. Eventually, all fourteen pictorial windows, as well as the original geometric windows, will be restored and reinstalled in the Cathedral.

We apologize for any inconvenience caused by the construction process and ask for your patience during this time. Mahalo!

To learn more about Cathedral Renewal Campaign and/or to make a contribution: Call: 808-585-3357, or visit us online at: www.HonoluluCathedralRenewal.org. Click on the "Learn" button, or select "Renewal Campaign" in the toolbar to view our 5 ½ minute campaign video.

March 18, 2018 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

A: *Ezekiel 37:12-14* | *Psalms 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8* | *Romans 8:8-11* | *John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 20-27, 33b-45*
B: *Jeremiah 31:31-34* | *Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15* | *Hebrews 5:7-9* | *John 12:20-33*

“Forgive and forget” was probably derived from this text, and probably because only God can do both at the same time. Human hearts have a harder time letting go. God’s attitude is all hope and optimism as he asserts that, under the new covenant, people won’t need instruction in God’s ways. This new covenant won’t be broken like the stone tablets of the old law, for it will be written not on stone but on human hearts. But can God be so naïve? Does God not realize that hearts are broken as easily as stone? Does God forget that people don’t always listen to their hearts, that resistance to law and even to love is writ so deeply into the human soul that it resists light, scorns love, and shuns forgiveness? Of course he does. He made the human heart and knows its contours better than we do.

God’s hope flows from the fact that the new covenant won’t take the form of tablets but of a Son, a human person with a heart of flesh like ours. The Son will, through his suffering, “become the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him” (Hebrews 5:9). Obeying him means learning that forgiving and forgetting requires dying. We have to let go of hurts and anger and resentment, let them rot away in the grave of forgetfulness, in order to rise to a life of freedom, hope, and light. When we climb the cross as Jesus did, we, too, will be glorified and our lives, like his, will produce much fruit.

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Next Sunday’s Readings: “Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord”

Procession: Gospel: Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16

Mass: Isaiah 50:4-7 | *Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24* | *Philippians 2:6-11* | *Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39*

From the Rector’s Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

As we continue to pray in a special way for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil, the readings for the 9am Mass this Sunday reminds us of the Resurrection. The raising of Lazarus reminds us of the power of the risen Christ to raise us up. We see the compassion of Christ for his friend and are reminded that God loves us deeply as well. Jesus promises that, if we believe, we will see the glory of God and the stone will be rolled away from the entrance of the tomb of our hearts. The risen life of Christ is to be given to those to be baptized and has been given to each of us. Do we realize this?

The readings for the other masses of this weekend also remind us of the glory of God. We are especially reminded that this glory comes when we are willing to die with Christ so that we might rise with Him. Just like Jesus, we are troubled by this thought and are tempted to ask to be saved from suffering. But, Christ, and our life experiences, over and over again teach us that there is no crown without the cross. No pain, no gain!

Only if we are willing to learn in this school of suffering will we have the covenant of God’s law and love written in our hearts. Otherwise, they will just be words on a page and not deeply inscribed in our beings.

This Friday, March 23rd, at 7pm we are invited to our parish Lenten Penance Service. This opportunity for confession means suffering a little by admitting our sins. But it also means receive a lot of God’s peace and joy as we experience the freedom of forgiveness. Remember: No pain, no gain!

In Christ’s love,
Very Rev. Msgr. Gary L. Secor, V.G.
Rector