

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, March 26

### **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Catholic Relief Services**

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

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

Monday, March 27 – *Lenten Weekday*

**Prince Kuhio Holiday**

**Cathedral Basilica on Holiday Schedule**

Tuesday, March 28 – *Lenten Weekday*

Lenten Evening Prayer at 5:30pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, March 29 – *Lenten Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation 11:00am

Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, March 30 – *Lenten Weekday*

Friday, March 31 – *Lenten Weekday*

*Day of Abstinence*

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

Saturday, April 1 – *Lenten Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

St. Damien Devotional Group at 12:30pm

**Vigil Mass at 5:00pm**

Sunday, April 2

### **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

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

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

## Adult Faith Formation

We will be showing "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Bishop Barron on Sunday, April 2, 11:30am to 1:30pm at the Kamiano Center. All are invited to attend.

## Seniors in Catholic High School

Attention graduating seniors in the Catholic high schools in the **Diocese of Honolulu**, we would like to know who you are. We are assisting the Newman Connection a non-profit organization working with college/university campus ministries nationwide. They use a referral system to connect graduating high school students to their Catholic campus ministries, allowing campus ministers to contact their incoming students, inviting them in before they arrive on campus regardless of what diocese they come from or are going to. If you are interested or have any questions, please call the office at 536-7036 or visit **OYYAM** website: [www.catholichawaii.org/oyyam/ym/newman](http://www.catholichawaii.org/oyyam/ym/newman)

## Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection \$ 9,336.54

Weekday Collection \$ 1,972.22

Coffers \$ 706.74

Holy Day Collection \$ 533.00

**Total \$ 12,548.50**



## Cathedral Renewal Campaign

**Telling Hawaii time for nearly 200 years**

The Cathedral's nearly 200 year-old tower clock has been repaired as part of the campaign to renew the Cathedral Basilica. The story of the Cathedral's tower clock is an interesting one: the clock is the oldest tower clock in Hawaii and it's actually *older* than the Cathedral building in which she is installed.

The Cathedral was dedicated in 1843 and, shortly thereafter, Bishop Louis Maigret asked his superior stationed at the mission in Valparaíso, Chile to send Honolulu a clock similar to the one in the Valparaíso Cathedral. Thus, the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary ordered a clock from France on behalf of the Cathedral in Honolulu.

However, the ship carrying the clock from Europe had to come around the horn of South America (no Panama Canal in those days!) and the boat stopped in Valparaíso, Chile. The priests in Chile decided they liked the new clock for themselves and sent their used clock, circa 1825, on the ship to Honolulu. The clock from Chile was installed in the Cathedral tower in 1846.

Amazingly, this clock functioned up until just a few years ago, at which time it stopped working because the family-owned company servicing the clock closed when the owner retired and no one else claimed the knowledge to fix it. Recently, however, Cathedral staff located the two individuals who had serviced the clock in the past and, together, they have graciously repaired the clock and have also offered to service the clock for free for the next 10 years.

We are blessed and thankful to have our historic clock up and running once again. Mahalo!

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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## March 26, 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

### Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

*1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a | Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-6 | Ephesians 5:8-14 | John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38*

Paul's letter to the Ephesians, with images of light and waking from sleep, sounds almost like an Advent reading. It connects us powerfully to an Advent theme during Lent: we welcome the Messiah, the light of the world come to dwell among us. In Lent, we remind ourselves that the Messiah's message of light in the darkness has been passed on to all disciples. Testify to the Good News. Produce goodness, righteousness, and truth. Reject sin. Live in the light.

In today's Gospel, we hear the powerful story of the man born blind. Considered a sinner all his life because of his blindness, he is led to conversion and faith. And we might notice in the story that it is not he who asks for healing, but the disciples who make an example of him. Nonetheless, he follows Jesus' instructions and begins a journey that ends with his proclamation of Jesus as the Messiah. Light entered the darkness of his blindness and his world was changed. The blind man's faith in God led him to the truth.

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#### Next Sunday's Readings

*Ezekiel 37:12-14 | Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 | Roman 8:8-11 | John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45*

### From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

Last Sunday, we were invited to drink from the living water of God's grace so that our thirst might be truly satisfied. Today, we are challenged to be healed of the blindness that prevents us from seeing as God sees and loving as God loves.

The man healed in today's gospel was blind from birth. All of us are born into an imperfect world and, from the beginning, are affected and infected by sin. Life is not perfect, our families are not perfect, and the world is far from perfect and all of that imperfection influences us in profound ways. In other words, we inherit Original Sin. We need to take into account these aspects of the human condition. We need to pray for a fresh outpouring of the grace of our Baptism which washes away these sins.

Vision is a decision. The Pharisees had chosen not to see Jesus for who he is, the Christ. They could see, but did not really see. All of us make decisions about what we focus on in life. We all choose to regard or ignore aspects of our lives and the lives of others. We put on our own blinders and take on "tunnel vision". We need to choose to see the truth about ourselves and one another. We need to pray for a fresh outpouring of the grace of our Baptism to heal us of the blindness that we take upon ourselves.

"Man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." It is so easy to get into the trap of seeing things superficially. By keeping things on the surface, we fail to acknowledge "the heart of the matter". We need to examine our hearts so that we might change the attitudes and choices we make about feelings that cause us to have distorted vision. We need to pray for a fresh outpouring of the grace of our Baptism so that we might adopt the mind and the heart of Christ.

We continue to pray for our Elect and for all those in the RCIA process preparing for the Easter sacraments. All of us are invited to be healed of our sins by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) during Lent. Aside from our regularly scheduled Confessions, we will have a Lenten Penance Service on Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm here at the Church. Come and see the depth of God's love and forgiveness!

In Christ's love,

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

Rector