

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, April 1

### **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm  
Paschal Vespers at 5:00pm

Monday, April 2

*Monday in the Octave of Easter*

**Cathedral Basilica Holiday** – Mass at 12n only

Tuesday, April 3

*Tuesday in the Octave of Easter*

Wednesday, April 4

*Wednesday in the Octave of Easter*

Thursday, April 5

*Thursday in the Octave of Easter*

Friday, April 6

*Friday in the Octave of Easter*

Saturday, April 7

*Saturday in the Octave of Easter*

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

Sunday, April 8

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter** (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion / Confirmation at 10:30am

## Adult Faith Formation

Our Adult Faith Formation will resume next Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am in the Kamiano Center. Bring a friend. For more information, please contact Dcn. Joe and Easter at [ealmuena@rcchawaii.org](mailto:ealmuena@rcchawaii.org).

## Christ is Truly Risen

Thank you for making the journey through the season of Lent and through the Paschal Triduum to the triumph of Easter Sunday. Besides our many volunteer ministers (Acolytes, Lectors, Sacristans, Eucharistic & Hospitality Ministers and our Cathedral Choir) we would like to offer special thanks to Flower Fair, TJ, Isaac, Derek, Libert, Gary, Kevin, Helene, Anthony, Zara, and the McColgen Family. **On behalf of Msgr. Gary, Fr. Marvin, Fr. John M., Fr. Manny H., Fr. Scott B., and the Staff of the Cathedral Basilica, we wish you and your family a Happy and Blessed Easter!**

## Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,893.99
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,737.59
Coffers	\$ 831.24
Holy Day Collection	\$ 517.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,984.82</b>



## Cathedral Renewal Campaign

### Updated Donor Recognition Opportunities

Have you considered a sacrificial gift or pledge to the Cathedral Renewal Campaign?

All donors contributing \$10,000 and above to the campaign will have the option to be recognized on the donor wall *and* may choose to be recognized for a specific naming opportunity. Note: naming opportunities will be listed on a customized donor wall inside the Cathedral Basilica; plaques will not be placed on individual fixtures.

An updated list of naming opportunities is available by contacting the campaign office. Please email: [CRC@rcchawaii.org](mailto:CRC@rcchawaii.org) or call (808) 585-3357.

In addition to recognizing donors according to their specific naming opportunities, contributors to the campaign will be listed alphabetically according to their corresponding Donor Society Level:

Donor Society	Gift Level
<b>Our Lady of Peace</b>	\$1,000,000+
<b>Archangels</b>	\$500,000 - \$999,999
<b>Angels</b>	\$100,000 - \$499,999
<b>Saints</b>	\$25,000 - \$99,999
<b>Stewards</b>	\$10,000 - \$24,999

Donors may choose to have their gift recognized by their own names, in honor of a loved one, or may elect to remain anonymous.

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](http://www.HonoluluCathedralRenewal.org).

Click on the "Learn" button, or select "Renewal Campaign" in the toolbar to view our 5 ½ minute campaign video.

# April 1, 2018 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

*Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 / Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 /  
Sequence: Victimae Paschali Laudes / John 20:1-9 or Mark 16:1-7 or Luke 24:13-35*

Before we can rejoice, Paul tells us that we must clean house. Banish the “old yeast . . . of malice and wickedness” (1 Corinthians 5:8) and start fresh, he tells us. In biblical times, each spring the yeast used for bread-making during the previous year was tossed away and new yeast was grown. Paul urges us to do the same: toss away our former ways of thinking and doing things so we can embrace the new life made possible by Christ’s Resurrection. But embracing the Resurrection requires deep conviction that Jesus was who he said he was. The First Reading from Acts speaks with that kind of conviction. They saw Jesus heal those “oppressed by the devil” (Acts 10:38) and they believed. Two thousand years later, we still believe even without eyewitness experience. But can that be? Are we still relying on the experience of a small band of disciples so many years ago? Yes and no. Of course, we stand on the faith of the Apostles. But had we not experienced the power of Christ in our own lives, had we not seen Jesus freeing people from the power of evil, we surely would have given up this faith long ago. Mary Magdalene found the empty tomb and Peter entered it first, but it was John who “saw and believed” (John 20:8). From that belief has come the faith of billions for two millennia. Let us stand with John today, seeing and believing.

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**Next Sunday’s Readings: “Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)”**

*Acts 4:32-35 / Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-25 / 1 John 5:1-6 / John 20:19-31*

### From the Rector’s Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

“He is risen, He is risen, indeed!” This greeting is an affirmation of the central truth of our Christian faith: that the powers of sin and death have been and continue to be conquered by Christ. There is nothing more important to know than the fact that we believe in the God who is alive and wants to help us to live a victorious life now and forever.

Sometimes it is challenging to believe. So much around us burdens us. We worry about the economic situation we find ourselves in. Sometimes we are beset with illness in ourselves or those we love. Often we struggle with broken or damaged relationships. Work or life is difficult and not fulfilling. The demon of depression is present in our lives. All of the above is precisely the reason that we need, more than ever, to accept the life and the love that the risen Christ offers to us. The resurrection of Christ reminds us that no burden is greater than God’s love for us. All we need to do is to believe!

My prayer is that all of us will lay our burdens down and take hold of the love God gives us in Christ. As we face our problems, may this Easter be for us a reaffirmation of the fact that the only real solutions must be rooted spiritually. Jesus lives and He wants us to live for Him so that we might experience the peace and joy of His abundant life.

My thanks to all those who have made our Holy Week and Easter celebrations so prayerful and beautiful. May God bless you abundantly with Christ’s risen life.

Happy Easter!

In Christ’s love,

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

Rector