

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, April 8

2nd Sunday of Easter

(Sunday of Divine Mercy)

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

1st Holy Communion / Confirmation at 10:30am

Monday, April 9

The Annunciation of the Lord

Tuesday, April 10

Wednesday, April 11

Memorial of St. Stanislaus, bishop, martyr

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, April 12

Friday, April 13

Saturday, April 14

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Sunday, April 15

3rd Sunday of Easter

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

Adult Faith Formation

Our Adult Faith Formation will resume today, Sunday, April 8th at 11:30am in the Kamiano Center. Bring a friend.

New Altar Server Training

Jonathan Farinas, our Altar Server Coordinator, will be conducting two Altar Server Training Sessions – one on Saturday, April 14th and the other on April 21st both beginning at 9:00am. It's open to all youth or young adults in the 2nd grade and above who have received their 1st Communion and Confirmation. Prospective Server must attend one or the other of these meetings. For more information, please call the office.

Most Beautiful Among Women

Calling all women to come join us on Sunday, April 15, 2018, in the Kamiano Center from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm for fellowship, prayer, praise and worship, lunch, teaching from the Word of God, and a joyful day together in the Lord! Feel free to bring your children as we also offer children's ministry at the same time. Come meet new friends!

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 3,953.00
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,017.00
Coffers	\$ 914.98
Holy Day Collection	\$ 18,617.72
Total	\$ 24,502.70



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 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
Our Lady of Peace	\$1,000,000+
Archangels	\$500,000 - \$999,999
Angels	\$100,000 - \$499,999
Saints	\$25,000 - \$99,999
Stewards	\$10,000 - \$24,999

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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.

April 8, 2018 – Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

The earliest Christians identified themselves as a “community of believers” (Acts 4:32). Faith was the glue that bound them, not politics or shared interests. And it was enough, because that faith held them together through danger and persecution. It inspired them to sell their worldly goods and surrender the proceeds to the Apostles. It taught them that nothing else in life is more important — they even defined *victory* as *faith*. This faith flipped everything upside down. No longer was success or victory defined by wealth or power or influence. Suddenly, only faith mattered. The things of this world were exposed for what they are: transitory and hollow. Yet we persist in thinking that in the end “the one with the most toys wins.” If you had given “toys” to these first disciples, they would have sold them and shared the money with the other believers. Something greater than worldly riches and power caught their hearts. It claimed them and they surrendered freely. Possessing it meant everything. Their mantra would have been: “In the end, the one with *faith* wins.”

They learned their lesson from Christ himself. See what Jesus says to Thomas: It is good that you saw and then believed. But it is even better that many will never “see” and yet believe. When he says this, he is speaking of us. And the name he gives us is “blessed” (John 20:29).

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Next Sunday's Readings: “Third Sunday of Easter”

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 | Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 | 1 John 2:1-5a | Luke 24:35-48

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

This Sunday we are concluding an octave of solemn celebration of the resurrection and continuing 50 days until Pentecost of feasting on the mystery of the risen Christ. The menu for the feast includes evidence of the power of the resurrection and resurrection appearances. Today, we also celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. As we see Christ appear to the apostles we are reminded of three things that make it difficult for us to accept and experience deeply God's love and mercy and God's risen life.

First of all, there are the locked doors of our hearts. We are afraid of God and of opening ourselves to him. We won't let God in, but God will do everything to get in because God is merciful.

Secondly, there are our doubts and fears. We want more evidence before we will believe. Even though signs and wonders still occur among us we mistrust God and others and refuse to believe. But Christ proclaims us blessed if we will believe even though we don't always see.

Finally, there is our unwillingness to touch the wounds of Jesus. We are afraid to be in touch with our wounds and the wounds of others. We deny that we are hurt and we fail to appreciate the hurts of others. But, as we bring those wounds to Jesus he glorifies them by merciful and healing love.

Let these days of Easter be a time for each of us to be nourished at the banquet of God's mercy. Congratulations to all those who receiving Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist during these days. And thanks to all those who have helped to make our Easter celebrations so meaningful.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector