

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, April 15

Third Sunday of Easter

2nd Collection for Repairs & Maintenance

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

Monday, April 16

Easter Weekday

Tuesday, April 17

Easter Weekday

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 18

Easter Weekday

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, April 19

Easter Weekday

Friday, April 20

Easter Weekday

Saturday, April 21

Easter Weekday

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Sunday, April 22

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

New Altar Server Training

Jonathan Farinas, our Altar Server Coordinator, will be conducting an Altar Server Training Sessions – this Saturday, April 21st 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. 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	\$ 5,617.34
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,673.38
Coffers	\$ 590.68
Holy Day Collection	\$ 6,888.59
Total	\$ 13,769.99



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

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.

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

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Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

The suffering and death of Christ remain a stumbling block for many. Why did God's Son have to suffer? The Acts of the Apostles makes it clear that God had announced beforehand that "his Christ would suffer" (3:18). So, suffering was part of the divine plan. Some reject that notion outright because, they say, it makes God a sadist who takes some kind of twisted pleasure in the suffering of his Son. But suffering is not God's invention, nor his remedy for human sin. It's the natural consequence of sin. When a child neglects a parent's warning not to poke fingers in a socket, the subsequent pain is not the parent's punishment for disobedience, it's the natural result of the child's action. In his mercy, God allowed Christ to suffer for us, to take upon himself the natural consequences of our sins. We put our fingers in the outlet, but Christ absorbed the shock. It's that simple. Luke repeats what's said in Acts: "it is written that the Christ would suffer" (24:46). Humans sinned, and sin has consequences. Even God couldn't undo that. So, the consequences had to fall on us or on someone else.

By taking on those consequences, Jesus made it possible for us to "repent . . . and be converted" (Acts 3:19). If we paid the price of our own salvation, we wouldn't need repentance. We could just suffer. But repentance brings us under the umbrella of grace Christ won through his suffering. He paid the price, and we get the benefits!

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Next Sunday's Readings: "Fourth Sunday of Easter"

Acts 4:8-12 | Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 | 1 John 3:1-2 | John 10:11-18

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

"You are witnesses of these things". This last sentence of today's gospel reminds us of who we are called to be as Christians. In a court of law, a credible witness is someone who has had a direct and personal experience of something or someone and who is willing to testify to what they have experienced. If we are to be credible witnesses to the risen presence of Christ, we must do the same.

First of all, we must have a direct and personal experience of Christ. It means more than having someone else tell me about Christ. It will not be a credible witness if I merely rely on or recite the testimony of others. It is what I have heard or seen that is important. Hearsay about Christ is not convincing or convicting. During this Easter season we should continually pray that Christ would reveal himself to us personally and as really alive today.

Secondly, to be a witness is to be willing to testify to what I have experienced. To bear witness to our knowledge of Christ is to keep His commandments. Can people see in me what I have seen? Can I tell others about what I have seen, heard, or felt? A witness is useless if they fail to testify. During this Easter season we should continually pray that Christ would give us the courage to bear witness to Him.

All of this makes Christ really real. It is to experience the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. It is a real presence that brings real forgiveness and change into our lives. Christ is risen!

Congratulations to all those who have received the sacraments of Initiation recently. And thanks to all those involved in helping them to experience this gift of God's grace.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector