

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, April 16

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 17

Monday in the Octave of Easter

Cathedral Basilica Holiday – Mass at 12n only

Tuesday, April 18

Tuesday in the Octave of Easter

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 19

Wednesday in the Octave of Easter

No Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday, April 20

Thursday in the Octave of Easter

Friday, April 21

Friday in the Octave of Easter

Saturday, April 22

Saturday in the Octave of Easter

No Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Damien Devotional Group at 12:30pm

Sunday, April 23

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

Movie Night

All are invited to attend our "Movie Night" on Saturday, April 22 at 6:00pm at the Kamiano Center. Showing "Son of God."

Christ is Truly Risen

Again, our parish family has helped us through another Easter celebration. Thank you for making the journey with us through the season of Lent, the Paschal Triduum and on to the triumph of Easter Sunday. Besides our many volunteer ministers (acolytes, choir, sacristans, lectors, ministers of hospitality & Eucharistic ministers) we would offer **special thanks** to Flower Fair, Gary A., Libert W., Neal C., Shaina C., Derek S., our Palm Cutting Crew and all who help make this celebration a success. **On behalf of Msgr. Gary and Staff of the Cathedral Basilica, we wish you a Happy and Blessed Easter!**

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 9,196.12
Weekday Collection	\$ 2,114.97
Coffers	\$ 604.44
Holy Day Collection	\$ 72.00
Total	\$ 11,987.53



Most Beautiful Among Women

Come join us on April 30, 2017 in the Kamiano Center from 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm for fellowship, prayer, praise and worship, sharing insights from the Word of God and personal testimonies, and a joyful day! We will not meet the third Sunday of the month during April since that is Easter Sunday, so our meeting is on the last Sunday for April only. If you can, bring a dish to share as we celebrate the Easter season!

Cathedral Renewal Campaign

Rejuvenation of the Sanctuary!

Easter is a time of revitalization and rebirth; and so, keeping with the spirit of the season, the Cathedral Renewal Campaign is pleased to announce the start of renovations to the sanctuary!

As the mother church of the Diocese, the Cathedral Basilica must be able to accommodate Diocesan liturgical celebrations; thus, the sanctuary platform will be expanded to allow space for priests, deacons and other celebrants. Additionally, the design of the expanded platform is based on historic photographs of the Cathedral from the 1800s – this will be the resurrection of the Cathedral's own original sanctuary design! (However, without the communion rail, which will not be reinstated.)

Rejuvenation of the sanctuary will include the removal of the scrim (screen), the addition of a wheel chair accessible ramp, and the construction of Bishops' Burial Chapels on either side of the high altar and atop basement level crypts.

Renovations to the sanctuary, along with some utility and infrastructure work, is scheduled to begin in the coming months and run through August 2018. Construction is being planned around the Mass schedule and therefore minimal disruption is expected.

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

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April 16, 2017 – 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 Matthew 28:1-10 or Luke 24:13-35

John's account of Christ's Resurrection begins with Mary Magdalene arriving alone at the tomb when it is dark. Upon seeing the stone removed, she flees to Peter and the other disciple, the key disciples of John's account of the Gospel. They run and look inside the empty tomb. Coming out of the darkness of confusion, they begin to believe.

As the followers of Jesus begin to believe, we hear the expression of that belief as it develops and strengthens in the readings from the Acts of the Apostles that we hear on Easter Sunday and all the Sundays of the Easter season. Peter tells the crowds that those who were witness to Jesus' life and death are commissioned to testify to what they have seen. They are to bear witness to the message of God's kingdom. These followers are to pray, break bread, offer healing, and preach repentance and the forgiveness of sins. We will hear those stories these next weeks. On this glorious Easter Day, may our churches tell the stories of our own testimony and actions as we, too, express our belief.

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Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 2:42-47 | Psalm 118:2-1, 13-15, 22-24 | 1 Peter 1:3-9 | John 20:19-31

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

He is risen! He is risen indeed!

We celebrate the great event of our redemption. Like many great people in history, Jesus came among us as a man and gave us teachings and an example to follow. Like those whose prophetic mission caused opposition, he was misunderstood and eventually killed. All of this is not enough to save us. What has saved and will save us is that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. That is why Easter is the most important feast for all Christians.

The power of Christ's resurrection saves us by freeing us from our sins. He paid the price for our salvation. Whatever mistakes we have made, we can be sure that as we are sorry for them and we place them at the feet of the risen Christ he forgives them. The weight of guilt no longer needs to burden us.

The power of Christ's resurrection saves us by assuring us that Christ is alive and present in the world and in each of us. Jesus Christ is more than an historical figure who we fondly remember. He is the God-man who lives in heaven and on earth. He sits at the right hand of God the Father. He also lives here and now in every time and place and in every person.

The power of Christ's resurrection saves us by showing us that we too are meant to live forever. Where Christ has gone, we can follow. He shows us that the grave is not the finish line. Although our mortal remains will decay, we can be alive in Christ for all eternity. Christ shows us that God designed us to live forever.

My prayer is that each of us may experience the Easter the joy and peace that come from knowing that Christ is alive. May we know his forgiveness and friendship. May we set our sights on heaven. On behalf of myself and our entire Cathedral staff, I wish you an Easter filled with the risen power and presence of Christ. And thanks to all who have made our Holy Week and Easter celebrations so meaningful.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector