

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, April 22

Fourth Sunday of Easter

World Day Prayer for Vocation

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

Monday, April 23

Easter Weekday

Tuesday, April 24

Easter Weekday

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 25

Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, April 26

Easter Weekday

Friday, April 27

Easter Weekday

Saturday, April 28

Easter Weekday

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Sunday, April 29

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

World Youth Day Pilgrimage

There is still time to register for Youth Day in Panama 2019. For more information, please visit www.catholichawaii.org/oyyam/yam/wyd

Senior Ministry

The Senior Ministry is sponsoring a Lei Making Class today, April 22, 2018 at the Kamiano Center from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm. Anybody interested are most welcome.

Young Adult Ministry

The young adults (ages 18-39) will be visiting a Coptic church. Contact Joseph Almuena at hawaiizown@gmail.com or text him at (808)343-3728

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,817.45
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,794.21
Coffers	\$ 329.29
Holy Day Collection	\$ 30.00
Total	\$ 10,970.95



Cathedral Renewal Campaign

Unique Cause – Special Account

The Cathedral Renewal Campaign is seeking donations over-and-above the regular collection to fund renovations to the Cathedral Basilica.

Gifts to the Cathedral Basilica offertory collection specifically support day-to-day operations of the Cathedral, including: ministry program support, supplies for the parish office as well as for Cathedral masses and events, utility bills and staff salaries. Additionally, each year, every parish contributes to the Diocese to help fund church programs across the state, clergy retirement and seminarian expenses; this amount is also funded from the offertory collections.

Therefore, any funds that go towards the renovation of the Cathedral must be raised from other sources. Funds collected for the renovation project are being held in a separate account and are designated for only those expenses related to the renovation project and the associated fundraising campaign.

The Cathedral Renewal Campaign account is managed by the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation (HCCF), which was created during the Diocesan *With Grateful Hearts* campaign in 2008-09. The HCCF is a separate non-for-profit organization, thereby creating a natural distinction between the campaign account and all other Cathedral and Diocesan accounts. Therefore, funds collected for the Cathedral Renewal Campaign cannot be redirected to any other causes, Cathedral or Diocesan.

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

In our diverse culture, the words of Acts may sound narrow and partisan: There is no salvation through anyone but Jesus. “Elitist” might be the kindest comment some would toss at those assertions. And perhaps they would sound arrogant if Jesus didn’t also say, “I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep” (John 10:11). Jesus is the only shepherd, because it is only his voice that the sheep hear and recognize. Jesus knows his sheep, and in the Bible that means understanding and intimacy. Remember, Jesus is a king who reigned from a cross. He never lorded it over others, but sacrificed himself for them. The first letter of John says Jesus’ own rejected him and refused to “know” him (3:1). Here, too, knowing refers to the deep understanding that results from intimate relationship. That intimacy was what many of Jesus’ contemporaries rejected. Having rejected him, they also reject his followers. As Christ’s followers, we recognize his voice. In ancient times, sheep grazed freely and flocks became intermixed. But shepherds had only to call and their sheep would hear and follow, responding to their shepherd’s voice and no other. Jesus says, “the Father loves me” (John 10:17) because he willingly and obediently laid down his life. His sacrifice brought us into the sheepfold, or better, into the family of God, making us God’s children. That’s what we are now, but in the future, we know only this: we will resemble Jesus and be forever like him.

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Next Sunday’s Readings: “Fifth Sunday of Easter”

Acts 9:26-31 | Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 | 1 John 3:18-24 | John 15:1-8

From the Rector’s Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter and has often been called Good Shepherd Sunday since the Gospel speaks of Jesus as a loving shepherd. Although we don’t have many sheep or shepherds here in Hawaii, we are invited to reflect on the meaning of this metaphor.

First of all, in the Palestine of Jesus’ day, sheep absolutely needed the shepherd in order to survive. Green pastures are few and far between in a place like Israel with its rocky soil and generally dry climate. The sheep need to be guided to the place of nourishment and protection from those who would harm them or they will die. It is that simple. Christ is clearly indicating here that His guidance and protection is essential if we are to really live. He is the key stone that, although many may have thought it was useless, became the stone that fitted perfectly into the arch or the foundation and ended up supporting the weight of the entire structure.

It is easy today to think that we can find guidance somewhere else. We choose not to listen to God voice and allow other voices to drown out God’s call. We hope that we will be saved by our good looks, our good financial status, or our good connections. We are tempted to follow other shepherds who end up only being interested in taking care of themselves and not us. But, God is so loving because we are God’s children. He wants nothing more than to save us and so Christ gives His life that we might live.

Not only are we called to be led, we are called to lead. As parents, grandparents, older brothers and sisters, friends, co-workers, and members of many organizations we have many opportunities to shepherd others. The example of Christ, the Good Shepherd, challenges us to be loving leaders who give of themselves instead of taking.

This Sunday is also World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We ask God to continue to raise up those who are being called to be shepherds and leaders in the Church.

In Christ’s love,

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

Rector