

The Church's Calendar This Week

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

Monday, April 24 – *Easter Weekday*

Tuesday, April 25

Feast of St. Mark, *Evangelist*

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 26 – *Easter Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, April 27 – *Easter Weekday*

Friday, April 28 – *Easter Weekday*

Saturday, April 29

Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena, *Virgin,*

Doctor of the Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

St. Marianne Devotional Group at 12:30pm

Sunday, April 30

3rd Sunday of Easter

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

New Altar Server Training

Mr. Jonathan Farinas, our Altar Server Coordinator, will be conducting two Altar Server Training and Meeting Sessions – one on Saturday, April 29th and the other on May 6th 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.

Senior Ministries

ChuLan Schubert-Kwock is conducting Downtown Chinatown Tour for our Cathedral Basilica Seniors today, April 23, 2017. Our Seniors please meet between 9:00-9:30am at Kamiano Center.

Mahalo

Mahalo to you and your volunteers from the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace church for providing dinners to our families, and supporting First Christian Church of Honolulu. With Warm Aloha, Family Promise of Hawai'i.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 6,773.84
Weekday Collection	\$ 986.63
Coffers	\$ 510.01
Holy Day Collection	\$ 15,304.97
Total	\$ 23,575.45



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.

Email: CRC@rcchawaii.org Phone: (808) 585-3329

April 23, 2017 – Second Sunday of Easter

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Acts 2:42-47 | Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 | 1 Peter 1:3-9 | John 20:19-31

Rejection to triumph, sin to redemption, despair to new life, death to resurrection — all of these are themes that resound during this Easter season. Today's psalm, a hymn of thanksgiving, expresses confidence in the love of God, which we trust will last forever. The New Testament interprets the rejected cornerstone as descriptive of the death and Resurrection of Christ. It is fitting to rejoice in the Christ who has become the cornerstone not only for the early community of believers, but also for us as we attempt to be faithful followers.

In today's Gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples after his Resurrection and offers them peace, just as he did at the Last Supper. Jesus tells them he is now sending them forth just as the Father sent him. Breathing on them, he gives them the Holy Spirit so they might carry out his mission of peace, healing, and forgiveness of sins. This part of the Gospel will be proclaimed again on the solemnity of Pentecost as we celebrate the gift of the Spirit upon the Church.

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Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 2:14, 22-23 | Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 | 1 Peter 1:17-21 | Luke 24:13-35

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

First of all, I want to offer a special word of thanks to all those who worked hard to make our Holy Week and Easter celebrations so beautiful. Those who led us in prayerful and joyful music, those who cleaned and decorated the Church, those who served at the altar and assisted during the liturgies, those who prepared our candidates for the Easter sacraments, and all those who helped in any way deserve our gratitude. I also want to thank all of you for joining us in prayer and for your generous monetary gifts shared with our Church at Easter. All of you are a great blessing and you make it a joy to be your rector!

After 40 days of fasting, we celebrate the 50 days between Easter and Pentecost feasting on the mystery of the Resurrection. God's word will share with us the effect that the resurrection had on those who first experienced it and the way in which the risen Christ revealed himself. We are meant to see ourselves in these stories as we desire to see the risen Lord and be deeply affected by this vision.

The Church throughout the world celebrates this Sunday, the Second Sunday of Easter, as Divine Mercy Sunday. We see the love and mercy of Christ evident in the resurrection appearance recounted for us today in John's gospel. Even though the disciples were behind locked doors, Jesus came among them. He offers them his peace and then encourages them to share the same peace and forgiveness with others. It is the same risen Christ who is alive in the world today. Even though we may be behind the locked doors of our hearts, this does not stop Christ from desiring to show us his mercy. If we just give him even a little opening, he will come rushing in to fill us with his love and forgiveness. He calls us to share these gifts with everyone. The first followers of Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit, performed signs and wonders filled with compassionate love. Today, God calls us to come to Christ to receive his Holy Spirit so that we can be instruments of God's mercy in wondrous ways.

Today, we congratulate all those receiving their First Eucharist and Confirmation and thank God for all the parents, guardians, and catechists who have prepared them. May these sacraments be a great source of blessing and grace for you always!

I also want to express, on behalf of all of us, our aloha and profound thanks to Fr. Gordon Combs, OFM, Cap. Fr. Gordon's religious superior has asked him to return to New York to begin his full retirement there. He departed last week and we all will surely miss him since he has lovingly served this Cathedral community. If you wish to contact him, you may call our office for information.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector