

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, April 24

### **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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

Infant Baptism at 10:30am

Monday, April 25

### **The Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist**

That Man Is You at 6:00pm

Tuesday, April 26

*Easter Weekday*

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 27

*Easter Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, April 28

*Easter Weekday*

Friday, April 29

**Memorial of St. Cathedral of Siena, virgin,  
doctor of the Church**

Saturday, April 30

*Easter Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

St. Damien Prayer Group at 12:30pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, May 1

### **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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

Bible Study at 10:30am

## Cathedral Renewal Campaign

We are gearing up for restoration work to start again in 2016. Phase II will commence later this summer with structural repairs to the sacristies and the bell tower. The sacristies will be fully renovated and new permanent cabinets will be installed for storing priests' vestments and supplies. Electrical wiring to the bell tower will be upgraded, the access hatch to the tower will be replaced, the tower's wood stairs and coral walls will be repaired and reinforced, and we hope to repair the 200-year-old tower clock during this phase as well. We do not foresee having to close the church during this phase, thus you may expect Mass schedules & locations to continue normally.

## Stewardship of Treasure

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| Sunday Collection   | \$ 9,411.40 |
| Weekday Collection  | \$ 1,466.55 |
| Holy Day Collection | \$ 76.00    |
| Coffers             | \$ 758.83   |



**Total \$ 11,712.78**

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Ayranna Nicole, Isabelle Karmin, Mark Anthony, Jaelyn, Olivia Quinn, Andrea, Keighan Bleu, Precious, Mason, Scarlett, Titan and Carlos who were baptized today at the 10:30am Mass by Rev. Marvin J. Samiano, JCL.



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### ***Aloha Cathedral Catholic Academy Ho'olaule'a***

CCA will be celebrating 80 years of quality Catholic education with a Ho'olaule'a event to say aloha to our school! Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this event. Festivities begin at 4 p.m. with student May Day performances from 5 – 6 p.m. followed by games, food and entertainment. Donations of food, entertainment and other kokua are greatly appreciated! Please tell you friends and family! RSVP to principal@cchawaii.com

### ***Girls Basketball Tournament***

Lady Eagles are participating in tournament play this week! We are grateful to our volunteer coaches Steve and Rob and to our student athlete's families for providing support and transportation to keep costs down! God bless you all!

### ***4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Camp Trip***

CCA 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders travelled to their camp trip this past week. Students and families joined them for an educational opportunity and for fun times. Thank you to Ms. Castro, Ms. Bolos, Mr. Kala'au and Aunty Gina for planning, facilitation and ensuring the children were enjoying their trip. Special thanks to all who helped with fundraising for this memorable event!

### ***8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation***

This year's 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation will be held on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. at the Cathedral, Basilica, Our Lady Queen of Peace. This will be the final graduation ceremony for Cathedral Catholic Academy as we celebrate 80 years of quality Catholic education. All are welcome to attend this historic event!

# April 24, 2016 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

*Acts 14:21-27 | Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 | Revelations 21:1-5a | John 13:31-33a, 34-35*

In the Gospel, Jesus gives his new commandment to “love one another” (John 13:34). It couldn't be briefer. It couldn't be clearer. And, to the extent that it is taken seriously in daily life, it couldn't be more challenging!

The disciples know the challenge. Just before this, Jesus washed his disciples' feet in a powerful, symbolic action of service and love and told them to do the same. It's one thing to wash your friends' feet or even your beloved Lord's. But disciples must wash the feet of all to follow the command to love one another.

These are powerful and challenging words. Perhaps they make us nod our heads in agreement or shake our heads in disbelief. We want to follow, but we know how difficult it will be. We have seen where it led the Messiah. But if we do follow, if we love as Jesus asks, if we trust God will send the Spirit to guide us, we will see the new Jerusalem promised in the reading from Revelation.

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### Next Sunday's Readings

*Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 | Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 | Revelations 21:10-14, 22-23 | John 14:23-29*

## From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

As we continue to celebrate the resurrection, today's scriptures lead us to realize that the living and risen presence of Christ brings us to the heart of how we are to proclaim that he lives; with a heart full of his love.

A heart full of his love is willing to undergo many hardships. Superficial love is sometimes sentimental, self-serving, and merely pleasurable. The love that Christ calls us to is deeply felt, selfless, and hurts when it is given. Only this sort of love allows us to enter the kingdom of God since it is only when we love in this way that God's truly reigns in our hearts.

A heart full of his love makes all things new. Sometimes we can be stuck in old patterns of relating to God and others that are not really very loving. Sadness can set in as we seem to be repeating the same mistakes which keep us living with past hurts. The love that Christ calls us to is creative and renews us. It challenges us to risk new ways of relating. Only this sort of love can renew our spirits.

A heart full of his love glorifies God. Often we like to be in the spotlight and receive all the glory. We enjoy being noticed and paid attention to. The love that Christ calls us to glorifies God. It acknowledges that God is love and that we can only hope to love because we have first been loved by God. Only this sort of love gives God and others the credit for the love that we are blessed with and able to share.

May our lives and hearts full of love proclaim that we are his disciples and that he lives and dwells with us. May we be citizens of the new Jerusalem.

In Christ's love,  
Fr. Gary L. Secor, V.G.  
Rector