

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, April 29

Fifth Sunday of Easter

2nd Collection for Kauai Flood Recovery

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

Monday, April 30 - *Easter Weekday*

Tuesday, May 1 - *Easter Weekday*

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm in Kamiano Center

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, May 2 - *Easter Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, May 3

Feast of Ss. Philip and James, Apostles

Friday, May 4 - *Easter Weekday*

Adoration/Benediction at 10:00am

Saturday, May 5 - *Easter Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Sunday, May 6

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Outreach Ministry

Outreach Ministry looking for assistant every Saturday from 10:00am – 2:00pm for the HIE HIE Shower Trailer. Looking for 4 – 6 volunteers for any given Saturday. Also looking for donations of clothes, (Especially men's clothing) toiletries, food and, monetary donation at accepted. For more information, please call Ron Gochenouer at (808) 306 – 7502.

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation Meeting will be on May 6th at 11:30am. All are welcome. Bring a friend. Contact: Deacon Joe and Easter Almuena at ealmuena@rcchawaii.org.

Young Adult Ministry

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

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 9,190.93
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,617.56
Coffers	\$ 626.53
Holy Day Collection	\$ 102.00
Total	\$ 11,537.02



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.

April 29 2018 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

“You are nothing without me!” We expect such words from an angry spouse or business partner, perhaps. But here, it's Jesus who says it (John 15:5). Such words often provoke an “I'll show you!” response. But Jesus isn't flinging angry insults, he's just telling the truth. Today's readings are filled with hard truths. Paul was rejected by disciples who feared he was a fraud. John's letter says there is no other route to discipleship than to follow the commandments in deeds, not just words. And the Gospel puts it very bluntly, telling us that he is proactive, pruning healthy vines and cutting away dead branches. The sum of today's readings smacks us upside the head, telling us to do what we're supposed to, stay close so we don't wander into danger, and remain connected so we get the nourishment we need. Otherwise, we'll be tossed aside like withered limbs and end up in the fire.

We receive no apologies for that tough love. We all need it now and again. Without it, it's too easy to become complacent, to act the part without living the role. The formula for success is simple: Belief in Christ comes first. We are not just a “do the right thing” religion, we're a “we belong to Christ” religion. We embrace the consequences of our commitment. That's where step two comes in. If you belong to Christ, then do what he commanded: Love one another.

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Next Sunday's Readings: “Sixth Sunday of Easter”

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 | Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 | 1 John 4:7-10 | John 15:9-17

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

As we continue to celebrate the risen life that Christ has given us, today's gospel uses the image of the vine and the branches to describe how that risen life is shared with us. We see here some important and very practical lessons.

First of all, we see that disconnection invites disaster and death. When we are separated from God, we lose life-giving grace and risk spiritual death. When we unnecessarily cut ourselves off from relationships with others, we prevent the growth of the bonds that we need to become complete and healthy persons. The vine allows us to be connected to the other branches. Christ connects us to each other. Barnabas, in the first reading, helps Paul and the early Church to stay connected to each other. We can help each other to remain connected in Christ.

Secondly, as God's branches, we must bear fruit. We are not an ornamental plant that is grown just to look pretty. Our lives need to be nourishment for the world. As the second reading reminds us, we must bear the fruit of love in concrete deeds. It is our faith and our connection to Christ that are the life-giving source that enable us to be fruitful.

Finally, in order to bear healthy fruit, we must allow ourselves to be pruned. What is not life-giving must be cut away; otherwise it will sap the strength that the vine needs to be productive. We need to cut out of our lives the things that only foster disease and death. This process of pruning is painful, but is absolutely necessary.

In Christ's love,
Very Rev. Msgr. Gary L. Secor, V.G.
Rector