

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, April 30

### **Third Sunday of Easter**

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

Monday, May 1 – *Easter Weekday*

Tuesday, May 2

**Memorial of St. Athanasius, Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church**

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, May 3

**Feast of Saints Philip & James, Apostles**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, May 4 – *Easter Weekday*

Friday, May 5 – **First Friday**

Adoration/Benediction at 10:00am

Saturday, May 6 – **First Saturday**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Mass and Holy Hour at 12:00n

St. Damien Devotional Group at 12:30pm

Sunday, May 7

### **Fourth 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 an Altar Server Training and Meeting Session this Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00am. It's open to all youth or young adults in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and above who have received their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion and Confirmation. Prospective Server must attend this meetings. For more information, please call the office.

## Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation meeting using Bishop Robert Barron's Catholicism series continues on Sunday, May 14. Bring a friend.

## Rev. Gordon Combs, OFM Cap

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.

## Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 10,325.51
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,721.30
Coffers	\$ 556.50
Holy Day Collection	\$ 1,667.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 14,270.31</b>



## Cathedral Renewal Campaign

**More than \$200,000 raised from parish collections!**

Last year, Bishop Larry Silva and Msgr. Gary Secor invited all 66 parishes in the Diocese of Honolulu to support renovations to the mother church of the diocese. Many parishes have elected to participate by conducting a second collection on behalf of the Cathedral Renewal Campaign and we'd like to thank all of those communities and individual donors for their generous support!

To date, forty parishes have conducted their second collections and thirty-eight of those has sent in their contributions, totaling more than \$65,000! And, additionally, more than \$144,000 has been raised from parishioners from across the Diocese who heard the appeal at their parish and then sent in their own gift or pledge. Mahalo nui loa to all of our generous supporters!!

Many thanks to the following parishes for their second-collection gifts to the Cathedral Renewal Campaign:

**Annunciation-Kamuela, Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, Christ the King-Kahului, Immaculate Conception-Lihue, Immaculate Conception-Ewa, Immaculate Heart of Mary-Papaikou, Korean Catholic Community at St. Pius, Malia Puka O Kalani-Hilo, Our Lady of Good Counsel-Pearl City, Our Lady of Lourdes-Honokaa, Our Lady of Mount Carmel-Kaneohe, Our Lady of Perpetual Help-Ewa Beach, Our Lady of Sorrows-Wahiawa, Our Lady of the Mount-Honolulu, Resurrection of the Lord-Waipahu, Sacred Heart-Hawi, Sacred Heart-Waianae, Sacred Hearts-Lanai, St. Anthony of Padua-Kailua, St. Anthony of Padua, Laupahoehoe, St. Anthony-Kalihi, St. Augustine by the Sea-Waikiki, St. Catherine-Kapaa, St. Damien of Molokai, St. Elizabeth-Aiea, St. George-Waimanalo, St. John Apostle & Evangelist-Mililani, St. John the Baptist-Honolulu, St. Joseph-Hilo, St. Joseph-Waipahu, St. Jude-Kapolei, St. Philomena-Honolulu, St. Rita-Haiku, St. Roch-Kahuku, St. Stephen-Honolulu, St. Theresa-Kekaha, St. Theresa-Kihei and St. Theresa-Mountain View.**

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](http://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 30, 2017 – Third Sunday of Easter**

### **Exegesis on this 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*

Christ's death and Resurrection are the heart of our Christian faith. Paul often writes about this to the communities under his care. Peter and the apostles preach it to those joining the early community of believers. Although we may take this event for granted or simply don't think about it, we are reminded by Peter's words in the First Reading that the Resurrection is real and central to our faith from the beginning.

The disciples believe and preach the Good News of the cross and Christ's Resurrection. When they gather, they do so in the name of the Messiah, who saved them by his own body and blood. Gathering at the table and remembering this mystery when they break bread is essential to expressing their belief. When the disciples who were on their way to Emmaus finally recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread, they feel compelled to hurry and share that message of Good News. Perhaps this Easter season, we can ponder this mystery and also hurry to share the message.

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#### **Next Sunday's Readings**

*Acts 6:1-7 / Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 / 1 Peter 2:4-9 / John 14:1-12*

### **From the Rector's Desk**

Dear Cathedral Family:

As we continue our celebration of the resurrection, God's word reminds us of how much we have to celebrate!

The apostles (as recounted in Acts), previously uncertain and fearful, became convinced and fearless in their proclamation of the message of Christ. It is the same Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit that is present today. If we open our hearts to these gifts we will be more confident and unafraid in our following of Christ.

Peter's letter reminds us to center our faith and hope in God. It is so easy to think that other things or persons are going to bring us happiness, joy, or success. The resurrection reminds us that it is only in Christ who lives that we can truly live. Apart from Christ, we die spiritually.

Luke's gospel account of the resurrection appearance of Jesus to the disciples on the road to Emmaus presents a paradigm for how we can come to see the risen Christ. We notice that they journey with Jesus and don't immediately recognize Him; we have Christ with us on life's journey and often fail to realize He is there. Jesus meets them where they are and even allows them to express their disillusionment at the scandal of the cross; God also accepts us as we are. Christ invites them to consider the Scriptures that speak about his message and challenges them to look beyond their hurt; He does the same for us. The two disciples finally recognize Christ in the breaking of the bread; we are gathered at every Eucharist so that we can come to see Jesus more clearly. They go out to spread the good news; God challenges us to tell others that Christ is alive and living in our lives.

Yes, we have much to celebrate and we thank God for the risen life given to us in Christ. This is a life that allows us to live forever and to, even now, experience the presence and power of Christ. We need this presence and power in order to live a life that is deeply joyful, meaningful, and expressive of God's love.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector