

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, May 6

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Monday, May 7 - *Easter Weekday*

Tuesday, May 8 - *Easter Weekday*
No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 9 - *Easter Weekday*
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am
Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, May 10
Feast of St. Damien de Veuster, priest

Friday, May 11 - *Easter Weekday*

Saturday, May 12 - *Easter Weekday*
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
Ss. Marianne/Damien Devotion Group at 12:30pm

Sunday, May 13

Ascension of the Lord

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

Sharing Faith

◆ We are commanded to keep the commandments, yet Jesus says we are “friends” not “slaves” (John 15:14 – 15). What is the difference between how and why a slave and a friend keep commandments?

◆ Acts says the “Holy Spirit fell upon” Cornelius’ household (10:44). What do you make of this dramatic manifestation of the Spirit? Do you think it still occurs today?

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.

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.

Stewardship of Treasure

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| Sunday Collection | \$ 8,425.12 |
| Weekday Collection | \$ 1,730.33 |
| Coffers | \$ 599.45 |
| Holy Day Collection | \$ 10.00 |
| Total | \$ 10,764.90 |



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.

May 6, 2018 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

“God is love” (1 John 4:8) is the greatest jewel in all of scripture, and perhaps it’s most misunderstood truth. That truth distinguished the God of Jesus from the capricious gods of ancient cultures. Our God is so unlike other gods that we don’t even have the words or the imagination to express it. But that’s where we trip up. Because God does so much, we think God will do it all. But God made us free, and with freedom comes responsibility. Slaves have no responsibilities, for they can only do what they’re told. But free people can choose, and we’re free to obey or disobey. It’s how we use that freedom that makes the difference in our lives.

In Cornelius’ home, Peter learned a lesson: God doesn’t play favorites based on DNA or even circumcision. All who fear God and act uprightly are acceptable, but such generosity puts demands on us. That’s why in this Easter Season we keep hearing Jesus tell us that if we love him, we must keep his commandments. Love is a seed or like the yeast in dough. It does what it does because it’s in its nature to sprout or to leaven. But we can short-circuit the process if we don’t tend the seed or don’t let the dough sit and rise. God will never stop loving us, but that doesn’t make our effort unnecessary. Our task is to remain open to that love by keeping the commandments.

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Next Sunday’s Readings: “The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord”

Acts 11:1-11 | Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 | Ephesians 1:17-23 or 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13 | Mark 16:15-20

From the Rector’s Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

Love is probably the most used and abused four-letter word in the English language. The sad reality is that what people call "love" or do in the name of "love" often bears little resemblance to the meaning that Christ gives to this virtue. Today's scriptures not only remind us of the centrality of love in the Christian life, but clearly indicate to us the sort of love that the risen Christ means for us to live.

We see that love, after the example of Jesus, must be sacrificial. It challenges us to lay down our lives for those that we love. This is a tall order, especially when the great temptation is to practice love that is self-serving. But, love is like many things in life; if it doesn't cost much, it is probably not worth much either.

We are reminded that Christian love is inclusive. As Acts reminds us, "God shows no partiality". We should love those who are like us and those who dislike us. God's love, and our love, should strive to be unconditional; not determined by the response of others, but by our decision to extend goodness to all.

We know that to practice this sort of love is very difficult. In fact, as the First Letter of John reminds us, it is only possible with God's help. We can only hope to love as Jesus loves because we have been loved by Jesus first. And Jesus has given us people in our lives who have shown us how to love and have loved us. Love is a learned behavior.

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