

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, May 7

### **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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

Monday, May 8 – *Easter Weekday*

Tuesday, May 9 – *Easter Weekday*

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, May 10

**Feast of St. Damien de Veuster, priest**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Masses at 6:30a, 12:00n and 6:00p

Thursday, May 11 – *Easter Weekday*

Friday, May 12 – *Easter Weekday*

Saturday, May 13 – *Easter Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

St. Marianne Devotional Group at 12:30pm

Sunday, May 14

### **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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

## Adult Faith Formation

Our Adult Faith Formation meeting using Bishop Barron's Catholicism series resumes on May 14. Please plan on joining us and bring a friend.

## Feast of St. Damien de Veuster

There will be a gathering and prayer service at St. Damien's statue at the State Capitol on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 9:00am. In addition to our regular daily Masses, Bishop Larry Silva will celebrate Mass here at the Cathedral Basilica at 6:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

## World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep you parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

## Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 9,660.53
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,765.36
Coffers	\$ 354.79
Holy Day Collection	\$ 80.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,860.68</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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## May 7, 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

### Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

*Acts 2:14a, 36-41 | Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b, 4, 5, 6 | 1 Peter 2:20b-25 | John 10:1-10*

In ancient times, the newly baptized prayed Psalm 23 at their first communion and recited it daily in thanks for the life-giving waters they had found in Baptism. The psalm celebrates an overwhelming faith in God's providence. The image of the Lord as shepherd is a good accompaniment to the one heard in the Gospel today. God's nearness as the shepherd guarantees abundant life.

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus identifies himself as the gate for the sheep. That phrase relates to other "I am" statements in John's account of the Gospel: "I am the Light," "I am the bread of life," "I am the way, the truth and life," and "I am the resurrection." In each of those, Jesus reveals something about the relationship he wants to have with his people. When Jesus says, "I am the vine," he specifies, "you are the branches." If Jesus is the gate, we are the sheep who pass out through it each day for rich pastures and then in through it for safe rest. Jesus' mission as gate assures us life in abundance.

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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 to celebrate the risen presence of Christ, today's Gospel invites us to see that Jesus Christ, who continues to live, is our Good Shepherd. This image reminds us of several important aspects of Christ's relationship with us.

First of all, the sheep depend on the shepherd so much that they will die without his help. Left to graze on their own, they will not survive. God calls us to recognize that we will not really be able to live unless we allow the Lord to shepherd us. To live apart from His shepherding invites disaster.

Secondly, there is safety in numbers. Sheep gather in a flock. We are called to be with one another as we live our Christian lives. We are challenged to support one another and to lead one another to the Shepherd who ultimately leads us.

And, as the image presented to us in the Gospel suggests, the sheep have a choice. The shepherd leads them by speaking to them. They listen to his voice and then follow. He does not force them to follow Him. God gives us free will. He loves us so much that He will not coerce obedience. He wants us to love Him freely.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, the Church also celebrates The World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We are reminded that we need many more good shepherds to serve our Church as Priests, Deacons, and Religious Brothers and Sisters. All of us need to take responsibility for encouraging those among us who God may be calling. And we need to pray for Vocations as well. As a priest for almost 40 years, I can assure you that I can't think of a more fulfilling and joy-filled life. It is a great blessing to be your shepherd.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector

### Infant Baptism

Infant baptisms will be celebrated on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Parents with infants for baptism must first meet with Fr. Marvin prior to attending the required class held on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Please call the office at (808) 536-7036 for more information and to schedule a brief meeting.