

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, May 8

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

2nd Collection for Communication Campaign

Mother's Day

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

Monday, May 9 - *Easter Weekday*

The Fishers of Men at 6:00pm

Tuesday, May 10

Feast of St. Damien De Veuster

2nd Anniversary of the Granting of the Title of

Minor Basilica to the

Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace

Festive Mass at 12:00n

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 11 - *Easter Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, May 12 - *Easter Weekday*

Friday, May 13 - *Easter Weekday*

Saturday, May 14

Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

St. Damien Prayer Group at 12:30pm

Adoration at 4:00pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Pentecost Vigil Celebration at 6:00pm in

Kamiano Center

Sunday, May 16

Pentecost Sunday

2nd Collection for Repair & Maintenance

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

Gallery May Specials

May 10 is the Feast Day of Saint Damien DeVeuster as well as the anniversary of the granting of the title of Minor Basilica to the Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace. In honor of these two significant events, the Cathedral Gallery is offering special gifts with purchase of Saint Damien Merchandise throughout the entire month of May. Visit us on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9am-2pm, and after our weekend Masses. Call 585-3311.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 9,104.86
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,402.24
Credit Card Collection	\$ 515.00
Holy Day	\$ 20.00



Total \$ 11,042.10



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May Day Ho'olaule'a 2016

All are invited to celebrate and say aloha to Cathedral Catholic Academy. After 80 years of quality, Catholic education, the school will be closing on June 3rd. A May Day Ho'olaulea event will be held on Friday, May 13th from 4 p.m. – 9 p.m. and will include food, music, entertainment and a final May Day program performed by the current students of CCA! Please call the office at 808-533-2069 or RSVP to principal@cca-hawaii.com today!

First Friday Mass

CCA celebrated our final 1st Friday Mass on Friday, May 6th with Fr. Gary. CCA 1st Friday Mass celebrations were an integral part of our 80 year tradition. Thank you for your support and prayers.

Happy National Teacher Appreciation Day

CCA celebrated National Appreciation Day with a special PTG sponsored luncheon for the teachers. PTG parent volunteers came to serve lunches to the teachers and helped watch lunch recess while the teachers enjoyed the food!

Jump Rope For Heart

CCA will once again participate in JUMP ROPE FOR HEART to help support the American Heart Association! A special presentation was given this week and all jumpers will collect donations for the big day on Friday, May 20th!

CCA Tie Dye T-Shirt Day

CCA will celebrate a TIE DYE T-SHIRT DAY where students are allowed to wear their student-created CCA T-shirts to celebrate school pride. Shirts will be worn on May 11th.

All School Learning Trip

CCA will be travelling to the University of Hawai'i and be visiting a lo'i to experience how the Hawaiian people worked and nurtured the land. The all-school trip will be a muddy and fun day for all!

May 8, 2016 – The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Acts 1:1-11 | Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 | Ephesians 1:17-23 or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23 | Luke 24:46-53

We are devastated when we lose someone important to us. Whether it is a loss by death, moving, or the breakup of a relationship, loss can be overwhelming. Imagine the disciples' predicament when the Savior left their midst and ascended into heaven. Confusion and disbelief would be the expected human reactions, even though Jesus consecrated them to go out and do his work. Each of the disciples moved on and continued the mission that Jesus started. They accepted the challenge to spread the Good News to the ends of the earth. They had the support of the Christian community, which strengthened and renewed them.

Although interpreted, explained, and revisited many times, their mission to evangelize remained solid. We know that the underlying message of salvation is what also energizes us to do the Lord's work. Each week at Sunday liturgy we renew our baptismal commitment. We carry our commitment in small ways each day: in prayer, in good deeds, in tasks for those we love, in thanksgiving, and in praise to God.

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Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 2:1-11 | Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 | 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17
Sequence: Veni, Sancte Spiritus | John 20:19-23 or John 14:15-16, 23b-26

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

Departures can be difficult. It is hard to let go of those we love and to see them leave us. But, often, the bitter sadness of their absence is offset by the sweetness of knowing that they are going on to greater things and will continue to be in contact with us. The Ascension of the Lord may have been such an experience for the disciples. At first, they seemed set in sadness and shock as they stood "there looking at the sky". But, they later "returned to Jerusalem with great joy". Even as we experience the seeming absence of God in our lives, the Ascension event invites us to a renewed hope.

First of all, "absence makes the heart grow fonder". Only when someone leaves us, do we realize how much they mean to us. We no longer take their love for granted and desire to renew our relationship with them. The disciples more deeply professed their love for Christ, even to the point of dying for him, after he left them. When Christ feels absent in our lives, we are challenged to realize that he is still very much there. We must deepen our love for him.

Secondly, when the disciples could no longer see Christ in the way that they had seen him, they were forced to see him in new ways and in new places. He was no longer limited to the places where he had walked and talked with them. But, they knew that he will still be very much with them. They could now see him in each other and in all of creation. God wants to give us the same kind of vision. When we find it difficult to see Christ, God is challenging us to renew our sight.

Finally, it was only after the Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit that the disciples discovered that God had empowered them to do the very things that Jesus had done. The teacher had left them, but the students now realized that they could put into action the lessons they had learned. They were beginning to grow up in Christ. God wants all of us to grow up in Christ; to take responsibility for using the talents and skills that Jesus, the teacher, has given us.

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