

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, May 12

Fourth Sunday of Easter

(World Day Prayer for Vocations)

Mother's Day

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

Adult Faith Formation at 11:30am

Monday, May 13

Monday of the Fourth Week of Easter

Tuesday, May 14

Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 15

Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Easter

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, May 16

Thursday of the Fourth Week of Easter

Friday, May 17

Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter

Saturday, May 18

Saturday of the Fourth Week of Easter

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, May 19

Fifth Sunday of Easter

2nd Collection for Repairs and Maintenance

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

Young Adult Meeting at 12:00pm

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation will meet on Sunday, May 12 at 11:30am. We will have mothers sharing about "Motherhood and the likeness of Mary." Contact Deacon Joe and Easter at [**Easter.Almuena@gmail.com**](mailto:Easter.Almuena@gmail.com)

Young Adult Meeting

Young adults will meet next Sunday at noon in the Rectory for lunch, fellowship, Scripture, and prayer. Meet at the Cathedral Gallery. Young adults ages 18-39 are invited to sign up for text updates by texting the keyword CBYAM to 84576. Our meetings will now take place on the first AND third Sundays of the month, and will start earlier, 12 noon to 2pm

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,471.67
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,970.33
Coffers	\$ 426.40
Holy Day Collection	\$ 139.00
Total	\$ 11,007.40



Sharing Faith

- Why do you think Jesus washed his feet before speaking of this new commandment? How is it an ultimate sign of love?
- The reading from Revelation includes powerful images of comfort. What do the words mean to you?
- Where are you called to act in love so that others will know you are Christ's disciple?

Living the Liturgy

- Make a poster of people's feet either with shoes or barefoot, in mud or clean. When you finished, hang it on the wall and pray over it for a few days. Then, in a group, read the passage from the Gospel about washing feet as a sign of love and service. Talk about all the ways we are called to wash feet (not just literally).
- With a group, begin to make some cards for Pentecost. Use scripture quotes from readings of Easter Sunday. (Today's Revelation reading has some beautiful images.) Send cards to people in your neighborhood or parish, or to your friends who may be going through difficult times and need a message of hope. Be a sign of the presence of God's loving Spirit to them
- Paul and Barnabas encouraged many disciples along their journey. What words do you think they spoke to strengthen their spirits and persevere in spreading the Gospel?

Rosary Making Class

Anyone interested on learning how to make rosaries, please come and join the Senior Ministry on Sunday, May 12th from 9:00 am to 11:15 am at the Kamiano Center. Teachers are on hand and materials will be provided.

Ordination to the Priesthood

All are invited to attend the Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Romple Hakilemwar Emwalu and Deacon Vincent Ahn Vu happening on Friday, May 17th at 6:00pm. Ordination will take place at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus located at 712 North School Street. For more information, please call the Office of Vocation at 585-3300 or Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa at 521-1700.

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Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Acts 13:14, 43-52 | Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5 | Revelation 7:9, 14b-17 | John 10:27-30

Have you ever had the experience of having an unexpected package or floral arrangement delivered to you? In this situation, we often ask the deliverer, "Are you sure that you have the right house?"

This is the kind of amazement that might be expressed by the Gentiles in response to the preaching of the disciples, Paul and Barnabas. While some Jewish religious authorities were jealous and expelled these missionaries, the Gentiles were delighted to hear the Good News of the word of the Lord. The Gentiles, long accustomed to scorn and disregard, said to Paul, "Are you sure you have the right house?"

The refrain from the Responsorial Psalm, "We are his people, the sheep of his flock" (Psalm 100:3) speaks of the joy and thanksgiving in being part of God's people. Jesus says his followers will know his voice and no one will be able to take them from his hand. Jews and Gentiles alike are welcome as God's people. What an amazing message of salvation! We all belong to the right house.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "Fifth Sunday of Easter"

Acts 14:21-27 | Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 | Revelation 21:1-5a | John 13:31-33a, 34-35

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

This weekend we celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations. When we hear the word "vocation" in Catholic circles, we automatically think of those called to be deacons, priests, brothers, or sisters. Actually, all of us are called, through our baptisms, to a life of holiness and service. To be holy and to serve others is not an optional extra for those who believe in Christ. It is a basic requirement of those who are authentic Christians. We become holy and offer loving service in a variety of ways through being single or married and by being students, those who work, or those who volunteer.

The root of the word "vocation" is "vocare", a Latin word that means "call". The gospel reminds us that the Good Shepherd, Jesus, is the one who is calling us. We need to be prayerful and perceptive so that we can listen to His voice. God speaks to our entire being and helps us to become aware of what we are truly and deeply passionate about. It is this passion that God wants to purify and direct toward a significant and meaningful purpose. Ultimately, God wants us to find a vocation that that we can be excited and passionate about; one that fills us with joy and fulfillment, even as it calls us to sacrifice and commitment.

Speaking for myself, and having been a priest for over 40 years, I can tell you that God's calling in my life has brought me much joy and fulfillment. It has given me an opportunity to be life-giving in many deeply beautiful and moving ways. It has involved challenge and sacrifice, but it has been much more of a blessing than a burden. Because this life of service as a priest has been such a gift to me, I want to be part of passing this gift on to others. I strongly encourage others, especially young people in our Cathedral community, to consider whether God might be calling them to a life of service as a deacon, priest, brother or sister. Don't be afraid or ashamed about asking me or another priest, deacon, or religious about what is involved in pursuing this calling. Let us pray that all of us will listen to God's call, allow God to use our passion for God's purpose, and be able to live our vocation to holiness and service.

This weekend we also celebrate the vocation of motherhood as we honor our mothers, living and dead, on Mother's Day. We thank God for their "yes" to God's call to be life-giving in so many ways. May they know the love of God, especially through the love and respect that we show them today and always.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector