

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, May 13

Ascension of the Lord

Mother's Day

2nd Collection for Communication Campaign

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

Monday, May 14

Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle

Tuesday, May 15 - *Easter Weekday*

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 16 - *Easter Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, May 17- *Easter Weekday*

Friday, May 18 - *Easter Weekday*

Saturday, May 19 - *Easter Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Sunday, May 20

Pentecost Sunday

2nd Collection for Repairs & Maintenance

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

Most Beautiful Among Women

Calling all women to come join us on Sunday, May 20, 2018, in the Kamiano Center from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm for fellowship, prayer, praise and worship, lunch, teaching from the Word of God, and a joyful day together in the Lord! Feel free to bring your children as we also offer children's ministry at the same time. Come enjoy Pentecost Sunday as together we learn more about being filled with the Holy Spirit!

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

Sunday Collection	\$ 9,063.90
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,819.95
Coffers	\$ 533.91
Holy Day Collection	\$ 155.00
Total	\$ 11,572.76



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 13, 2018 – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

The disciples' shock at the Resurrection is now superseded by their shock at the Ascension. Would they get along without him? Would they remember any of what he'd taught them? These are urgent questions that Jesus never answers. Instead, he gives a promise and a prophecy. The promise is the Spirit who will come to them with power. In that power, they will embrace their destiny, becoming witnesses to Christ in Jerusalem and to the ends of the earth. It had to be that way. Every good parent knows children must eventually venture out on their own. But good parents never send children out without resources. Neither does Jesus.

That's why the promise. On their own, they would have surely failed. The opposition from without would have coalesced against them and the weakness from within would have consumed their unity. But the Holy Spirit would remind them of all Jesus said, give them courage to face enemies, and enlighten and embolden them and center them in truth. What's more, by ascending to the Father, Jesus assumed his rightful role as "head" and all his followers became the members of the Body they were meant to be. Jesus didn't leave his followers, he became of part of each and every one. He is still here, in fact, in each of us. We are his Body and, through us, he still drives out demons and heals the wounds of a broken world.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "Pentecost Sunday"

Vigil: Genesis 11:1-9 or Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ezekiel 37:1-14 or Joel 3:1-5 | Psalm 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 | Roman 8:22-27 | John 7:37-39

Mass during the Day: Acts 2:1-11 | Psalm 104:1ab, 24ac, 29bc-30 | 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Galatians 5:16-25 | John 20:19-23 or John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

"Absence makes the heart grow fonder." While our hearts often hurt when a loved one leaves, we also know the truth of this statement; the departure of someone often helps us appreciate certain things about them and our relationship with them even more. Today, as we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, we see that the disciples experienced the going of Jesus into heaven as an opportunity to deepen their awareness of Him and of who He had enabled them to be.

When Jesus ascended into heaven, He was no longer physically present in one place. But, in a very real sense, He was more present than ever. No longer in one particular time and space, He is present everywhere and in everyone. The apostles realized that Christ really hadn't left. They saw very clearly that the Body of Christ was alive and well. All of us are called to the same awareness, especially at moments when it feels like Christ has left us. When He feels absent, He is more present than ever!

When Jesus ascended into heaven, He was no longer visibly with the apostles, healing the sick, preaching God's Word, expelling demons, and showing God's love. But, in a real sense, He was doing these things more than ever. His departure helped the apostles, and all those who are disciples, to realize that He had empowered them to do the very same things that He had done. His going caused the apostles to get going! How are we being called to do Christ's work?

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