

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, May 14

### **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Mother's Day**

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

Monday, May 15 – *Easter Weekday*

Infant Baptismal Class at 6:00pm

Tuesday, May 16 – *Easter Weekday*

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, May 17

**No Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Thursday, May 18 – *Easter Weekday*

Friday, May 19 – *Easter Weekday*

Saturday, May 20 – *Easter Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

St. Damien Devotional Group at 12:30pm

Sunday, May 21

### **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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

Infant Baptism at 10:30am Mass

## 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.

## Infant Baptism

Infant baptisms will be celebrated this 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.

## Parish Respect Life

Do you have a passion for mothers and their unborn children, for those who are dying, for those who are disabled, for prisoners on death row and those they have harmed, and for all who are in need, that the culture of death that surrounds us may be replaced by a culture of life? God may be calling you! Please consider joining the Parish Respect Life Committee. We need you – both youth and adults. Contact Lisa Shorba 469-5470 or [lisashorba@gmail.com](mailto:lisashorba@gmail.com) for more information! O God, from generation to generation, you have called your people to be the very aroma of life amidst a culture of death. Now it is our turn. Prepare me. Send me. Use me. I am eager to do my part. Stir your people everywhere to take up this great work.

## Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 9,294.26
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,726.30
Coffers	\$ 564.93
Holy Day Collection	\$ 69.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,699.49</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 14, 2017 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

### Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

*Acts 6:1-7 | Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 | 1 Peter 2:4-9 | John 14:1-12*

In this Sunday's Gospel, Thomas asks Jesus how the disciples will know the way if they do not know where Jesus is going. As a follower of Jesus, one would expect Thomas to know the answer to this question. In typical fashion, John uses uncomprehending characters to allow Jesus to explain something far deeper than first imagined. He reminds them they know the way to the life he is promising. Thomas disagrees, seemingly asking for a roadmap for Jesus' coming journey. To that, Jesus responds that he is the way, the truth, and the life.

The image of the way has a rich scriptural history. It occurs over 150 times in the psalms, beginning with Psalm 1 which says, "Happy those who do not . . . go the way of sinners" (Psalm 1:1) and "The Lord watches over the way of the just, but the way of the wicked leads to ruin" (Psalm 1:6). Jesus' way is the way of the just, a way of life that the disciples are to imitate. To accept Jesus as our way, truth, and life means to open ourselves to his dwelling in us and follow his way.

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### **Next Sunday's Readings**

*Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 | Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 | 1 Peter 3:15-18 | John 14:15-21*

### **Catholic Communication Campaign**

Our parish will be participating by taking up a collection on the weekend of **May 27/28**. This campaign supports diverse projects such as television, radio, social media, printed media, and more to effectively spread the Gospel with the use of technology & media. Envelopes will be available at the Makai side of the church. You may drop your donation during offertory or donate online using our "WeShare Online Giving". Please be generous.

### **From the Rector's Desk**

Dear Cathedral Family:

"If the world gives you lemons, make lemonade!" This expression summarizes the "can do" attitude that characterized the early Church. The problem described in the reading from Acts, the increased number of disciples stretching the ability of the Church to respond to the needy, became the occasion for the Church to ordain the first deacons. Rather than focusing on the negativity of the criticism, they responded in a hopeful and positive way. When we face life's challenges, we are called to respond in the same way.

The Letter of St. Peter expresses this theme as well. Life, and our faith, teach us that the very thing we think is of no use ("the stone rejected by the builders") often ends up being the most important stone of all. The suffering, disappointment, and challenge in our lives can be used by God to become the "cornerstone" of renewed and revitalized trust in God's power.

Jesus, in the Gospel, reminds us of the same idea by exhorting us: "Do not let your hearts be troubled". With faith in Christ and His Way, we will do the kind of work that Christ has done, and even greater things! This is quite an astonishing promise, but "with God all things are possible".

This weekend we honor and pray for our Mothers, living and dead. We thank God for the gift of life we have received through them and pray that God will help them to know that they are loved, this weekend and always!

In Christ's love,

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

Rector