The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, May 15

Pentecost Sunday

2nd Collection for Repair & Maintenance
Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm

Monday, May 16 - *Weekday*
The Fishers of Men at 6:00pm

Tuesday, May 17 - *Weekday*
No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 18 - *Weekday*
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am
Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, May 19 - *Weekday*

Friday, May 20 - *Weekday*

Saturday, May 21 - *Weekday*
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
St. Damien Prayer Group at 12:30pm
Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, May 22

The Most Holy Trinity

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

Eucharistic Procession

All are welcome to join us for the annual Eucharistic Procession on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, May 29, 2016. We will begin with Mass at 10:30 am at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, 712 North School Street, Honolulu and begin our procession at about 12:15 pm to the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace, downtown. For more information, please call the Office of Worship at 585-3342.

Cathedral Renewal Campaign

We are gearing up for restoration work to start again in 2016. Phase II will commence later this summer with structural repairs to the sacristies and the bell tower. The sacristies will be fully renovated and new permanent cabinets will be installed for storing priests' vestments and supplies. Electrical wiring to the bell tower will be upgraded, the access hatch to the tower will be replaced, the tower's wood stairs and coral walls will be repaired and reinforced, and we hope to repair the 200-year-old tower clock during this phase as well. We do not foresee having to close the church during this phase, thus you may expect Mass schedules & locations to continue normally.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	$	13,618.32
Weekday Collection	$	1,724.54
Coffers	$	839.05
Holy Day	$	172.00
Total	**$**	**16,352.91**

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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@ccahawaii.com today!

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!

All School Retreat May 20th

CCA will celebrate with an ALL SCHOOL RETREAT on the morning of Friday, May 20th. Students will be divided into various groups and participate in community and team activities as part of a reflection on the final school year.

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!

Final School Mass

CCA will celebrate our final Mass of the school year on Wednesday, May 25th at 8:30 a.m. in the School Hall. Please join us!

May 15, 2016 – Pentecost Sunday

Exegesis on this 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

Have you ever had someone ask you not to breathe on them when you are sick, or tried to avoid someone around you who seems to be ill? It is common knowledge that things can spread when we breathe upon one another!

The signs of the Holy Spirit are found throughout all of today's Scripture readings: wind, fire, breath. In the Responsorial Psalm we hear that if God takes away our breath, we perish. But when his Spirit is sent, the face of the earth is renewed. Paul tells us that we are children and heirs of God — an amazing image of being claimed by God as his own. When the Spirit dwells in God's people, then God's glory will be seen by all.

We are to celebrate our reliance on the Spirit of God. When God breathes on us, we, too, catch something. We catch a sense of the Holy Spirit and the possibilities of building a world of mercy and justice as God instructs us. If we carry the Spirit we catch with us, we help renew the face of the earth.

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Next Sunday's Readings

Proverbs 8:22-31 | Psalm 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 | Romans 5:1-5 | John 16:12-15

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

Happy Birthday! Today has been called by many the birthday of the Church. Once the disciples received the promised gift of the Father and the Son, the Holy Spirit, they were able to go from the "womb" of that upper room into the world. Every day, and especially at Pentecost, God wants to give each of us a new birth, a Baptism in the Holy Spirit. We need God's Holy Spirit to be truly alive in Christ. We need the Holy Spirit to give purpose, peace, and power to our lives.

The Holy Spirit gives purpose to our lives. Often, we don't live "on purpose". We merely react to things around us and move in many different directions, some of which are away from God. In the midst of many confusing yearnings and invitations, it is difficult to know how to act and what to choose. The Holy Spirit offers us the gift of wisdom and insight so that we might begin to know God more clearly and sense his loving will for our lives. Whether we are deciding about our life's work or about what the work of today will be, we need the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit gives peace to our lives. Often, we feel as if all is in turmoil. We feel inner conflict as we try to reconcile conflicting emotions and seek healing from past hurts. We are not at peace with God because we have waged war against an awareness of God's presence in our lives. We are not at peace with one another because we have chosen conflict and division instead of peace and unity. It seems easier to settle for separation and superficiality instead of working toward a deeper oneness. The Holy Spirit of love offers us the possibility of finding peace within ourselves and with one another. It is like soothing oil that medicates our hurts and allows us to more smoothly relate to one another.

The Holy Spirit gives power to our lives. Often, we know what is right and have the desire to do good. But, we feel helpless in the midst of the enormity of the task of living a Christian life in a world that is often anti-Christian. We realize that just knowing the commandments is not enough. We recognize that just exercising our will power is not sufficient. We need to surrender to the power of the Holy Spirit so that God can be the fuel that powers the engine of our lives. The "high octane" of God's grace is what we need to run the race and to win the prize of heaven. Come Holy Spirit! We need your purpose, peace and power in our lives.

This past Friday we celebrated at our Cathedral Catholic Academy as we gave thanks for 80 years of Catholic education. Although we are saddened that our school is closing, we know that it has made a great difference in the lives of so many. Our final graduation will be on Friday May 27th 2016 5pm, here at the Cathedral. Thanks to all those past and present who have blessed our school!

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