

The Church's Calendar This Week

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

Monday, May 22 – *Easter Weekday*

Tuesday, May 23 – *Easter Weekday*

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, May 24 – *Easter Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, May 25 – *Easter Weekday*

Friday, May 26

Memorial of St. Philip Neri, priest

Saturday, May 27 – *Easter Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

St. Marianne Devotional Group at 12:30pm

Sunday, May 28

The Ascension of the Lord

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

Most Beautiful Among Women

Our women's ministry, Most Beautiful Among Women, is meeting for monthly fellowship today, May 21st, in the Kamiano Center from 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm. We will have fellowship, a teaching from God's Word to apply in our lives, share our journeys, and pray with one another and for one another and for our families, friends, government officials, nation and the world! We will sing songs of praise as we worship together and enjoy our afternoon. Come meet new friends!

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 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

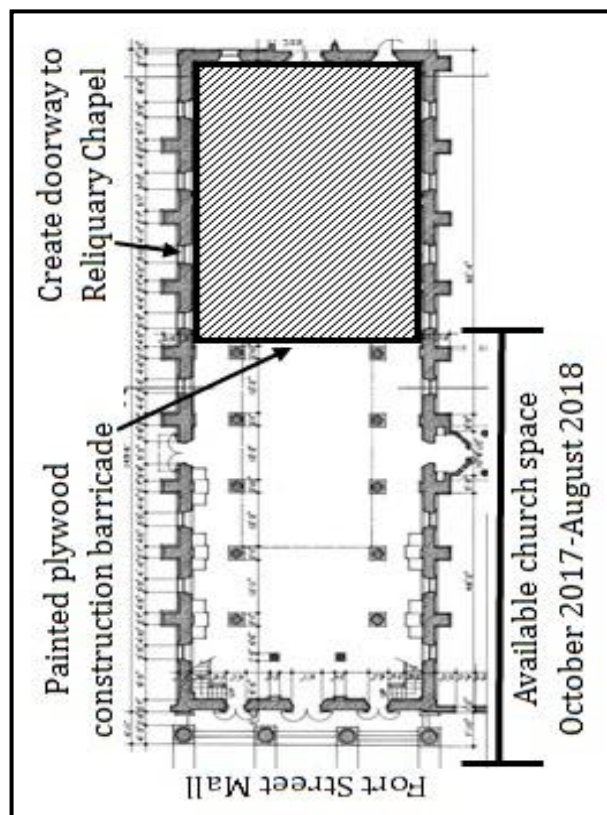
Sunday Collection	\$ 9,843.50
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,873.48
Coffers	\$ 1,566.88
Holy Day Collection	\$ 556.00
Total	\$ 13,839.86



Cathedral Renewal Campaign

Sanctuary Renovation Plans

Our project architect, Mason Architects, and Trinity Management are working behind the scenes now with lead contractor, Constructors Hawaii, to secure the materials and sub-contractors needed to begin work in the sanctuary in September. Before renovations begin, workers will install a plywood partition wall that will bisect the Cathedral as shown in the image below; the shaded area indicates the section that will be blocked off for renovation.



The main floor will be shortened for approximately nine months; however, the majority of daily and weekend Masses will be held in the Cathedral and gallery seating will be opened to make-up for the temporary loss of seating on the main floor

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 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 21, 2017 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Exegesis on this 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

It is easy to imagine that the disciples were not quite ready for Jesus to depart from their midst. In today's First Reading they ask Jesus a question: "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6). They still are uncertain.

Only Luke's account of the Gospel treats Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension as two separate events with forty days between them. On the solemnity of the Ascension, we celebrate that Jesus leaves the disciples with a mission to do on behalf of God's reign. Jesus will be with them in this work, but in a new way. The Holy Spirit will help them fulfill the work of witnessing to the ends of the earth. The two men in white in the Acts passage who ask the disciples why they look to heaven might also point us where we are to look. Our work is directed toward heaven while fostering God's kingdom on earth. In the passage from the Gospel according to Matthew, Jesus says the mission is to make disciples of all nations. Disciples must look to the world where Jesus lived and showed us how to live.

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Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 1:1-11 | Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 | Ephesians 1:17-23 | Matthew 28:16-20

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.

Responding to God's Call

Sharing the response to God's call by people living in different vocations (single, married, consecrated religious, and ordained ministers).

St. Anthony Retreat Center (SARC)
3351 Kalihi Street, Honolulu, HI 96819

There is no cost for this retreat but a free will offering will be collected to help cover expenses. Call (808) 845-0065 to register or for more information. Deadline for registration is June 4th.

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

As we move toward the latter part of the Easter Season, we are in the prelude to Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit. The reading from Acts recounts how the apostles prayed for the coming of Holy Spirit on those who had accepted the word of God. Peter's letter exhorts us to "sanctify Christ as Lord in our hearts" and to give our testimony with "gentleness and reverence". The gift of the Holy Spirit, God's spirit in our spirits, enables us to do these things. John's gospel reminds us that Jesus has promised to send us the Holy Spirit as our Advocate to be with us always.

Next Sunday we will celebrate the Ascension of the Lord (in most U.S. Dioceses it is no longer celebrated on a Thursday). Although it appears that with the Ascension Jesus departed, He has given us his Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the helper, the advocate, who we need and the one who sanctifies our hearts with God's presence and power. All of us need this help in order to be able to follow Christ and live a godly life in a world that often pressures us to do otherwise.

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