The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, May 27

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

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

Monday, May 28 – Weekday

Memorial Day Holiday Mass at 12:00n

Tuesday, May 29 – *Weekday* No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 30 – Weekday Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, May 31 **Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Friday, June 1 – *First Friday* **Memorial of St. Justin**, *Martyr*Adoration/Benediction at 10:00am

Saturday, June 2 – *First Saturday*Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
Mass & Holy Hour at 12:00n
Ss. Marianne/Damien Devotion Group at 12:30pm

Sunday, June 3

Solemnity of the Most Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm Adoration & Benediction at 1:00pm

Respect Life Ministry

Come meet with the Respect Life Ministry as we discuss life issues and will watch the fourth DVD in a series of eye-opening talks on abortion loss and unresolved grief. We will meet on Sunday, June 3, 2018, from 1:00-3:30 pm in the Kamiano Center. This gathering promises to be one of great interest and information. All are welcome. For more information please contact Lisa Shorba at 469-5479.

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 \$ 8,042.72 Stewardship Update Coffers \$ 533.64 Holy Day Collection \$ 103.00 Total \$ 10,394.62

Cathedral Renewal Campaign

\$7.5 Million Milestone Surpassed!

The Cathedral Renewal Campaign is excited to report that more than \$7.5 million has been raised to support restoration of the historic Cathedral Basilica.

The project to renovate, restore and preserve the 175 year-old Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace began in 2008 with preliminary studies, site surveys, historical analysis and architectural designs.

Funding for the project was launched with monies allocated to the Cathedral's renovation as part of the Diocesan-wide *With Grateful Hearts* campaign - \$1.3 million.

Cathedral staff reinstated fundraising efforts in 2013 with the creation of the Cathedral Renewal Campaign, which sought broad support from the Cathedral parish community and other supporters - \$2.1 million.

Under new leadership and with the start of construction on the horizon, fundraising efforts were again re-established in June 2015. Since that time, another \$4 million has been secured, bringing the total amount raised to more than \$7.5 million.

Many thanks to the more than 1,500 parishioners, friends, foundations, parishes, clergy, religious orders and clubs, school groups, staff and businesses who have supported this effort. *Mahalo nui loa!*

With your help, we build upon the legacy of those who came before us by renewing the Cathedral Basilica to ensure she is restored and preserved to serve our Catholic community for many years into the future.

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 27, 2018 – The Most Holy Trinity Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 | Psalm 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 | Roman 8:14-17 | Matthew 28:16-20

Today we hear an extraordinary juxtaposition: "They worshipped, but they doubted" (Matthew 28:18). How can you doubt something you worship, or worship something you doubt? It shouldn't make sense, but somehow it does. Many of us do it, too: we gather on Sunday and worship, but our conviction ebbs and flows. We're just going through the motions. It's hard to blame the Apostles for doubting during those early days after the Resurrection. They knew Jesus had been crucified and buried in a tomb. That he had risen was a wild leap of the heart, a jerk of the imagination; but was it true? Even their eyes were slow to convince them.

It was nothing new. Moses harangues the people for their slow and sloppy faith. He asks: Did any other people ever experience what you've experienced? Have others heard the voice of God? Have they been selected to be God's special people? Don't be so slow to remember, he lectures them. You already know all this! So you should also know that your God, not the false gods of your neighbors but your God, reigns above and below the earth. He alone is God and you must obey his commandments. St. Paul reminds us why we obey: not because we are slaves forced to follow orders, but because we are adopted sons and daughters, children of our "Abba" God. We do what good children do: obey out of love and understanding.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ"

Exodus 24:3-8 | Psalm 116:12-13, 15-18 | Hebrew 9:11-15 | Sequence: Lauda Sion | Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

Today we celebrate the Holy Trinity, a mystery of faith that while remaining a mystery invites us to a deeper understanding of who God is and who we are called to be created in the image and likeness of God. We might say that we believe in a three dimensional God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

God is a relationship of persons and it is in persons and in personal relationships that we discover God. To be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is to be in communion with the Father, through the Son, and in the Holy Spirit. This relationship St. Paul calls adoption. All other relationships stand under this relationship and we understand others through this relationship and understand God in relationship with others.

The three persons of God are equal, but different. God is teaching us that equality and difference can exist together. Equality does not equal sameness. To demand sameness in the name of equality would be like asking all the instruments in the orchestra to play the exact same score and to create the same sound. The script was not written that way and the nature of the instruments are different.

While there is much that God wants us to understand about God's existence and nature, there is much more that we can never understand. Like human relationships, the relationship of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit remains a mystery. Ultimately, we must treat our relationship with God and others with Reverence and respect.

Let us continue our prayer and our lives in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector