

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, May 28

### The Ascension of the Lord

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Communication Campaign  
Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00p

Monday, May 29 – *Easter Weekday*

### Memorial Day Holiday

*Cathedral on Holiday Schedule*

*All offices closed*

Tuesday, May 30 – *Easter Weekday*

Evening Prayer Service at 5:40pm  
Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, May 31

### Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

No Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday, June 1

### Memorial of St. Justin, martyr

Friday, June 2 – *First Friday*

Adoration/Benediction at 10:00am

Saturday, June 3 – *First Saturday*

### Memorial of St. Charles Lwanga & Companions

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Mass & Holy Hour at 12:00n

Ss. Damien/Marianne Devotionals at 12:30pm

Sunday, June 4

### Pentecost Sunday

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

## 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 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Adult Faith Formation

Our Adult Faith Formation meeting using Bishop Barron's Catholicism series resumes on June 11. Please plan on coming and bring a friend.

## Stewardship of Treasure

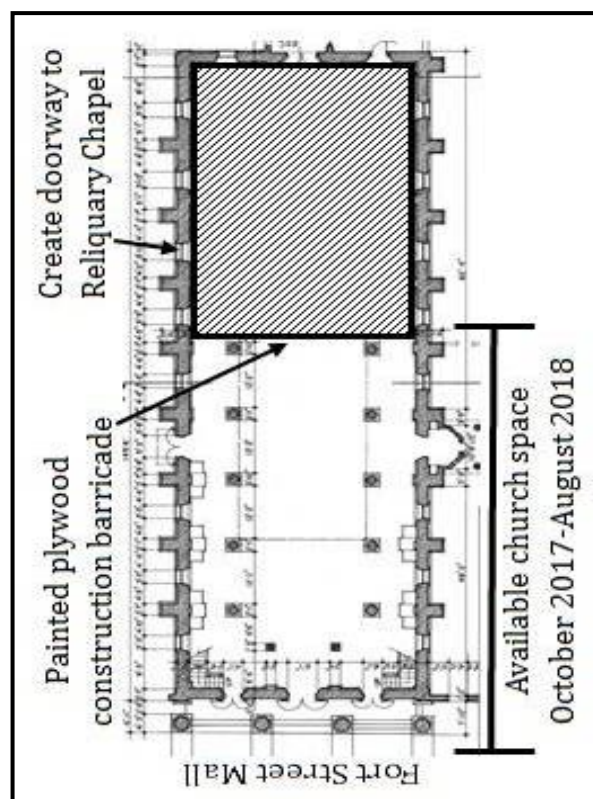
Sunday Collection	\$ 10,362.47
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,567.41
Coffers	\$ 444.11
Holy Day Collection	\$ 83.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,839.86</b>



## 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](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 28, 2017 – The Ascension of the Lord

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

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 2:1-11 | Psalm 104:1, 24, 29, 29-31, 34 | 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 | John 20:19-23*

## From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

"If God feels absent, who left?" This phrase reminds us that we are the ones that create the distance between God and us. God is really present all the time; it is just that we deny God's presence, try to push God out of our lives, or fail to recognize the many signs of God's being with us.

At first glance, today's Ascension event would seem to signal the absence of Christ. But, Jesus made it clear that He was not abandoning his disciples or us. He promised to continue to be very present through the Holy Spirit. In a sense, Christ would be even more present once He left. His departure forced his disciples to recognize that Christ was within them. One might say that His absence made "their hearts grow fonder" for Him.

The Ascension event was also the occasion for the disciples to realize that now that Christ had left (physically) they were called to "get going". He commissioned them to be His witnesses and to lead others to Him. It wasn't until He left, that they would really know that He had empowered them to do the very things that He had done; to preach, to heal, to love heroically, and to even give their lives.

Today, Christ invites us to deepen our ability to see His presence that our hearts might "grow fonder". He offers us His Holy Spirit so that we might do what He has done. These days between Ascension and Pentecost were the first novena days of the Church; a time of intense prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Let us make that novena this coming week.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector

## Catholic Communication Campaign

Our parish will be participating by taking up a collection Today, *May 28<sup>th</sup>*. 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.