

The Church's Calendar This Week

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

Young Adult Meeting at 1:30pm

Monday, June 4 – *Weekday*

Tuesday, June 5

Memorial of St. Boniface, bishop and martyr

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, June 6 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, June 7 – *Weekday*

Friday, June 8

Solemnity of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, June 9

Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Ss. Marianne/Damien Devotion Group at 12:30pm

Sunday, June 10

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation is celebrating an anniversary on Sunday, June 10 at 11:30am. Come join fun games while learning the teachings of the Catholic Church. For more information, please contact Dcn. Joe & Easter Almuena.

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	\$ 8,051.12
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,630.39
Coffers	\$ 521.56
Holy Day Collection	\$ 61.00
Total	\$ 10,264.07



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.

June 3, 2018 – The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

One of the requirements of Old Testament animal sacrifice was that the offering be “unblemished,” that is, an animal with no imperfections or handicaps. God was to be offered the best of flock or herd, not a cast-off that might be unsuitable for breeding or difficult to sell. And so for centuries, the Israelites sacrificed goats and young bulls as peace offerings to the Lord, poured their blood upon their altars, and sprinkled it upon themselves in their liturgies. And thus, for centuries, atonement was made for the sins of the people. But in the fullness of time the true and only “unblemished” victim appeared. It was not a beast of the field but, marvelous to tell, it was God’s own Son. Only with his coming could we understand the true meaning of *unblemished*; only in him did perfection reside; only he could be the eternal sacrifice that would make the blood of bulls and heifers irrelevant.

The author of Hebrews marvels at all this. If the blood of animals could purify, how much more can be achieved by the flesh and blood of the only Son of God? And that Son gives us his Body and Blood to be our food and drink. Using the same words as Moses, Jesus says, “This is my blood of the covenant . . .” (Mark 14:28). In the covenant he initiated, we are washed clean in his blood and we are nourished, daily if we choose, by the food that is Jesus. Fortified with that divine fare, we can declare with the Israelites, “We will do everything that the Lord has told us” (Exodus 24:3).

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Next Sunday's Readings: “Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time”

Genesis 3:9-15 / Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 / 2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1 / Mark 3:20-35

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

In these days following Pentecost, the Church invites us to celebrate some central mysteries and treasures of our Faith. Last week, we celebrated the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. We called to mind our relationship with a personal God who is a relationship of persons; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Today we honor the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. We give thanks for the Eucharist and call to mind the central importance of our belief in the Real Presence of the Body and Blood of Christ. While we share many beliefs with our Christian brothers and sisters of other Faiths, this teaching in many ways sets us apart and defines who we are as Catholic Christians. Why is it so important to believe in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist?

It is important to believe in the Real Presence because it is the prime example of the "sacramental principle" that defines our Faith. We believe that God can take ordinary things, including bread and wine, and by God's power these things are made extraordinary. Indeed, they are made into the very presence of God. God does this with bread and wine. God also does this with the "stuff" of our lives, if we will give these things to God. God can change us into Christ's presence in the world.

It is important to believe in the Real Presence because it demonstrates the fact that God does not want to remain just a nice thought or good feeling in our lives. God wants to be really present and part of the flesh and blood of who we are. This desire is clearly demonstrated in the Eucharist where we are invited to taste and see the goodness of the Lord who is really present to the totality of ourselves. Communion is not for angels; it is for real people like you and me who are imperfect and in need of God. God comes to us in a bodily way to teach us that it is in our bodies that we glorify God and experience holiness and God's presence.

It is important to believe in the Real Presence because it shows us how close God wants to be to us. We are able to experience communion with Christ in Holy Communion. God is not a distant deity who is content to remain shrouded in mystery. God wants to be intimately involved with us and so God comes to us in this most intimate of ways. We take God into ourselves.

Let us thank God today for the Eucharist. Let us pledge to always honor and believe in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector