

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, June 12

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, June 13

Memorial of St. Anthony of Padua, *priest*

Tuesday, June 14

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, June 15

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, June 16 - *Weekday*

Friday, June 17

Saturday, June 18

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

St. Marianne Devotional Group at 12:30pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Movie Night at 6:00pm

Sunday, June 19

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Support Hawaii's Deacons

Please support our Deacons by donating new or gently used items that are suitable for resale for a giant Yard Sale. Proceeds will be used to offset costs for the 2016 Deacon Summer Gathering. Please drop your donations off at St. Theresa Co-Cathedral this Saturday, June 18th from 9:00am – Noon. For more information on the type of items to donate, please contact Deacon Joe & Easter Almuena: ealmuena@rcchawaii.org

Hawaii Knights of Columbus

The Hawaii Knights of Columbus is hosting its inaugural Charity Golf Tournament Friday, July 1st, to raise funds to support their endeavor to partner with the Aloha Pregnancy Center, in Waipahu, to purchase a much needed Ultrasound Machine. Check-in begins at 9:30am; Shotgun starts at 12:30 pm. For more information, please contact Michael Madix, Tournament Chair, sw@kofchawaii.org or Rollie "RJ", dd1@kofchawaii.org.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,930.15
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,751.41
Coffers	\$ 965.31
Holy Day	\$ 110.00
Credit Card Collection	\$ 590.00
Total	\$ 12,421.87



Married Couples

Couples 1-5 years married in the Catholic Church:

“Graces of Matrimony”

Talk by Deacon Keith and Bernie Galang

Plus Talk Stories by young married couples! Saturday, July 2 at 12-3:30pm, Kamiano Center. For more information, please contact Deacon Joe and Easter Almuena at ealmuena@rcchawaii.org or 227-7309.

Cathedral Renewal Campaign

Renewal Campaign Website and New Video!

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new campaign website and promotional video. Please visit us at www.HonoluluCathedralRenewal.org Read the story of the Cathedral Basilica's genesis and navigate through the timeline, which highlights important milestones in the Cathedral's history.

- Learn about the Renewal Campaign to restore the Cathedral to her own nineteenth-century style, honoring the time period when Father Damien was ordained and Mother Marianne worshipped in the Cathedral.
- Peruse the photo gallery for artistic renderings of the fully renovated Cathedral, including the new Reliquary Chapel to be constructed for venerating Saints Damien and Marianne.
- Click on the “Learn” button, or click on “Renewal Campaign” in the toolbar, and you will be led to the page with our new, 5-minute campaign video.
- See how you can help by donating online, or share this site with your friends and family and spread the good news!

If you're unable to view the video online, we will be showing it at all masses over the course of one weekend later this month. The specific weekend is yet to be determined and will be announced as soon as we finalize the dates.

Mahalo nui loa to everyone who contributed time, talent and treasure to the production of the video and website!

Please contact the campaign office with any questions or comments:

Email: CRC@rcchawaii.org Phone: (808) 585-3329

June 12, 2016 – Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13 | Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 7, 11 | Galatians 2:16, 19-21 | Luke 7:36 – 8:3 or 7:36 - 50

We don't often hear these Sunday readings. Depending on the way the liturgical calendar falls, the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time with the Year C Lectionary readings may occur only every ten years or so. This Sunday's readings are powerful stories about God's forgiving nature, worth savoring when we hear them.

We can see the forgiveness God offers through the eyes of many different characters: David in the First Reading and Simon the Pharisee, the unnamed woman, and even those who are dining in Simon's house in the Gospel reading. We can only imagine what the woman who washed Jesus' feet with her own hair must have felt like when she heard Jesus forgive her sins and say, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace" (Luke 7:50).

Our psalm response for this Sunday can be our own prayer asking for God's forgiveness. In peace we can rejoice and pray, "Lord, forgive the wrong I have done." We, too, can be glad and rejoice in the Lord, able to go in peace because he has forgiven us (Psalm 32:5).

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Next Sunday's Readings

Zechariah 12:10-11, 13:1 | Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 | Galatians 3:26-29 | Luke 9:18-24

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

Without question, all of us get sick from time to time. Illness is unavoidable since we live in the real world where our bodies are susceptible to various maladies. But, will we get better? In the spiritual life, by analogy, the same holds true. All of us are infected by the sickness of sin; ever since Adam and Eve we have been getting it. But, will we get better? Will we be healed of our sinfulness and forgiven? Today's scriptures highlight three important lessons about forgiveness.

First of all, there is no sin too great for God's forgiveness. David not only committed adultery and fathered a child as a result. He had the husband of the woman he had forced into adultery killed so that he could be free to keep her. Paul had Christians killed. The woman Jesus forgave in the gospel was evidently a significant and public sinner. God will forgive anyone and anything. Do we realize the depth of God's love and forgiveness? Do we believe it with regard to whatever we have done? Without this realization there will be no peace.

Secondly, we will never be able to earn God's forgiveness. We live in a world where we believe "You get what you pay for". While hard work and earning one's pay is important and responsible behavior, to transfer these principles into our relationship with God is dangerous and creates an impossible situation. This is because we don't need to earn God's love and we never will. It is unconditionally given. Nothing that David, Paul, or the woman in the gospel could do would ever be enough to make up for what they had done. Forgiveness is not primarily about what we need to do, but about what God wants to do for us.

Finally, while we will never do anything to earn God's forgiveness, there is something that we need to do. We need to be humble and repent. We see how David was forgiven the moment he admitted his sin. Once Paul chose to have faith and believe, he received God's mercy and his life changed completely. The woman in the gospel dramatically humbled herself and literally threw herself at the feet of Jesus as a sign of her repentance. This is why there is such great wisdom in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession requires us to humbly admit to someone else our sins as a sign of real repentance. It is a great way to experience God's freedom and peace.

Will we be healed of our sinfulness and forgiven? God wants nothing more than to offer us this gift. Do we believe there is no sin too great for God's love? Do we know that we don't have to earn that love? Will we be humble and repent?

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