

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, June 17

### **11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Repairs and Maintenance**

Monday, June 18 – *Weekday*

Tuesday, June 19 – *Weekday*  
Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, June 20 – *Weekday*  
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am  
Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, June 21  
**Memorial of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, religious**

Friday, June 22 – *Weekday*

Saturday, June 23 – *Weekday*  
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am  
Ss. Marianne/Damien Devotion Group at 12:30pm

Sunday, June 24

### **Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

**Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Holy Father (Peter Pence)**

## Senior Ministry

Check out our Rummage Sale happening on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 4:00pm at the Kamiano Center. Lots of new and gently used items - to benefit our Senior Ministry. Come by and see for yourself.

## Most Beautiful Among Women

Come join us today in the Kamiano Center from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm for fellowship, prayer, praise and worship, lunch, teaching from the Word of God, and a joyful day together in the Lord! We are celebrating Father's Day, so please bring your husbands, fathers, and children to the meeting so we can all honor and praise God our Father together.

## Family Ministry

In anticipation of the upcoming 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Cathedral Basilica this August, we are selling a limited edition T-Shirt. Proceeds will benefit the Cathedral Renewal Campaign. For more information, please call the office.

## Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 9,231.88
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,932.70
Coffers	\$ 570.04
Holy Day Collection	\$ 130.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,864.62</b>



## Outreach Ministry

We are still looking for assistant every Saturday from 10:00am - 2:00pm for the HIE HIE Shower Trailer. Also asking for donations of clothes (Especially men's clothing) toiletries, food and, monetary donation are accepted. Please call (808) 306-7502 for more info.

## Cathedral Renewal Campaign

### **Cathedral Basilica Honored for 175 Years**

On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Msgr. Gary Secor and Clara Barnes (Cathedral Renewal Campaign consultant) attended the Historic Hawaii Foundation Preservation Awards to accept recognition for the Cathedral's Dodrans-bicentennial – 175 Year Anniversary. Also present at the awards ceremony were Barbara Shideler of Mason Architects, the lead architect on the Cathedral's renovation project; and Virginia Murison, a historic preservation architect who prepared an extensive report on the history of the building in preparation for the restoration and preservation of the Cathedral Basilica.

The Cathedral Basilica will celebrate the 175th dedication anniversary on August 16, 2018. All are invited to attend a special Mass, including the blessing of the renovated sanctuary and new Bishops' Burial Chapels, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Basilica and presided by Bishop Larry Silva.

The Cathedral Basilica, dedicated in 1843, is undergoing comprehensive renovations to restore her to her own nineteenth century appearance, in recognition of the time that Saints Damien and Marianne worshipped here. The minimum amount needed to fund the remainder of the project, and associated expenses, is \$15 million.

Please consider joining us with a generous gift or pledge today! To learn more and/or to make a contribution:

Call: 808-585-3357, or 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.

# June 17, 2018 – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

*Ezekiel 17:22-24 | Psalm 92:2-3,13-14, 15-16 | 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 | Mark 4:26-34*

Human effort blessed by grace. The growth of the Church and the expansion of the kingdom are not things for which we can create strategic plans. The world works that way and usually succeeds. A plan, it is said, is a dream with goals and a timetable. But God's work has a mysterious dimension that no human calculus can compute. And that component is the divine will. God is God and his will ultimately prevails; we don't know the timing, but we know it will be done. That is the divine and most important part of the equation.

But there's another side, too. God works through us as well as in spite of us. While we can't foil God's will, we can cooperate and speed it to fruition. God needs tender shoots to plant and fertile soil to receive the nurslings. We do all we can: we till the soil, we plant the seed, we irrigate and fertilize. And then we wait. Farmers know doing all they can is never quite enough. There is always the waiting and surrendering, for sometimes all we can is not enough. In Jesus' parable, the farmer sleeps at night and during this time of helplessness and rest, the land "of its own accord . . . yields fruit" (Mark 4:28). That God would partner with humanity is a great and humbling compliment. The tree God plants and nurtures will become a home for multitudes. And it is from our poor effort and God's overabundant grace that the plant sprouts and grows and spreads its arms to welcome all the world.

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### **Next Sunday's Readings: "Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time"**

*Isaiah 49:1-6 | Psalm 139:1b-3,13-14ab, 14c-15 | Acts 13:22-26 | Luke 1:57-66, 80*

## From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

Today's Scriptures speak about the Kingdom of God; God's reign and God's power. Between now and coming of Christ at the end of our lives we can choose to accept the inheritance of the kingdom or not. But, in order to choose, we must know something about what we are choosing. What does the kingdom look like and how does it function? God's Word helps us to answer this question.

First of all, it has many branches, bears much fruit, and provides a dwelling place for many. All are meant to share God's love. The question is not who we exclude, but who we include. This is at the heart of what it means to be Catholic.

Secondly, although we scatter the seed, it is God who is making it grow even when we don't realize it. The kingdom grows, not primarily through our effort, but by God's power. Just because we don't see the growth doesn't mean that it isn't happening.

Finally, the Scriptures remind us that, in God's kingdom, good things come in small packages. Little acts of love make a big difference. What seems insignificant, can become very significant. Even though I may feel God has not given me much, how can I nurture what little I may feel that I have?

The choice is ours. Once we begin to recognize God's kingdom, will we choose to inherit it?

On Father's Day weekend, we thank God for all Fathers, living and dead. We pray that God will continue to give them the courage, strength, and wisdom they need to be sources of life and love for their families.

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