

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, June 19

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

2nd Collection for Maintenance & Repairs

Father's Day

Monday, June 20 - *Weekday*

Fishers of Men at 6:00pm

Tuesday, June 21

Memorial of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, religious

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, June 22 - *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, June 23 - *Weekday*

Friday, June 24

Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Saturday, June 25 - *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

St. Damien Devotional Group at 12:30pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, June 26

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

2nd Collection for Holy Fathers (Peter Pence)

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 808-227-7309.

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 \$ 10,087.82

Weekday Collection \$ 1,775.71

Coffers \$ 568.46

Holy Day \$ 176.00

Total \$ 12,607.99



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

2nd Collection Holy Father

Next week our Diocese will take up the *Peter's Pence Collection*. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has called each of us to be a witness of charity. He encourages us to "**open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognize that we are compelled to heed their cry for help!**" Please be generous. Mahalo!

June 19, 2016 – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this 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

Experiences such as the loss a child or the unexpected or tragic death of a relative or friend produce immense sorrow. That kind of intense sorrow is what Zechariah means when he speaks of the remorse sinners feel over those they have hurt or even killed. In the context of this powerful image, the prophet Zechariah speaks of the transforming love God offers to his people. People of faith can extend this same love to others, especially those they have wronged or hurt, those who mourn, and those in need of hope.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus invites his disciples to feel that same kind of transforming love. But doing so, as Jesus points out to the disciples, entails a personal cost. Disciples must take up the cross daily and follow him.

Like the parched earth mentioned in the psalm, our lives and world are thirsting for the transforming love of God. Through the cross of Christ, God offers us a way of love for ourselves and the world around us.

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Next Sunday's Readings

1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21 | Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 | Galatians 5:1, 13-18 | Luke 9:51-62

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

In the 9th Chapter of Luke's gospel, it becomes clear that Jesus is now journeying toward Jerusalem where he will be crucified. Today he challenges his disciples and each of us to take up the cross. What does that mean?

To take up the cross means to take personal responsibility for saying that Jesus is the Messiah and Lord of my life, the Christ of God. It is easy to say what others are saying about Jesus. It is more difficult to indicate what we believe. We must take responsibility for the burden of our own personal beliefs. To hide behind other's opinions or to blame others for what we do or do not do as Catholic Christians is inauthentic.

To take up the cross means to accept suffering in a way that allows it to becoming saving and life-giving. The question is not whether we will suffer. The question is how will we suffer. Will we avoid suffering at all cost? Will we resentfully and angrily accept pain and difficulty in our lives? Or will we try to gracefully bear our burdens in the knowledge that Christ is bearing them with and for us? Will we try to find the saving grace in our pain?

To take up the cross means to let go and lose in order to take hold and find. Sometimes we are holding on to things that are preventing us from taking hold of God's grace. We become so concerned with winning and saving ourselves that we can't surrender and let God do the work. Finding ourselves becomes a self-centered effort. God wants us to know that we will only truly find ourselves when we are able to lose ourselves in love and giving to something and someone greater than ourselves.

Today, on Father's Day, we honor all Fathers who have embraced the cross by loving and giving life. They have come to know that there is strength in surrender and sacrifice. We have come to know God's love through them.

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