

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, June 23

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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

Monday, June 24

Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Tuesday, June 25 – *Weekday*

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, June 26 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, June 27 – *Weekday*

Friday, June 28

Solemnity of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Rosary for the Sanctification of Priests at 11:30am

Saturday, June 29

Solemnity of Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, June 30

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection for Holy Father (Peter's Pence)

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

Mass of Thanksgiving for Msgr. Gary at 6:00pm

Mass of Thanksgiving for Msgr. Gary Secor

Join us next Sunday, June 30th at our 6:00pm Mass as we bid Aloha to Monsignor Gary as he ends his term as Pastor of our Parish. After Mass, we will have a Potluck Celebration outside the Cathedral Basilica. For more information, please call our Parish Office at 536-7036 and speak with Alika.

Kukulu Hale Award

Constructors Hawaii Inc. and Mason Architects Inc. received the 2019 Kukulu Hale Award in the nonprofit project award category for the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace's Phase 2B Sanctuary Renovation. The NAIOP Commercial Real Estate Development Association Hawaii Chapter recognizes and honors individuals and organizations that have enriched our community through their projects, professional achievements and civic service. Constructors Hawaii Inc. received an Honorable Mention in the 2019 Build Hawaii Awards from the General Contractors Association of Hawaii.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,264.97
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,854.20
Coffers	\$ 441.33
Holy Day Collection	\$ 285.00
Total	\$ 10,845.50



Attention Men

The Men's ACTS (Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service) Retreat is a parish-based evangelization tool which offers parishioners an opportunity to encounter the love of Jesus Christ. The retreat conducted by Hawaii ACTS Ministry starts Thursday, August 22nd and ends Sunday morning, August 25th. Please call Ron Gochenouer at (808) 306-7502 for more information.

Living the Liturgy

- The disciples wanted to dismiss the crowds to take care of themselves. Jesus wanted to do otherwise. Who gets dismissed by our society or even by us? Who does Jesus invite us to consider feeding (literally or figuratively)?
- Abram gave a tenth of everything in gratitude for Melchizedek's priestly service. Abram acted in a spirit of stewardship by doing this, give something from his own sustenance. You might also read the story of the widow's offering in Luke 21:1-4 for another example of stewardship. What do you believe about stewardship? What effort do you make to tithe your time, talent, and treasure? Examine your own or family's effort to give in these three ways to your parish and other charities.
- Bring food or a meal to a sick neighbor, soup kitchen, local pantry, or a family with a new baby.

Peter's Pence Collection

Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

Family Ministry

Family Ministry will be hosting our first annual Ohana Picnic as an opportunity for families from our parish with children 18 and under to build relationships and support each other. It will be held at Magic Island site #38 on Sunday, July 14, from noon to 3pm. Please bring a dish to share.

June 23, 2019 – The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Genesis 14:18-22 / Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4 / 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 / Sequence Lauda Sion / Luke 9:11b-17

In the reading from the Gospel according to Luke, the Twelve have five loaves and two fish and so they tell Jesus to send the crowds away to find their own lodging and food. Jesus, however, wishes to do otherwise. Earlier, Jesus had instructed the Twelve for their mission saying, "Take nothing for the journey, neither walking stick, nor sack, nor food, nor money, and let no one take a second tunic" (Luke 9:3). It seems they have quickly forgotten they need not worry about having enough to eat.

With the small amount of food, Jesus feeds all five thousand. An impossible task becomes possible through Christ! On the solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, we celebrate with great joy the gift of the Eucharist. Jesus, by giving us his body and blood, gave us the possibility of new life. Go forth from the Eucharist following Jesus' command to his disciples to share what we have received. Trust God and there will even be leftovers!

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Next Sunday's Readings: "Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time"

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:

The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, which we celebrate today, is an opportunity for us to reaffirm the centrality of the Eucharist in our life as Catholic Christians. No other Christian church gives the Eucharist the importance that we do. And yet, we can take this great gift for granted. We are reminded of three reasons why the Body and Blood of Christ is central to our life of faith.

The Eucharist is central to our life of faith because it is the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. We believe that when Jesus said "This is my body" and "This is my blood" that he really meant it. This is important to believe because it tells us that God is really present to us. God does not want to remain a distant God, only to be worshipped from afar. God wants to be in communion with us. God is really present in every part of creation and in every part of each of us.

The Eucharist is central to our life of faith because it reminds us of the transforming power of God's grace. In today's gospel, Jesus took a few loaves and fishes and multiplied them abundantly so that all could be nourished. We believe that God takes ordinary bread and wine and makes it into the extraordinary presence of Christ for our nourishment. If God can do this with bread and wine, why shouldn't we believe that God can take us and make us into something much more than we are without God.

The Eucharist is central to our life of faith because it celebrates the sacrifice of Jesus Christ who gave his body and blood for us. The wheat and the grapes are crushed in order to make bread and wine. Jesus Christ died in order that we might have eternal life. As we give thanks for this great gift of God's love, we are challenged to imitate this love in our lives. It is in being broken and taken for others that our love and our lives become truly life-giving.

Today we are reminded that we should never take this gift of the Eucharist for granted by neglecting to come to mass regularly or by failing to actively participate in the Eucharist. We need this nourishment to be truly alive in Christ.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector