

The Church's Calendar This Week

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

Monday, June 25 – *Weekday*

Tuesday, June 26 – *Weekday*
Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, June 27 – *Weekday*
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am
Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, June 28

Memorial of St. Irenaeus, bishop and martyr

Friday, June 29

Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles

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

Sunday, July 1

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Senior Ministry Rummage Sale

Check out our Rummage Sale happening on Sunday, June 24th 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.

Young Adult Ministry

Find fellowship, support, and fun with others between the ages of 18 and 39 who are also embarking on a new journey and experiencing new adventures. Join us Sunday, July 1st at 1:00pm. For more information, please call Joseph Almuena at 808-343-3728.

Respect Life Ministry

Come meet with the Respect Life Ministry as we discuss life issues and will watch the 7th DVD in a series of eye-opening talks on abortion loss and unresolved grief. We will meet on Sunday, July 1, 2018, from 1:00-3:30 pm in the Kamiano Center. This gathering promises to be one of great interest and information. All are welcome. For more information please contact Lisa Shorba at 808-469-5479.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,713.20
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,712.56
Coffers	\$ 423.38
Holy Day Collection	\$ 280.00
Total	\$ 10,139.14



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 23rd, 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.

Click on the "Learn" button, or select "Renewal Campaign" in the toolbar to view our 5 ½ minute campaign video.

June 24, 2018 – Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

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: "Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time"

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 | Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 | 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15 | Mark 5:21-43

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Birth of John the Baptist. It is extraordinary that a Sunday in Ordinary Time is replaced with a saint's solemnity. Of course, John the Baptist was no ordinary saint. What were the sources of his extraordinary greatness and how might we imitate him?

First of all, John the Baptist courageously and truthfully prepared the way for Christ. He was willing to speak the truth even when it was difficult and costly. It even cost him his life. Am I willing to speak the truth even when it is difficult? Am I preparing the way for Christ in my personal life and in the world that I am a part of?

Secondly, John the Baptist led a humble and simple life. His attire was rugged and basic and he lived in a simple abode or even in the outdoors. How can I be more humble? What can I let go of so that Christ can take hold of me?

Finally, John knew that any greatness that he had came from his relationship with Christ. He could have taken advantage of his notoriety. Instead, he said: HE>I: "He must increase, I must decrease." (John 3:30). Do I know that the source of any greatness that I have is from the Lord?

To be like the John the Baptist may seem impossible. But it is possible for all of us to be more courageously truthful, humble, and connected to Christ.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector