

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, June 25

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection for Peter's Pence

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

Monday, June 26 – *Weekday*

Tuesday, June 27 – *Weekday*

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, June 28

Memorial of St. Irenaeus, bishop and martyr

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, June 29

Solemnity of Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles

Friday, June 30 – *Weekday*

Saturday, July 1 – **First Saturday**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Mass & Holy Hour at 12:00n

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

Sunday, July 2

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Register Today!

Damien & Marianne Catholic Conference

Be transformed, it's the biggest, most exciting Catholic conference in Hawai'i, featuring the best local, national, and international speakers! Enjoy different tracks on leadership development, vocations, faith formation, youth and young adult programs, and social services. Early bird rate through June 30, 2017. Register at dmchawaii.org.

Help Wanted

We are looking for volunteers to help staff our "Shop!" If you like sharing and interacting with people, we could sure use your help (call the office and ask for Alika.) All proceeds directly benefit the ministries and programs that the Cathedral Basilica currently operates. Also, for the next two weeks, the gift shop will be closed for inventory and renovation. Mahalo for your continued support.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,200.04
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,444.53
Coffers	\$ 564.00
Holy Day Collection	\$ 572.00



Total \$ 10,780.57

Second Collection

Our second collection today is for Peter's Pence, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers & sisters. Please be generous today.

Cathedral Renewal Campaign

Cathedral Renewal Receives Bequest of \$1.25 Million!!

The Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace is the proud recipient of an incredibly generous bequest gift of \$1,250,000 from a parishioner who wished to remain anonymous. This is the single largest gift ever received by the Cathedral Basilica and it comes at an opportune time. Received in May 2017, this bequest gift will help fund renovations to the sanctuary scheduled to take place from September 2017-August 2018.

The Cathedral Basilica and Renewal Campaign Leadership extend their heartfelt thanks to the family of this generous donor who passed away before they could see the impact of their gift. Mahalo!

With Phase 2 nearly fully funded, the Cathedral Renewal Campaign is focused on securing commitments and pledges to support Phases 3-6 of the renovation project, which includes: construction of the Reliquary Chapel, renovations to the interior, new furnishings, new tile floor, cleaning of the vaulted ceilings, restoration of the pipe organ, exterior landscaping and much more.

Please join in supporting the Cathedral Renewal Campaign with a sacrificial gift or pledge today!

To learn more about Cathedral Renewal Campaign and/or to make a contribution: 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.

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

June 25, 2017 – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Jeremiah 20:10-13 | Psalm 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 | Romans 5:12-15 | Matthew 10:26-33

Security is comforting. We like to know our friends are there when we need them. We are at ease knowing there is food in the cupboard or money in our bank account. Our ultimate security, however, is knowing that God's love is ever present for us.

Matthew tells us that after Jesus called forth his disciples, he addressed what was no doubt their primary concern—fear. For the early church of Matthew's time, fear was also a primary concern. They faced daily pressure, even persecution, from the larger society because of their faith.

Through the words of Jesus, Matthew reassures his struggling and anxious church. Two of his points stand out as we reflect on our theme for today. The first we find in the verses right before this reading. Those of us who follow Jesus should expect resistance from worldly powers. The second is the primary focus of our reading. When we follow Jesus, we need not fear earthly powers. The same God who knows the number of hairs on our heads will nurture and protect us. No matter what, we will be safe in God.

As we approach the first days of summer, when the sun shines the longest of any day of the year. Perhaps it is a good time to allow the light of God's truth to heal the painful fears that keep our faith hidden in silence. As followers of Jesus, we can be secure in the knowledge that God watches over us and will someday welcome us into the kingdom of heaven with open arms.

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Next Sunday's Readings

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a | Psalm 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 | Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 | Matthew 10:37-42

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

Fear is a very real and understandable human emotion. It is a natural reaction to experience fear when we feel that we are threatened or in danger. So, when driving too fast or when standing unprotected on the edge of the roof of a tall building, we should experience fear. It is a self-protective reaction that is very helpful. When Jesus says "Fear no one" and "Do not be afraid" he is not speaking against these natural reactions to potential danger.

The admonition that Jesus gives in the Gospel, "do not be afraid" calls us to let go of the unhealthy fear that can afflict our lives. The problem is not having fear, it is when fear has us. It is the prevailing state of being afraid or living in fear that Jesus wants to free us from. When we are afraid to "speak in the light" and when we fear that we are worthless, we are enslaved by the fear that can disable us.

When we listen to the voices that attempt to terrorize us into hiding our faith and beliefs, we are allowing fear to take hold and prevent us from being all that God has called us to be.

The scriptures today remind us that God is our champion who has won the victory over fear and death and will be with us to help us to be victorious as well. The grace of God overflows with blessings for us and enables us to have courage. Let us face our fears with faith.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know that all parishes within the Diocese of Honolulu are restoring the Original Order of the Sacraments of Initiation between 2018 – 2020? Go to www.catholichawaii.org to learn how the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion were celebrated in the early church, how it changed over time and why we are called to restore these sacraments to their original order. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kristina DeNeve, Ph.D. Adult Faith Formation Coordinator, kdeneve@rcchawaii.org or (808) 203-6767.