

The Church's Calendar This Week

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)

Monday, June 27 - *Weekday*
Fishers of Men at 6:00pm

Tuesday, June 28 - *Weekday*
Evening Prayer at 5:40pm
Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, June 29 - *Weekday*
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, June 30 - *Weekday*

Friday, July 1 – **First Friday**
Adoration/Benediction at 10:00am

Saturday, July 2 – **First Saturday**
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
Mass & Holy Hour at 12:00 noon
St. Marianne Devotional Group at 12:30pm
Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, July 3

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Faith Sharing

- Read about Elisha's call from 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21. Write an "excuse list" citing reasons people might give for refusing to follow Jesus. Do any of the excuses sound familiar? How do we hear God's call?
- Have a stargazing party. Gather outside to enjoy the sky's nighttime beauty. Point out constellations and explain their meanings. Pick up a book on astronomy.
- Weed your yard or garden. At the same time, weed out the worries that drag you down. It is tough to be a good disciple when you are burdened with worries.

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.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,888.07
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,526.45
Coffers	\$ 779.91
Holy Day	\$ 189.00



Total \$ 11,383.43

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:

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2nd Collection Holy Father

A BIG MAHALO to all who supported the **Peter's Pence Collection** this past weekend. 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!"*

June 26, 2016 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this 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

Children are painfully aware of what it feels like to be outsiders, outcasts, or unwelcome members of a group. Teenagers and adults grapple with acceptance issue. Everyone has a very basic desire to be loved and accepted.

Yet being accepted carries a price tag. If we want to make the team, we have to practice. If we want friends, we have to be friends. If we want to be part of the family, we have to enter into the spirit of the family and adapt and adjust to those around us with love.

Although times and customs have changed dramatically, our call to discipleship does not differ from Elisha's call in the first reading. We have to decide what to do with God's call just as Elisha did. To be comfortable with God's invitation, we might need to do some soul-searching or make some life-changing decisions. The price tag of God's call is living commandment to love on a day-to-day basis. The benefits of responding to God's call, however, far outweigh the costs. Responding to God's call sets us free.

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Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 66:10-14c | Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 | Galatians 6:14-18 | Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

In Luke's gospel, Jesus continues his journey toward Jerusalem and invites others to follow him. In doing so, he reminds them and us that following him is easier said than done. Christ points out the pitfalls and the preparation needed to successfully be led by him.

Jesus points out that living in the past prevents us from following him in the present. The Samaritans and the Jews had a long-standing conflict about where to worship God and other things. The animosity was deep-seated and so it was not surprising that the Samaritan village did not welcome Jesus. But, Christ refused to detour around the town or allow their rejection to control his behavior. He points out that you can't effectively plow the field if you keep looking back; you will end up plowing crooked and in circles. We should learn from the past, but refuse to allow regret and re-playing of hurts to dissuade us from moving forward toward the new life that God has for us.

Jesus points out that following him will demand sacrifice and a willingness to move from where we are to where we should be. Sometimes we become comfortable with things as they are. We don't want to pay for the cost of personal conversion. Instead of letting the Spirit be in control, we allow the flesh to be in charge. We want to "camp out" in a place of personal and spiritual stagnation. We are reminded today that all of us are pilgrims on a journey toward the homeland of heaven and permanently "pitching our tents" here on earth will prevent us from getting there.

Jesus points out that procrastination and putting something else before the following of Christ will prevent us from journeying with him. While burying one's father is important, perhaps this man's father wasn't yet dead or even near that! He just needed an excuse to say no to Christ. Sometimes we can be guilty of the same kind of putting off of what is most important. Often the choice to follow Jesus involves deciding between two good things and determining which is more important to God.

Following Christ is the only source of real freedom. To follow someone else is to take on the yoke of slavery. Even though journeying with Jesus will involve hard choices and sacrifice, the blessing of real freedom in Christ is well worth any burdens we will encounter.

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