

The Church's Calendar This Week

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

Monday, July 1 – *Weekday*

Tuesday, July 2 – *Weekday*
No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, July 3

Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, July 4 – *Weekday*

Independence Day

Cathedral on Holiday Schedule – Office Closed

Mass only at 12:00pm

Friday, July 5 – **First Friday**

Adoration/Benediction at 10:00am

First Friday Mass at 12:00pm

Mass in the Extraordinary Form at 7:00pm

Saturday, July 6 – **First Saturday**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Mass & Holy Hour at 12:00n

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

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, July 7

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Installation Mass of Fr. Pascual at 6:00pm

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	\$ 7,352.39
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,582.71
Coffers	\$ 494.79
Holy Day Collection	\$ 170.00
Total	\$ 9,599.89



Attention Men

The Men's ACTS (Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service) Retreat is a parish-based evangelization tool that 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

- Create a drawing or a mind map that outlines your life as a path to God. Draw images or use words or events to show your life experiences. Mark the places in which, to your surprise, you found God. Talk about your journey with your family, a friend, or a small faith community.
- Learn about the life of the prophet Elijah. You can read about him in the first and second books of Kings. What was his life as a prophet like? What do you think he wrestled with in order to follow God? What advice might he offer to his successor and us?
- Psalm 16 says that God is our inheritance. An inheritance can mean birthright, legacy, or heritage. What do you think the psalmist means? How is God your inheritance?

Young Adult Ministry

Young Adults ages 18-39 are invited to sign up for our pilgrimage to Kalaupapa, August 16-18. Estimated cost of \$350-375 includes airfare, lodging, and all meals. Deposit of \$40 is due by July 7. Contact 286-7994. We continue to meet on the first and third Sundays of the month, and for many other activities. Text CBYAM to 84576 to sign up for updates.

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 30, 2019 – 13th 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

Elijah, a well known Old Testament prophet, is indicating a successor, Elisha, in the First Reading. When Elijah finds Elisha, he is plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, an indication that he comes from a family with significant wealth. Throwing the mantle over Elisha symbolized calling him to become his apprentice. Elisha accepted the call and expressed his commitment by slaughtering his animals and burning his tools. He left himself no way to turn back, no exit strategy.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus tells his followers about the radical nature of discipleship. The path of discipleship must have no diversions. The beginning of this passage indicates Jesus has set his face toward Jerusalem where his suffering and death await. True disciples must follow this same course. It is the path that unfolds as one listens to God's call.

Like the psalmist, we can hold fast in faith to the Lord who has gone before us to Jerusalem. Our God does not abandon us, but instead shows us the path to life even when we might want to turn back.

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

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

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 do not 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. As we prepare to celebrate our country's freedom and independence let us pray that our freedom be founded in Christ.

This is my last weekend as Cathedral Rector and I want to thank you for all your love and support. I know you will welcome Fr. Pascual as you welcomed me.

In Christ's love,
Very Rev. Msgr. Gary L. Secor, V.G.
Rector