

The Church's Calendar This Week

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)

Respect Life Ministry at 1:00pm in Kamiano Cntr.

Young Adult Ministry at 1:00pm in Rectory

Monday, July 2 – *Weekday*

Tuesday, July 3

Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, July 4 – *Weekday*

Independence Day Holiday

Cathedral Basilica Offices closed

NO SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Mass at 12:00 Noon

Church will close after Mass

Thursday, July 5 – *Weekday*

Friday, July 6 – **First Friday**

Adoration/Benediction at 10:00am

Saturday, July 7 – **First Saturday**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Mass & Holy Hour at 12:00n

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

Sunday, July 8

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Senior Ministry Rummage Sale

Check out our Rummage Sale happening on Sunday, July 1st from 9:00am – 1:00pm 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 in the Rectory. For more information, please call Joseph Almuena at 808-343-3728.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,840.73
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,581.97
Coffers	\$ 318.47
Holy Day Collection	\$ 468.00
Total	\$ 10,209.17



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.

July 1, 2018 – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

Earthly life is temporary and death always wins. From the moment of our birth, we move irrevocably closer. But scripture says it wasn't meant to be that way. This demon we call death is not God's creation. The "envy of the devil" (Wisdom 2:24), with man and woman's help, brought death into the world. Made in God's image, we were meant to be "imperishable" (Wisdom 2:23), not destined for oblivion. Really? Then why does death hover in every cranny, spreading disease and taking old and young alike? The mystery of suffering and death is just that, a mystery that God somehow uses for our good, to draw us closer and to manifest his love.

Can we make so bold a statement in the face of the daily horrors that we see around us? We can, because of Jesus. He is the assurance God gives us as we endure the seeming randomness of life. Behold: a woman's ravaged body finally made whole by just a touch; a young girl taken from her parents' dreams suddenly restored with just two words that echo still and always will: "*Talitha kum . . .*" ("Little girl, arise"). Miracles past are little solace to parents watching cancer claim their child. Only one thing, then, remains: he, too, accepted death. The one who did not cling to divinity but took our human flesh let death devour him, and in the darkness of that tomb, God intervened and overcame death forever. And the envious devil can't do a thing about it.

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

Ezekiel 2:2-5 | Psalm 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 | 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 | Mark 6:1-6

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

Today's Gospel teaches us some important lessons regarding the importance and power of faith. As the first reading reminds us, "God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living". In other words, God wants nothing more than that we would live forever and even now be preserved from all that is death-dealing in our lives. But, how much do we really want these things? Even though it was clear that it was Jesus' power that healed the woman afflicted with hemorrhages, he said something very striking to her: "Daughter, your faith has saved you." He is reminding her, and us, that his powerful gift of life is only available if we really believe in him.

To believe in Jesus is to choose to reach out and touch him knowing that he can heal us. Sometimes this is difficult to do. Like the woman, we may find life's situations and people crowding out the Lord and creating a distance between us and God. It takes persistent effort to continue to ask the Lord to help us when we are being pushed away. No hurt is greater than God's love and power to heal that hurt. What is it that God needs to heal in your life and mine? God wants to give us that help right now. We don't need to wait for heaven to get God's help.

To believe in Jesus is to trust that even death can be conquered by his healing love. As the first reading reminds us, "God formed man to be imperishable". That means we are meant to live forever. Although this young girl was raised to physical life, we know that she eventually died. Therefore, when God speaks of imperishability, he is obviously speaking of something beyond our physical death. Ultimately, God does not save us from physical death, but he does offer us life forever with him. Although God often provides immediate help to life's hurts, the ultimate healing will be when we experience eternal life. This is what God made us for. Do we believe this and act out of that belief?

Let us pray for the kind of faith that we see in today's Gospel that we might experience God's healing now and forever.

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