

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, July 2

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, July 3

Feast of St. Thomas, *Apostle*

Tuesday, July 4 – *Weekday*

Independence Day

All offices closed

Cathedral on holiday schedule

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, July 5 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, July 6 – *Weekday*

Friday, July 7 – *First Friday*

Adoration/Benediction at 10:00am

Saturday, July 8 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Sunday, July 9

The Solemnity of Our Lady, Queen of Peace

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

Adult Faith Formation

Our Adult Faith Formation meeting using Bishop Barron's Catholicism series resumes on July 9 located at the Kamiano Center. Please plan on coming and bring a friend.

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 couple of weeks, the gift shop will be closed for inventory and renovation. Mahalo for your continued support.

Stewardship of Treasure

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| Sunday Collection | \$ 8,181.15 |
| Weekday Collection | \$ 2,088.71 |
| Coffers | \$ 734.05 |
| Holy Day Collection | \$ 216.00 |

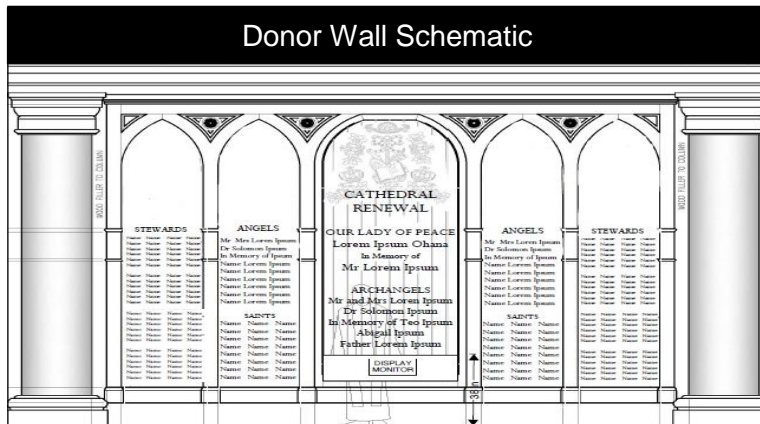


Total \$ 11,219.91

Cathedral Renewal Campaign

Donor Recognition

Donor Wall Schematic



All donors to the Cathedral Renewal Campaign, contributing \$10,000 and above, will be recognized on the donor wall inside the Cathedral at the conclusion of the project.

As shown above, the donor wall will be constructed on the backside of the Cathedra (Bishop's Chair), which will be backed by carved wood panels. The wood panels will act as a sidewall to the Sanctuary and will segment the Sanctuary from the door to the new Reliquary Chapel. Thus, the donor wall will face the entry to the Reliquary Chapel.

Donors to the campaign will be listed alphabetically according to their corresponding Donor Society Level:

| Donor Society | Gift Level |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Our Lady of Peace | \$1,000,000+ |
| Archangels | \$500,000 - \$999,999 |
| Angels | \$100,000 - \$499,999 |
| Saints | \$25,000 - \$99,999 |
| Stewards | \$10,000 - \$24,999 |

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.

We also offer a menu of individual naming opportunities, which may be obtained by contacting the campaign office:

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

July 2, 2017 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this 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

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 – Solemnity of Our Lady, Queen of Peace

Isaiah 9:1-3, 5-6 | Psalm 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14 | Ephesians 2:13-18 | Luke 1:26-38

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

This Tuesday, July 4th, we once again give thanks for the freedom we enjoy as members of this country. As members of the Body of Christ, it is important that we understand the authentic freedom that is offered to us as Christians. It is not only a freedom from what enslaves us. It is a freedom for the doing of good and putting God first in our lives. It is a freedom to really love.

Today's Gospel reminds us that must love God first. This is challenging in a world where many things and persons demand our love and attention. It takes faith and trust to believe that if we love God first, then all the other "loves" in our lives will find their proper place. Our loving relationship with God will enhance and not damage all those other loving relationships.

St. Paul reminds us that living this sort of love involves dying with Christ so that we can live with him. Jesus says that we need to lose our life for his sake so that we can find it. We are challenged to practice sacrificial love. If love does not hurt, it is probably not helpful. If love does not cost us something, it is probably not worth much.

This love should also result in concrete acts of charity and hospitality. What is in our heads and hearts needs to move to our hands and feet so that we do good and not just think about it. We won't need to be looking around for opportunities to love in this way. Life serves them up all the time.

We thank God for the freedom we have as members of this country to practice our faith. We thank God for the freedom we have as members of the Body of Christ to practice practical love.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector

Receiving Sacraments "Out of Order"

Did you know that children baptized as infants usually receive the sacraments out of sequence, out of order? To be fully initiated as Christians, as followers of Jesus Christ, we receive three sacraments, namely Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. When Confirmation comes last, perhaps even years after First Communion, we can get the impression that Confirmation is the "final" sacrament, that Confirmation is what brings us fully into the Body of Christ. For more information, please email Kristina DeNeve kdeneve@rcchawaii.org or call (808) 203-6767.