

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, July 3

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Bible Study at 10:30am

Monday, July 4 - *Weekday*

Independence Day

All offices closed

Cathedral on Holiday Schedule

Tuesday, July 5 - *Weekday*

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, July 6 - *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, July 7 - *Weekday*

Friday, July 8 - *Weekday*

Saturday, July 9

Feast of Our Lady of Peace

Ordination to the Priesthood of

Rev. Mr. E.J. Resinto at 9:00am

No Sacrament of Reconciliation

Festive Mass at 12:00 noon

St. Damien Devotional Group at 12:30pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, July 10

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Bible Study at 10:30am

Infant Baptism

Infant baptisms will take place on Sunday, July 31st. Parents must speak with one of our priests before attending the required class. Please call the office at 536-7036 for more information.

Pancake Breakfast

We will be having a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, July 17th from 8:00am – 1:00pm. Tickets are \$7.00 and will benefit our Outreach and Senior Ministries. For more information and how to purchase tickets for this event, please call Ron Gochenouer at 808-306-7502.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,141.59
Weekday Collection	\$ 2,255.22
Coffers	\$ 369.26
Holy Day	\$ 271.00



Total \$ **9,667.81**

Cathedral Renewal Campaign

Phase II Cathedral Renovations

The Cathedral Renewal Campaign and corresponding renovation project continues this summer with the start of Phase II construction work in August.

Phase II work will focus on “back-of-the-house” improvements and therefore should not disrupt the daily mass schedule.

The work that’s scheduled to begin in August will address structural repairs to the bell tower, including:

- Repair and reinforce plastered coral walls;
- Reinforce tower stairs and repaint handrails;
- Replace access hatch to the tower at the top of the stairs;
- Fortify the concrete slab in the tower, which supports our two historic bells;
- Remove side panels to reveal historic quatrefoil railing, restore railing and install new decorative grating to keep the birds out;
- Temporarily relocate our circa 1800 clock during tower repairs, repair clock and reinstall;
- Install new electrical panels, rewire tower and install new outlets;
- Replace damaged floor joists and plywood floors;
- Remove and replace tower ceiling;
- Repaint tower interior; and
- Remove hazardous materials (asbestos & lead) upon discovery.

The elements described above are projected to cost \$400,000 and are already funded by your generous contributions. *Thank you!*

In order to complete additional work in Phase II, such as renovating the sacristies and storage areas, another \$3.5 million is needed. Therefore, the Cathedral Renewal Campaign continues as we pursue “Major Gifts” of \$25,000 and above, pledged over 5 years, from our most blessed supporters.

Please contact the campaign office with any questions or comments:

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

July 3, 2016 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this 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*

“Yes, you can make a difference!” This they are played out time and time again in messages and campaigns of volunteer and community service organizations. Perhaps the reason so many groups use this approach is because it works. So often we feel our efforts have little impact on the vast world out there. Yet they do! All we may need is a little encouragement. One voice, one hour, one dollar, one smile, one kind word — each is part of bringing God's reign of goodness to the world. Sometimes it may seem as if we are lambs among wolves when we are made fun of or criticized for trying to do what is right. In God's domain, however, all is turned upside-down. The lamb wins!

St. Paul makes it sound simple. He tells us his only rule of life is living for Christ. It is a simple rule — but not an easy one. The many holy people of the past as well as our families and communities can inspire us. Their spirit and dedication are contagious, “Dear God, let their enthusiasm spark our spirits. Help us make a difference at home, in our relationships, at work, at school, in our community, and beyond. Help us to fight complacency or hopelessness.”

Our role as disciples is ongoing. Let it be lively!

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Next Sunday's Readings

Deuteronomy 30:10-14 | *Psalm 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37* | *Colossians 1:15-20* | *Luke 10:25-37*

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

Happy 4th of July weekend! As we give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy as citizens of our country, we are reminded that freedom isn't free. Many have sacrificed and given their lives that we might be free. Today's scriptures remind us that there is real inner freedom to be found in following Christ. The gospel gives instructions for those who follow Jesus.

First of all, they are not to travel alone. They are sent out in pairs. This reminds us of why we have a Church. Although our relationship with God has an intensely personal dimension to it, we also meet God in one another. We need the support of one another, especially as we travel among the "wolves" of the world; those who would attack our values and way of life.

Secondly, we are to be the "advance team" involved in helping the Lord of the harvest. By the way that we love others unconditionally and radiate goodness, faith, and peace in our lives, we soften the ground in the hearts of others so that they can welcome the seed of God's word and life. We prepare the way for the Lord. The main attraction is not ourselves, it is Christ.

Finally, we are exhorted to travel lightly as we journey with Jesus. If we have Christ, we have all that we need. To carry a lot more is to have to deal with burdens that will make following Christ more burdensome. Sometimes we are weighed down because we have chosen material things or relationships that threaten to disable our walk with Christ. Perhaps we are having difficulties because we have been rejected and have a difficult time letting go and forgiving those who have hurt us. The cross of Christ, and the love and power that flows from the cross, gives us the ability to let go and let God!

The wisdom of this world often teaches us that following rules and someone else only leads to a lack of freedom and an inability to do what will make us happy. Christ, the eternal Wisdom of God, teaches us that real freedom and joy is found when we choose to follow Him. His love will set us free.

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

Seminarian Education Fund

Next weekend's second collection will be for the Seminarian Education Fund. Our priests are our islands “Hope for the Future” and the Diocese of Honolulu invites the faithful to participate in providing for the training, formation, and education of seminarians – our future priests. Please support our seminarians!