

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, July 8

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, July 9 – *Weekday*

Tuesday, July 10 – *Weekday*
No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, July 11

Memorial of St. Benedict, Abbot
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am
Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, July 12 – *Weekday*

Friday, July 13 – *Weekday*

Saturday, July 14 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
Ss. Marianne/Damien Devotion Group at 12:30pm

Sunday, July 15

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm
2nd Collection for Repairs & Maintenance

SHARING FAITH

- ◆ What parts of you are most resistant to God's transforming Word and grace?
- ◆ Much speculation surrounds the identity of Paul's "thorn in the flesh" (2 Corinthians 12:7) — a physical or psychological ailment, another disciple, a temptation? What would you name as your "thorn in the flesh"?
- ◆ Prophets of old admonished the people to recognize and heed the presence of God's wisdom or suffer the inevitable effects of choices contrary to truth and order. Where do you see modern prophets calling us back to God's wisdom?

LIVING THE LITURGY

- ◆ In your group, reflect quietly on one or two things you would consider a "weakness." Then share about the times that the "weakness" proved to be "strength" in your life.
- ◆ Create a small poster you can frame that says, "A Prophet Has Been among Them." Award it to someone in your community who has boldly or quietly proclaimed God's truth.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 6,476.83
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,645.04
Coffers	\$ 484.74
Holy Day Collection	\$ 520.00
Total	\$ 9,126.61



Outreach Ministry

Outreach Ministry looking for assistant every Saturday from 10:00am – 2:00pm for the HIE HIE Shower Trailer. Looking for 4 – 6 volunteers for any given Saturday. Also looking for donations of clothes, (Especially men's clothing) toiletries, food and, monetary donation at accepted. For more information, please call Ron Gochenouer at (808) 306 – 7502.

Cathedral Renewal Campaign

Six Weeks Until the Big Reveal!

Renovations to the Sanctuary are nearing completion as workers put the finishing touches in place. The partition wall is scheduled to come down the second week of August, days before the 175th anniversary of the Cathedral's dedication.

Come for the Anniversary Mass and big reveal of the newly renovated Sanctuary on August 16th at 6:00 pm, which will be celebrated with Bishop Larry Silva and Monsignor Gary Secor.

Dedicated on August 15, 1843, the 175 year-old Cathedral Basilica celebrates the anniversary of her dedication on August 16th in deference to the Assumption of Mary on the 15th.

With phase two of the six-phased renovation project coming to completion this summer, the project team will begin to plan for phase three, which will likely begin in early 2019 with additional renovations to the interior.

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.

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Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

Jesus was not the prophet that the people were expecting. He was Mary's boy, the son of the carpenter who built their dinner tables. What did he know? Who was he to preach? The citizens of Nazareth start off "astonished" at his words, his "wisdom" and his "mighty deeds" (Mark 6:2). But soon they put all that aside and remind themselves he's just a local boy. In the end, it's Jesus who's astonished, and their lack of faith so clogs the channels of grace within him that he can't bless them as he has blessed so many others.

God's people — that is, all people — have been a rebellious, stubborn lot from the beginning. God knows us well. And so God tells Ezekiel to go to the rebels and say to them, "Thus says the Lord God!" (Ezekiel 2:4). The rest is up to them. Then God speaks one of scripture's most memorable lines, one that should haunt us every time we plug our ears and choose not to listen. "Whether they heed or resist," says the Lord, "for they are a rebellious house — they shall know that a prophet has been among them" (Ezekiel 2:5). Give your heart a name and call it Nazareth. Now consider: will Christ find honor in the "home" of your heart or will he, in horror, have to move on to another place?

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

Amos 7:12-15 | Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13, 14 | Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10 | Mark 6:7-13

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

This past week, on July 4th, we gave thanks for the freedoms that we enjoy. Among the most important of these freedoms is the freedom to believe—the freedom of faith. Today's Scriptures continue to emphasize the importance of faith and indicate the ways that we can reject the freedom that faith offers.

We reject the freedom of faith when we rebel against God. We are hard and obstinate of heart. We reject a prophetic word. We refuse to listen to the truth and enslave ourselves.

We reject the freedom of faith when we fail to see the blessings in our burdens and weaknesses. We become enslaved when our priority is to avoid pain. The strength in weakness is that it allows us to be open to a greater strength—God.

We reject the freedom of faith when we are skeptical of the goodness and gifts of others. God is unable to do mighty deeds in our midst. We become enslaved to the analysis and categorization of ourselves and others that expects less and gets less in the process.

Real freedom is built on faith and virtues like it. Samuel Adams, Patriot of the American Revolution, wrote: "While the people are virtuous they cannot be subdued; but once they lose their virtue, they will be ready to surrender their liberties to the first external or internal invader....If virtue and knowledge are diffused among the people, they will never be enslaved. This will be their great security."

In Christ's love,

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

Rector