

The Church's Calendar This Week

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

Monday, July 10 – *Weekday*

Tuesday, July 11

Memorial of St. Benedict, *abbot*

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, July 12 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, July 13 – *Weekday*

Our Lady of Fatima between 8:00am – 4:30pm.

Friday, July 14

Memorial of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, *virgin*

Saturday, July 15

Memorial of St. Bonaventure, *bishop,
doctor of the Church*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Sunday, July 16

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Our Lady of Fatima

Venerate the Our Lady of Fatima on Thursday, July 13 anytime from 8am to 4:30pm. Plenary Indulgence may be gained. Contact the Office of Worship at 585-3342.

Infant Baptism

Infant Baptisms will take place at the end of July. Parents must speak with one of our priests before attending the required preparation class. Please call the office to schedule an appointment.

Religious Education

Regular catechism for our youth and CCD classes for confirmation and 1st Communion will begin on August 3, 2017. Registration will take place in the Kamiano Center after the 9am and 10:30am masses beginning this Sunday. Please visit the Kamiano Center or call our office for more information.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 10,719.20
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,763.87
Coffers	\$ 471.49
Holy Day Collection	\$ 269.00



Total \$ **13,223.56**

Cathedral Renewal Campaign

Help Renew Our Lady of Peace!

The Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace was given her name by the first Catholic missionaries to Hawaii, French-Belgium priests from the Congregation of Sacred Hearts who arrived in the islands in 1827.

The Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary adopted Our Lady of Peace as their patroness in the 1600s. The original Our Lady of Peace statue, made of carved wood, dates back to the early 1500s and is enshrined in a convent in France.

The original statue, only 11 inches tall, has been attributed to miracles of protection and the number of faithful seeking her intercession has continued to grow for the past 400 years.

Thus, when the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary brought Catholicism to Hawaii, they consecrated the Hawaiian Islands under the protection of Our Lady of Peace and bestowed her name upon the first church they built.

Dedicated in 1843, the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace is the mother church of the Diocese of Honolulu and is the oldest Catholic cathedral *in continuous use* in the United States. After 174 of regular use, the Cathedral is in need of upgrades and repairs.

The Cathedral Renewal Campaign endeavors to raise a minimum of \$15 million to support comprehensive renovations to the Cathedral, to ensure she remains in service to the community for generations to come.

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 9, 2017 – Solemnity of Our Lady, Queen of Peace

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

Our Lady, Queen of Peace is celebrated annually on January 24. This feast commemorates the Blessed Virgin Mary, who is often represented holding a dove and an olive branch that are the symbols of peace.

The memorial feast celebration has two dates: July 9 and January 24. While January 24 is the feast day in Hawaii and in some churches of the United States, the rest of the world uses July 9, the date when the original statue of Our Lady of Peace was crowned by the Archbishop of Paris in the name of Pope Saint Pius X.

The story of celebration begins in the early 1500s in France, when a statue of Our Lady of Peace was presented as a wedding gift to a young bride. This statue was known as Virgin of Joyeuse and it became the family heirloom. Later the statue was given to the Capuchin community that erected a large chapel for those who sought Mary's intercession.

The original wooden statue of Blessed Virgin Mary is kept at the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary in France. A larger bronze replica is hoisted above the altar at the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace. And the last, the third one, replica stands outside the cathedral.

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Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 55:10-11 | Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 | Roman 8:18-23 | Matthew:13:1-23

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

This weekend, here at the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lady Queen of Peace. She is the patroness of our Diocese and this Cathedral Basilica. The Scriptures chosen for the Solemnity remind us of Christ's peace, our need for it, and how we can obtain it.

Isaiah tells us that the light of Christ brings us peace, even as we walk in darkness. In a dark place, only a little light is needed to find our way so that we do not stumble. Jesus provides that light and invites us to look to His light even though things are not all sweetness and light. This inner confidence in God's presence breaks the burden of our fears.

The Letter to the Ephesians reminds us that Christ brings us peace by healing the inner and outer divisions in our lives. When we struggle with all that tempts us and divides us internally, we need to look to Jesus to help us to focus on what is really important. When we are in conflict with one another, we should follow Christ's way of love, a way that builds bridges instead of walls.

In today's Gospel, we are presented with the story of Mary's "yes" to God. She is the Queen of Peace because she "trusted that God's word to her would be fulfilled". The unusual circumstances of the conception of her Son did not deter her from believing. She knew that "nothing is impossible with God". Mary challenges us to know that as well.

We thank God for our Catholic Faith which has blessed these Islands for two centuries. And we thank God for the powerful intercession and example of Our Lady Queen of Peace which continues to fuel that Faith. Happy Feast Day!

In Christ's love,

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

Rector