

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, July 10

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection for Seminarian Education Fund

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

Monday, July 11

Memorial of St. Benedict, *Abbot*

Tuesday, July 12 - *Weekday*

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, July 13 - *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, July 14

Memorial of St. Kateri Tekawitha, *virgin*

Friday, July 15

Memorial of St. Bonaventure, *Doctor of the Church*

Saturday, July 16

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
St. Marianne Devotional Group at 12:30pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, July 17

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection for Repairs & Maintenance

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

Seminarian Education Fund

Many thanks for supporting our 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. Again, mahalo for your support!

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	\$ 8,564.55
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,694.30
Coffers	\$ 717.47
Holy Day	\$ 196.00



Total \$ 11,172.32

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:

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July 10, 2016 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this 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

This is the season most cherished by travelers. Many leave on long-awaited vacations. In the gospel, Jesus focuses on a hapless traveler along a dangerous road. "Who is my neighbor?" was the lawyer's question, but the inquiry goes deeper than that: What is the point of religion? Where is true orthodoxy found? What should an ecclesial community's priorities be? Moses had told the people (first reading) that God's command was neither up in the sky nor across the sea: "No, it is very near you...you have only to carry it out." So in the kingdom announced by Jesus, one finds God not only in the Temple, whose service claimed the priest and the Levite and whose liturgical requirements kept them safely on the other side of the street. God is out there on the road, in the neighbor, though that neighbor may be foolish, or a sworn enemy, or even a theological or political opponent! So the lawyer, in a sense, asked the wrong question! For the disciple of Jesus, the question is not, "Who is my neighbor?" but "Who needs me to be a neighbor?"

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Next Sunday's Readings

Genesis 18:1-10 | Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 | Colossians 1:24-28 | Luke 10:38-42

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

As Jesus continues his journey toward Jerusalem, he encounters a scholar of the law and teaches him an important lesson about love. As the first reading reminds us, this teaching is not "rocket science"; it is simple to understand. But, it is not easy to live out. What does Christ want us to understand about love?

He wants us to understand that there is an absolute and intimate relationship between love of God and love of neighbor. Once we understand how and how much God loves us, we begin to have the fuel that we need to power our love for one another. To rely on some other source of strength for loving will result in love that is deficient and unhealthy. We experience God's love and practice God's love with one another.

He wants us to understand that to love as God loves is to love without distinction and in an unconditional way. Our tendency is to pick and choose those who we will love or to look for reasons not to extend our love toward others. Christian love is not about loving only those who have earned our love or we feel deserve our positive regard. It is precisely in loving those we judge to be unlovable that we begin to imitate the love of Christ. Real love is a choice that we make to extend positive regard and practical compassion to everyone.

He wants us to understand that love is as love does. To feel sorry for someone in need is not enough. Like the Good Samaritan, our compassion must move us to practical acts of charity. Love will always cost us something and involve sacrifice. But, we don't need to take the whole burden upon ourselves or become co-dependent in the process. We can invite others, with our support, to assist in the doing of the work of love.

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