

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, July 17

### **16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Repairs & Maintenance**

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

Monday, July 18 - *Weekday*

Tuesday, July 19 - *Weekday*  
No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, July 20 - *Weekday*  
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am  
Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, July 21 - *Weekday*

Friday, July 22  
**Feast of St. Mary Magdalene**

Saturday, July 23 - *Weekday*  
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am  
St. Damien Devotional Group at 12:30pm  
Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, July 24

### **17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

## MAHALO NUI LOA

May I take this moment to offer our biggest "Mahalo" to all who helped make the ordination reception for EJ Resinto a major success! There are so many to recognize – the McColgan Family & friends; Jonathan Farinas and our awesome C.B. youth; the Gochenouer & Funtanilla ohana; Bonita Lim and our Senior Ministry; Carmen & Kevin; Darlene & Geronimo; our C.B. young adults; Antoinette & Anthony Selvanathan; Aloha Rentals; Flower Fair; John Fielding; Uncle Joe Winchester & Auntie Ipo Kumukahi; IGE's; Century Square; Waipono & 1164 Bishop. A very special mahalo is reserved for Gary Aki and Joseph Ramos! Our guests were amazed and impressed. May God continue to bless each and every one of you.

## Infant Baptism

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

## Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 9,571.45
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,591.85
Coffers	\$ 997.77
Holy Day	\$ 666.00



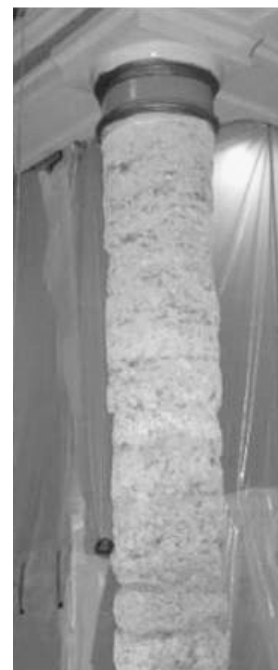
**Total \$ 12,827.07**

## Cathedral Renewal Campaign

### **Did you know our Cathedral is built of coral?**

Coral blocks, harvested from Honolulu Harbor in the 1830s and early 1840s, were used to construct the main body of the Cathedral. Historic records show that workers were paid \$0.15 per block to dive into the harbor, cut and haul out the coral blocks.

While we now know that coral is a living organism and to be left in the ocean, we have also learned that coral is an enduring building material. Dedicated in 1843, the Cathedral has been serving our community for over 170 years and her structure is still sound today. The coral blocks that make up the walls and support columns are in good shape structurally. The coral does, however, attract water which has caused the plaster to bubble in places. An important part of our Cathedral Renewal project will be to repair the damaged plaster and replace it with a special porous plaster that allows the coral to "breathe" as it naturally hydrates and dehydrates itself.



The photo on the right, taken during renovations, shows one of the coral support columns in the sanctuary without its plaster finishing.

To learn more about Cathedral Renewal Campaign and/or to make a contribution: Visit us online at: [www.HonoluluCathedralRenewal.org](http://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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# July 17, 2016 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

Often mothers are great practitioners of hospitality. Even when grown children are trying to get out the door for a long drive, mothers can be found making sandwiches and offering snacks for our journey! Hospitality is a true gift and in many Catholic parishes we have discovered the promise it holds for us as a ministry to strangers and new people who cross our doors. We are not simply ushers who show people where to sit, but greeters who truly welcome people into the Church. We are richer churches because we have made room in our churches with this practice.

The Scripture readings from the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time invite us to imagine ways to make room for God. Biblical hospitality often meant that, in welcoming strangers, the hosts found they welcomed God or his messengers. Like Sarah and Abraham who will be surprised by the arrival of a long awaited son or Mary who sat at the Lord's feet, God may surprise us when we make room for him.

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### **Next Sunday's Readings**

*Genesis 18:20-32 | Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 | Colossians 2:12-14 | Luke 11:1-13*

## From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

One of the blessings of living in the paradise that is Hawaii is that family and friends often come to visit. After all, we are the land of Aloha! But, like many blessings in our lives, this blessing can also be a burden. Hospitality can give way to hostility as we feel burdened and taken advantage of by those who come to visit (and sometimes stay!). God's Word today challenges us to continue to practice the virtue of hospitality. As the first reading today, from Genesis, reminds us: some have entertained angels and not even known it!

Another danger in living a life of active giving and doing for others is that we forget the importance of being with others. Sometimes the most loving and hospitable thing to do is to do nothing, and to just listen to another. Both are important. Each of us needs to have the qualities of Martha and Mary. It is just important to keep them in balance. Martha, in today's Gospel, had lost that balance. This is why Jesus criticized her, not for what she was doing, but for her attitude about doing it; she was "anxious and worried about many things". In our fast-paced and results-oriented world, it is easy to allow "doing" to become more important than "being".

Each Sunday, we have a chance to sit at the feet of Jesus and listen to His Word. We receive Him in Communion. This being with the Lord can give us the strength that we need to go forth during the week and love Him in one another.

Speaking of hospitality, I want to thank all those who helped to make the Ordination of E.J. Resinto last weekend such a wonderful celebration. Your service and welcoming spirit was a great blessing!

In His love,  
Fr. Gary L. Secor, V.G.  
Rector