

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, July 23

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Seminary Educational Fund**

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

Monday, July 24 – *Weekday*  
Infant Baptismal Class at 6:00pm

Tuesday, July 25  
**Feast of St. James, Apostle**  
No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, July 26  
**Memorial of Ss. Joachim & Anne,**  
*Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, July 27 – *Weekday*

Friday, July 28 – *Weekday*

Saturday, July 29  
**Memorial of St. Martha**  
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am  
Ss. Damien/Marianne Devotion Group at 12:30pm

Sunday, July 30

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

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

Infant Baptism at 12:00n

## Seminary Educational Fund

Special Collection Today! Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the Seminary Education Fund. With the costs of education being over \$320,000 per each seminarian over his nine years of studies, the Office of Vocations historically operates at a deficit budget of over \$200,000 in the recent years. Your support greatly impacts the formation and education of the future priests of our diocese. Your gift will help in ways that are simply immeasurable! Donate online: <http://catholichawaii.org/seminarian-fund>

## Most Beautiful Among Women

Calling all women of any age to come join us on Sunday, July 30, 2017, in the Kamiano Center from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm for fellowship, prayer, praise and worship, a teaching as well as sharing insights from the Word of God, personal testimonies, and a joyful day together in the Lord! If you can, bring a dish to share. Come meet new friends.

## Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 9,646.55
Weekday Collection	\$ 2,061.02
Coffers	\$ 537.39
Holy Day Collection	\$ 257.00



**Total** **\$ 12,501.96**

## 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](http://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](mailto:CRC@rcchawaii.org) Phone: (808) 585-3329**

# July 23, 2017 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

*Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 | Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 | Roman 8:26-27 | Matthew:13:24-43*

In the Gospel according to Matthew, Jesus teaches his disciples about the mysteries of heaven using a variety of parables and images: wheat next to weeds, a small mustard seed, a woman mixing yeast into bread dough. Matthew's community's was struggling to accept that some Jews accepted Jesus' preaching and others did not. The first parable centers on the reaction of those who had accepted Jesus' message toward those who had not. Their solution seems to be a radical removal of the weeds, but Jesus counsels patience and tolerance until the end. At the final judgment, God will determine their fate. The parables of the mustard seed and yeast speak of small beginnings ending in great outcomes. Our dedication as Jesus' disciples will attract others, even sinners. We are challenged to focus on our witness and discipleship, letting God worry about others who might not fit our categories. We are reminded that God is merciful, gracious, and just to all sinners who call upon his name.

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

*1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 | Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 | Roman 8:28-30 | Matthew:13:44-52*

## From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

Today's Gospel speaks about the kingdom of heaven. The examples that Jesus uses teach us how God's kingdom works. This is how God's power is actualized in our lives. There are three important lessons here.

First of all, because God knows that our lives are composed of weeds and wheat, we are not perfect, but forgiven. God is merciful, giving us a chance to allow the wheat to overtake the weeds and not the opposite. Our God is a God of numerous chances and the just God of the final chance.

Secondly, because that is how God treats us, God calls us to treat ourselves and others in the same way. This side of heaven we and others are not perfect. We cannot eliminate the "weediness" in ourselves and others. To expect perfection of ourselves and others, leaving no room for mistakes, is to leave no room for God. To eliminate all problems is to fail to actualize God's power and potential.

Finally, God acts through what seems to be little and insignificant, the mustard seed and the yeast. Great things happen from very modest beginnings because of the greatness of God. The little things are what makes all the difference.

It is this awareness, and the power of the Holy Spirit that needs to be kneaded into the dough of our lives so that every area will rise to new life and nourishing strength.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector

### Adult Faith Formation

Join us for a one day retreat at the Benedictine Monastery on Saturday, August 5 open to ministers of the Cathedral Basilica. First come, first serve. For more information, please contact Easter Almuena at [ealmuena@rcchawaii.org](mailto:ealmuena@rcchawaii.org) or call (808) 585-3342.

### 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.