

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, July 29

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, July 30 – *Weekday*

Tuesday, July 31 – *Weekday*

Evening Prayer in Kamiano Center at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, August 1

**Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, August 2

Friday, August 3 – *First Friday*

Adoration/Benediction at 10:00am

Saturday, August 4 – *First Saturday*

Memorial of St. John Vianney, Priest

Prayer Group at 7:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Mass and Holy Hour at 12:00n

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

Sunday, August 5

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sharing Faith

◆ You've attended "pot-luck" events where everyone brought something and there were leftovers for everyone. Do you think that's the point of the Gospel story?

◆ Do you have all you really need? Do you have more than you need? Are you sharing as much time, talent, and treasure as you can afford with others? If not, why do you think that is? Are you sharing more than you can afford, given your family responsibilities? If so, why do you think that is?

Respect Life Ministry

Come meet with the Respect Life Ministry as we discuss life issues and will watch the 8th session in a series of eye-opening talks on abortion loss and unresolved grief. We will meet on Sunday, August 5, 2018, from 1:00-3:30 pm in the Kamiano Center. This gathering promises to be one of great interest and information. All are welcome. For more information please contact Lisa Shorba at (808) 469-5479.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 9,625.64
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,729.89
Coffers	\$ 417.70
Holy Day Collection	\$ 306.00
Total	\$ 12,079.26



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.

July 29, 2018 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

2 Kings 4:42-44 | Psalm 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 | Ephesians 4:1-6 | John 6:1-15

People are hungry and there's not enough to share. There are just a few options: send them home, let them go hungry, or pray for a miracle. Some commentators say that this passage demonstrates that while people are hungry, there's plenty to share if everyone is willing to share what they have, thinking that the miracle of human goodness is ignited by the divine spark of Jesus. Others point out that sometimes, no matter how generous people are, there is simply not enough to go around. To suggest this manifestation of God's abundance was really an instance of human sharing not only robs the story of its beauty but of its power and truth, as well. Let others argue where the food came from. The message of the stories is clear: God supplies our need, and we have only to add our small share.

First you have to believe miracles can happen. Given that, miracles have a life of their own. They're God's doing, not ours. We do what we can, but that's not enough. Only when God's merciful love intervenes can miracles happen. These miracles demonstrate the free and overwhelming grace of God, who gives when we have nothing left. The crowd was touched not by each other's generosity, but by God's abundance. Jesus' crowd will want to make him king, not because he got them to share but because he did what none of them could do — become a conduit of God's miraculous love.

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

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 | Psalm 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 | Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 | John 6:24-35

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

The gospels for the next several Sundays clearly refer to the Eucharist and provide us with an opportunity to reaffirm our faith in this great Sacrament. We know how important it is to eat properly so that we can be physically healthy and we suffer if we don't. God wants us to remember that the food that Christ provides in his body and blood is just as essential for our lives. Without it, we suffer.

Today's gospel, in the miracle of the bread and fish, prefigures the miracle of the Eucharist. Jesus took what was clearly inadequate, imperfect, and lacking and made it more than enough. At every Eucharist, God takes plain bread and wine and makes it into something so much greater; the presence of Christ himself! Do we believe that this is what God does and do we fully appreciate this great gift that we have as a Church?

Today's miracle also reminds us of why we need the Eucharist to be the source of our life and the strength of our love. When we think we don't have enough to share with those in need, God teaches us an important lesson. If we will give God what we have, God will take it and make it something much greater. God will give us the power to help those in need, especially when we feel our resources for that help are lacking.

In the second reading today, St. Paul reminds us of our call to live a life worthy of the calling we have received; a life of humility, gentleness, patience, unity, and love. Our oneness with God, in Christ, and in the Eucharist makes all of this possible.

In Christ's love,
Very Rev. Msgr. Gary L. Secor, V.G.
Rector