

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, July 30

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Infant Baptism at 12:00n

Monday, July 31 – *Weekday*

Tuesday, August 1

Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori, *bishop,*
doctor of the Church

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, August 2 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, August 3 – *Weekday*

Friday, August 4 – **First Friday**

Memorial of St. John Vianney, *priest*

Adoration/Benediction at 10:00am

Saturday, August 5 – **First Saturday**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Mass and Holy Hour at 12:00n

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

Sunday, August 6

Feast of the

Transfiguration of the Lord

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

Seminary Educational Fund

Thank you! Mahalo nui from the Vocations Office for the wonderful generosity of all the parishes and parishioners for showing your support during our annual appeal for the Seminary Education Fund! Rest assured that you are greatly appreciated and prayed for! If you would like to help, donate online: <http://catholichawaii.org/seminarian-fund>

Religious Education

Regular catechism for our youth and CCD classes for confirmation and 1st Communion will begin on August 6, 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	\$ 9,033.15
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,653.94
Coffers	\$ 697.99
Holy Day Collection	\$ 71.00



Total \$ **11,456.08**

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 30, 2017 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this 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

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:

"The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord"

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 | Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 | 2 Peter 1:16-19 | Matthew:17:1-9

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

In Matthew's Gospel today, Jesus continues to describe the Kingdom of God, how God reigns, and how God's power is experienced and actualized in our lives. To understand how God works is to have wisdom, a wisdom that is knowledge that I can put into practice.

This wisdom demands that we invest all that we have and are in order to obtain it. You get what you pay for when it comes to real education and it demands an investment. Otherwise you will purchase a sort of wisdom that will not withstand the test of time.

This wisdom is a pearl of great price. Pearls result when something small and hidden becomes something beautiful. But, pearls are also the result of irritation; the small grain of sand irritates the lining of the oyster to create the gem. Wisdom happens when we are willing to pay the price of turning our irritations and irritating people into helping us to become more beautiful and holy.

This wisdom comes when we can live with the good and the bad, the successes and failures, the perfect and the imperfect and allow God to help us to sort through it all. This enables us to keep what is good and throw away what is not. As Paul reminds us in the second reading, if we love God everything will work out for the good.

God has destined us to be glorified and brothers and sisters in Christ. It is this relationship that gives us all things, especially the gift of wisdom.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector