

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, August 5

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

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

Respect Life at 1:00pm in Kamiano Ctr.

Young Adult Ministry at 1:30pm in Rectory

Monday, August 6

### **Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord**

Tuesday, August 7 – *Weekday*

Evening Prayer in Kamiano Center at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, August 8

### **Memorial of St. Dominic, Priest**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, August 9 – *Weekday*

Friday, August 10

### **Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr**

Saturday, August 11

### **Memorial of St. Clare, Virgin**

Prayer Group at 7:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Sunday, August 12

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

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

Adult Faith Formation at 11:30am in Kamiano Ctr.

## Sharing Faith

◆ Was it unreasonable for the crowds to pursue Jesus because he had filled their stomachs with bread? Why is he disappointed by that?

◆ What are the “fleshpots” in your life that call you backward into your former self and hinder your forward movement into the new life God has planned?

## 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 today, 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,079.26</b>



## 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

### **Two 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 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Cathedral's dedication.

**Come for the Anniversary Mass and big reveal of the newly renovated Sanctuary on August 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> in deference to the Assumption of Mary on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

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](http://www.HonoluluCathedralRenewal.org).

Click on the “Learn” button, or select “Renewal Campaign” in the toolbar to view our 5 ½ minute campaign video.

## August 5, 2018 – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

One thing is certain and two things are assured: God provides for all our needs, and when God does, it seldom looks like what we expected. Israel knew Elijah would return before the coming of the Messiah, but what they got was John the Baptist. They knew God would send a Messiah, but they got a humble carpenter born in a stable, not a high-born general or king. They knew God sends bread from heaven, but Jesus tells them not to look for hearth-baked loaves. "I am the bread of life," he says (John 6:35). This is shocking, disappointing talk that will bring him more trouble than followers. The key to being a friend of Jesus — now, as well as then — is remaining open to the unexpected. If God is God, then his ways will not be like ours. We often make the mistake of creating God in our own image, and God constantly pulls the rug from under us.

But what God gives, though surprising, always exceeds our expectations. The desert manna Jesus' crowd desired was nothing compared to the bread Jesus would give. But in order to receive it, the crowd had first to let go of their expectations that narrowed the possibilities of what God could do for them, and in their place embrace the incredible, unimaginable abundance of God's surprising love. In the desert, the Israelites received "flesh" each night and "bread" each morning (Exodus 16:8). Now, Jesus turns his own flesh into bread that endures and satisfies forever.

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### **Next Sunday's Readings: "Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time"**

*1 Kings 19:4-8 | Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 | Ephesians 4:30-5:2 | John 6:41-51*

### **From the Rector's Desk**

Dear Cathedral family:

The Scriptures continue our reflection on the Eucharist, the central sacrament of our Faith. As an aid to this reflection, I would like to pose several questions that I believe are critically important for us to think about. Our response to these questions in many respects will determine the quality of our belief in Christ the Bread of Life. To be nourished by this word, God invites us to chew on these questions this coming week and to digest our personal answers.

What are we hungering for? How do we attempt to satisfy those hungers? Is God a part of those hungers? Do we hunger for God?

Are these desires deceitful or not true to whom God really created us to be? When this hunger is not satisfied do we desire to return to the place of slavery? Would we rather be satisfied slaves or free persons longing for more?

Why do we have a relationship with God? Are we more concerned with Jesus taking care of our material wants and not our spiritual needs? Are our wants and needs the same?

Join me in reflecting on these questions that our faith might be truly nourishing and life-giving for us.

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