

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, August 13

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Religious Education at 8:00am

Our Lady of Fatima Statue viewing 5:00a – 7:00p

Monday, August 14

**Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe, priest
& martyr**

Tuesday, August 15

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, August 16 – *Weekday*

Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral Basilica

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, August 17 – *Weekday*

Friday, August 18 – *Weekday*

Admission Day

Cathedral on Holiday Schedule

Saturday, August 19 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Sunday, August 20

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Religious Education at 8:00am

Most Beautiful Among Women

Calling all women of any age to come join us on Sunday, August 20, 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	\$ 9,709.36
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,966.44
Coffers	\$ 557.30
Holy Day Collection	\$ 548.00
Total	\$ 12,781.10



Cathedral Renewal Campaign Celebrating 174 Years!

This month marks the 174th year since the Cathedral's dedication on August 15, 1843. For nearly two centuries, the Cathedral has stood as a spiritual center in the heart of downtown Honolulu and has served thousands upon thousands of worshippers. Today, more than 2,000 parishioners and visitors pass through her doors each week to find fellowship, worship at the foot of a beloved statue and/or pray to Saints Damien and Marianne who worshipped in this very cathedral over 100 years ago.

The plans for the Cathedral's renovation were designed to mimic many of the features that were seen in the Cathedral in the 1800's. In this way, the Cathedral will be restored to her own historic appearance during the time-period that Saints Damien and Marianne worshipped here themselves.

In order to properly restore historic elements and preserve original features, the Cathedral Renewal Campaign endeavors to raise a minimum of \$15 million to complete all of the necessary upgrades and renovations.

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

August 13, 2017 – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a | Psalm 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 | Romans 9:1-5 | Matthew:14:22-33

In the Bible, mountains are traditionally places for encounters with God. Such encounters usually are accompanied by spectacular occurrences such as fire, wind, earthquakes, and storms. But this was not Elijah's experience. God came to him in an unexpected way as a tiny, whispering sound.

In the Gospel passage, after Jesus' had fed the multitudes he went up the mountain to pray. Jesus sought time alone with God. What an example that is to us! Meanwhile, the disciples are struggling in the middle of a storm. Jesus comes down from the mountain and walks on the water toward them. Though they know Jesus, they are frightened by what they see him doing. But he speaks to them and calms their fears.

In both of these stories, God comes into human experience. Elijah meets God, but he had to be willing to find him in a way he did not expect. The disciples were afraid meet God, but they had to open their eyes and take courage, trusting it is indeed the Lord. These passages show us that when God comes, we need to trust him.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "20th Sunday in Ordinary Time"

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 | Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 | Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 | Matthew:15:21-28

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

Sometimes the waves of the stormy seas of life can be very large and menacing. The trials and tumult seem overwhelming and Christ looks to us like a ghost that is really not present. This was the situation the disciples found themselves in as recounted to us in today's gospel.

In the midst of all of this, Jesus came to them across the turbulent waters and said: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Christ says the same thing to each of us. It is not that God expects us to never have any fears; they are a normal part of life. But our faith equips us so that fear does not "have" us. We do not need to "be afraid"; to be in a state of fear that takes hold of us. As Joel Osteen put it in his book entitled, "Becoming a Better You"; "You can be in the storm, but don't let the storm get into you." Christ has promised to be with us always.

Christ issued a further challenge to Peter. He told Peter to get out of the boat. Christ invites us to move from our "boat", our place of security, and to move closer to Him. In doing so, we must keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. The moment we look away from Christ, and begin to focus on how big the "waves of life" are, we too will sink. But, we are so blessed to have a merciful God. When our faith falters, Christ is there to rescue us from drowning if we will allow Him to grasp us.

We are blessed that one of our young adults, Alex Held, has chosen to move closer to Christ by applying and being accepted as a seminarian for the Diocese of Honolulu. He is beginning his formation this week at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park California. Please keep him and all those discerning their response to God's call in your prayers. Also, I thank God for 40 years of priestly service to God's people as I celebrate my priestly anniversary on August 13th. Thanks for all your love and support.

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