

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, August 14

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm
Religious Education Classes starts next week

Monday, August 15

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, August 16

Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral Basilica

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm
Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, August 17 – *Weekday*
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am
Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, August 18 – *Weekday*

Friday, August 19 – *Weekday*

Admission Day

Cathedral on Holiday Schedule

Saturday, August 20

Memorial of St. Bernard, *abbot and
Doctor of the Church*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
St. Damien Devotional Group at 12:30pm
Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, August 21

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm
Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

Religious Education

Religious education classes for the new school year begin next Sunday, August 21st at 8:00am in the Kamiano Center. Children in second grade and older who have not received first communion or confirmation should enroll this year. Please register today at the Kamiano Center. For more information, please call the office at 536-7036 or email Michael Bauer at mbauer@rcchawaii.org

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,955.78
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,759.68
Coffers	\$ 938.02
Holy Day	\$ 476.00



Total **\$ 12,483.48**

Cathedral Renewal Campaign

Renewing Our Cathedral – Project Timeline

As we begin Phase 2 work, renovations to the bell tower and infrastructure, many wonder how this phase fits into the larger project.

The process of restoring our historic cathedral is segmented into phases to ensure urgent repairs are prioritized – such as the upper gallery seating areas, which were repaired and re-opened in November 2015, and the infrastructure upgrades in Phase 2, which will lay the groundwork for new electrical, mechanical and HVAC systems that will follow. It is a strategic decision to install the new climate control system before cleaning and restoring the interior artwork, for example.

The phases for completing the entire project may overlap in places and are summarized as follows:

Cathedral Renovation Project Phases

Phase 0 – Mock-up section	Completed 2013
Phase 1 – Repair gallery floors	Completed November 2015
Phase 2a – Bell tower and tower clock repairs, infrastructure upgrades	Beginning now, continuing through 2016 and into 2017
Phase 2b – Sacristies, basement infrastructure, chill water line & utilities	Expected to start January 2017 and run through December 2017
Phase 3 – Reliquary Chapel construction and interior work in sanctuary	Expected start date: May 2018
Phase 4 – Interior work on body of church	Start date TBD
Phase 5 – Interior work: ceilings & floors	Start date TBD
Phase 6 – Exterior lighting & landscaping	Start date TBD

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August 14, 2016 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10 | Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18 | Hebrew 12:1-4 | Luke 12:49-53

Do you ever feel like the Grinch? Someone knocks on the door, and you just want to say, “Go away!” The phone rings and you feel like yelling, “Be quiet!” Someone asks a favor, and you want to respond, “Just leave me alone!” Certainly, there are even times when many of us approach God’s call with similar less-than-enthusiastic responses.

We may be tired of being caretakers of ailing relatives. Young or old, we may be tempted by invitations to watch R-rated movies. Perhaps our tithing to the parish requires great sacrifices that mean our families go without some of our usual pleasures. We may be asked to stretch the truth to protect people at work. Following God’s word can be a tremendous challenge for everyone in the family. The encouraging thing is that even when we have a tough time welcoming Christ’s message, Jesus stands with us. God did not abandon the prophet Jeremiah, and God will not abandon us.

Somehow it is encouraging to see that very holy people of bygone days struggled with many of the same challenges facing our modern society. Both the psalm and Luke’s Gospel remind us that others have encountered the same strife. What is important is that hope in life eternal and our commitment to Christ guide us through both the bright days and the difficult times.

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Next Sunday’s Readings

Isaiah 66:18-21 | Psalm 117:1, 2 | Hebrew 12:5-7, 11-13 | Luke 13:22-30

From the Rector’s Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

Did Jesus, the Prince of Peace, really say that he had come for division and not peace? There is no doubt that those who first heard these words, like us, wondered where Jesus was coming from. Jesus is the Prince of Peace, but the peace that he has come to establish is not “peace at any price”. It is not the thin veneer of peace that happens when we just don’t want to “rock the boat”.

Real peace is the fruit of justice. Real peace comes when we squarely face and struggle with the demons in our lives and put to death the sinful and destructive behavior that never brings peace. Real peace comes when we speak the truth with love to one another and are not afraid of legitimate and respectful disagreement and challenge of one another. Real peace comes when live our Christian values, even when they are not popular. Sometimes this causes us to make decisions that are unpopular, even with the ones we are closest to; our friends and family. If we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, he will give us the faith that we need. The strength of his Spirit can bring real peace and reconciliation to the most difficult of situations.

Someone has said: “Jesus Christ came to comfort the disturbed and to disturb the comfortable”. May we allow Him to do each of these for us. Let us pray that Christ will bring us the peace that the world cannot give; the peace that is priceless because it is found when we unite ourselves to the precious dying and the rising of Jesus Christ.

Mary is the perfect example of one who experienced God’s peace even though there was much turbulence in her life as she cared for her son. This week we honor her, Our Lady Queen of Peace, as we commemorate the dedication of this Cathedral Basilica on Tuesday. On Monday, we also remember her Assumption. May we, like Mary, welcome Christ into our lives for He is the Prince of Peace..

In His love,
Fr. Gary L. Secor, V.G.
Rector