

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, August 19

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

2nd Collection for Repairs & Maintenance

Most Beautiful Among Women at 1:30pm

Monday, August 20

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

Tuesday, August 21

Memorial of St. Pius X, Pope

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, August 22

**Memorial of the Queenship of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, August 23 – *Weekday*

Friday, August 24

Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Saturday, August 25 – *Weekday*

Prayer Group at 7:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Sunday, August 26

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

2nd Collection for Catholic Charities Hawai'i

Catholic Charities Hawai'i

Catholic Charities has initiated a different fund-raising drive to help fund our core service programs called "Meet the Need Now."

The need for affordable housing, our local homelessness situation, an aging population and Hawai'i's cost of living will mean even more reliance on social services and programs provided by our organization. And reduced public/government funding each year means an increased reliance on contributions and private donations to serve those in need.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,811.73
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,982.47
Coffers	\$ 595.19
Holy Day Collection	\$ 185.00
Total	\$ 10,574.39



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.

Religious Education

Registration for religious education classes will be held today, August 19th after all Sunday masses. We have classes available for grades K-12 and adults to complete their initiation in the church. Classes will begin on Sunday, September 9.

Cathedral Renewal Campaign

175th Anniversary Mass and Celebration!

A big **MAHALO** to all those who attended the special event this past Thursday showcasing the newly renovated Sanctuary – **Wow, what a difference!**

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.

As always, Bishop Larry Silva and Msgr. Gary Secor extend their appreciation and aloha for your generous and prayerful support.

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.

August 19, 2018 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Proverbs 9:1-6 / Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 / Ephesians 5:15-20 / John 6:51-58

The spiritual life is often more about subtraction than addition: things “add up” only when we take things away. Lady Wisdom teaches us that to possess understanding we must first let go of foolishness. This is not so easy to do, for the human spirit clings tenaciously to its familiar, if foolish, ways. Wisdom’s only hope is to entice us with her rich fare and the siren voices of her maidens. A beautiful table awaits us with ample food and aged wine — if only we can pull ourselves away from the “fast food” that often substitutes for true nourishment. That’s Wisdom’s message — you have to let go, so your hands will be free to take hold of the feast I offer.

Paul also knows the inclination of foolish folk to cling to ignorance instead of understanding. Who wants to cling to ignorance, you ask? Probably no one, if they know it is ignorance. But ignorance wears good disguises and often passes as wisdom, and vice versa. Jesus’ words are a great example. To some, Jesus’ request that we eat his flesh and feed on him might sound like dialogue from a vampire movie. Only faith can tell us that’s not folly but wisdom. Only faith can convince us that singing songs of praise and joy in the Spirit is better than indulging in spirits that lead to drunken debauchery. Only faith — and pure Wisdom — can persuade us that this strange bread that is Jesus will enable us to live forever!

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Next Sunday’s Readings: “Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time”

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b / Psalm 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21 / Ephesians 5:21-32 or 2a, 25-32 / John 6:60-69

From the Rector’s Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

Happy 175th Anniversary!

We give thanks to God for our Cathedral Basilica and the many years that this place has been sacred because of the Body of Christ, present in Word and Sacrament and present in the people who, living and dead, have been a part of our family. We give thanks for the generosity of all those who have supported our Restoration project and enabled us to dedicate our new sanctuary area. It is beautiful!

We remember the original dedication of this building. It reminds us that this holy place helps each of us to be a holy place for God to dwell. The building enables us to build up the Body of Christ. We do that as we receive inspiration and instruction on what it means to be Christ’s presence in the world.

But Christ offers us more than just great teaching and guidance. He offers his very self to us. The gift of his flesh enables us to make Christ really present in the “flesh” of our lives. Christ is not just a nice thought, but a real person who becomes real in each of us, his body. The gift of his blood, his life, enables us to live and to love, both now and forever. Without his life, we die long before our physical death. May God help us to grow in our appreciation of this great gift and may we never take it for granted. May we also continue to be thankful for 175 years of this place being a dwelling place for all of us who receive and become the Body of Christ.

In Christ’s love,

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

Rector

Special Altar Server Training

Mr. Jonathan Farinas, our Altar Server Coordinator, will be conducting an Altar Server Training Session on Saturday, August 25th beginning at 9:00am. The purpose of the special altar server trainings is to train the servers before they are able to serve their Masses for the first time in the renovated sanctuary. For more information, please call the office.