

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, August 20

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Repairs & Maintenance**

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

Religious Education at 8:00am

Monday, August 21

**Memorial of St. Pius X, pope**

Tuesday, August 22

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

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, August 23 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, August 24

**Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle**

Friday, August 25 – *Weekday*

Saturday, August 26 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Sunday, August 27

### **21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Catholic Charities Hawaii**

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

Religious Education at 8:00am

## Catholic Charities Hawaii

**Next Weekend August 26 & 27**

Next weekend we will be taking up a special collection for Catholic Charities Hawaii. To learn more, please visit their website at [www.CatholicCharitiesHawaii.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesHawaii.org). "Let us renew in faith by encounters with Jesus... that we may put our faith in action as we encounter others."

## Most Beautiful Among Women

Calling all women of any age to come join us today, 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	\$ 9,244.62
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,771.86
Coffers	\$ 970.01
Holy Day Collection	\$ 482.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,468.49</b>



## Cathedral Renewal Campaign

**Celebrating 174 Years!**

This month marks the 174<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:CRC@rcchawaii.org) Phone: (808) 585-3329**

# August 20, 2017 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

If we were to write the Gospel story as a play, the Canaanite woman would have a starring role in her encounter with Jesus. She steps forward, passing the disciples, and speaks to Jesus on behalf of her sick daughter. As a Canaanite woman, she would not have been welcomed by Jews. What a risk she took! Three times, she persists in asking for Jesus' help. Finally, her determination and courage are acknowledged and her daughter is healed. In the First Reading, Isaiah proclaims that foreigners who join themselves to God will be accepted and included among the holy ones, for God's call is for all. This Sunday's psalm response sings of the praise that will come to God from all nations because of the faithfulness of the Jews. Though believers may have to cross boundaries and bridge barriers that many find unacceptable, their witness to God's action reveals that God welcomes all. The Canaanite woman, one of the ones who acknowledged God's gracious mercy and compassion, is a witness to us all.

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### **Next Sunday's Readings: "20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time"**

*Isaiah 22:19-23 | Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 | Romans 11:33-36 | Matthew:16:13-20*

## From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

Jesus said to the woman in today's Gospel, "Great is your faith!" What made this woman's faith great? How can we have this sort of faith? Three things stand out.

Her faith was inclusive, not exclusive. She was a Canaanite woman, but she went to Jesus, a Jewish man, for help. We belong to the Catholic Church which means our faith is universal. We should not pick and choose those who we invite to belong to us. We should be inclusive and not exclude from our love those who are different from us. We should also include the fullness of the truth in what we believe and teach.

Her faith was generous and focused on the needs of others. She was praying for her daughter and not for herself. Do I have a generous spirit? Do I care for others who are hurting?

Her faith was persistent. She kept trying even when it seemed that Jesus was not interested in helping her. We need to be more persevering and persistent in our prayer.

May we have a greater faith, a faith that is inclusive, generous, and persistent.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector

## Thinking About the Sacraments of Initiation

"The (three) sacraments of Christian initiation lay the foundations of every Christian life" Catechism of the Catholic Church, no.1212. Indeed, the initiation sacraments can be compared to climbing up Diamond Head Crater. To do the climb, one needs to be prepared when starting out, primarily by being hydrated. Then one needs the strength to climb up the 3/4-mile path. Finally, one reaches the summit and can enjoy the magnificent view in every direction.

This corresponds to the sacraments of initiation. The hydration of Baptism starts a Christian on the path. The gift of the Holy Spirit received in Confirmation gives the strength needed to make the journey. Then finally, earth is joined to heaven at the summit when one receives first Holy Communion.

Notice that what completes our membership into the Body of Christ is not Confirmation. Rather, it is receiving First Communion. The truth is that the first two sacraments (Baptism and Confirmation) are what prepare us for Eucharist. From our own experience we know that Eucharist does not prepare us for Confirmation. It is the other way around.

The sacraments that initiate us into the Christian life are first of all Baptism, then Confirmation, and finally, First Holy Communion. If you have questions, contact Kristina DeNeve at [kdeneve@rcchawaii.org](mailto:kdeneve@rcchawaii.org) or call (808) 203-6767.