

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, August 21

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

Monday, August 22

Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, August 23 – *Weekday*

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, August 24

Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, August 25 – *Weekday*

Friday, August 26 – *Weekday*

Saturday, August 27

Memorial of St. Monica

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

St. Marianne Devotional Group at 12:30pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, August 28

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

Theology Behind Sacred Music and Architecture

Join us this Tuesday, August 23rd at 7:00pm for this informative and interactive discussion lead by Gary Garo and Justin Agustin on the Theology Behind Sacred Music and Architecture.

Mahalo Nui Loa

We would like to take this moment to offer our biggest “Mahalo” to all who helped make our 173rd Anniversary a major success! Bonita Lim, Senior Ministry, Hospitality Ministry and to all who donated the food and served. May God continue to bless each and every one of you!

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,314.66
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,427.12
Coffers	\$ 592.69
Holy Day	\$ 467.00



Total **\$ 10,801.47**

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

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.

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August 21, 2016 – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

A young elementary school girl always seemed to be on the outside looking in. She was just a bit too clumsy to make the basketball team. She did not quite learn her words well enough to make it to spelling bee finals. She could not go to karate classes because she had to watch her younger sister on Tuesday nights. She felt rejected and lonely. Then one fall, her school initiated a "spirit line" open to anyone who wanted to participate. She signed up and was one of the few members who never missed a practice. She was faithful to the commitment, started to smile more, and finally understood what it meant to belong.

It matters not to Christ whether we are coordinated or clumsy, and accurate speller or a devoted dictionary user. What matters is that we listen to God's word and act in harmony with God's will. Our journey with Christ begins when we accept the invitation to live in God's way. Each of us is called to respond in a unique way that builds up the Body of Christ. Service, prayer, faithfulness, humility, and love are requirements that we can incorporate into our activities at home, work, school, and recreation.

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Next Sunday's Readings

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 | Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 | Hebrew 12:18-19, 22-24a | Luke 14:1, 7-14

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

In today's readings, the Lord speaks to us about the way to experience God's saving grace. This is not just about making sure that we get to heaven. Even now, we are meant to access the power of God's presence to equip us for living the fullness of life. As Jesus tells us in the gospel, we must "enter through the narrow gate".

To enter through the narrow gate means to realize that accepting the gift of salvation and God's saving grace is a personal decision that each of us is responsible for. Jesus was reminding the Jews, God's chosen people, that just because they had received God's prophets and promises that did not mean that they were automatically entitled to God's kingdom. Some of them had rejected these gifts. The message for us is that we cannot ride into heaven on the "coattails" of someone else. Just because we are baptized and we come from faith-filled parents and ancestors is not enough. The narrow gate allows one person in at a time; each of us must personally decide about our relationship with Christ.

To enter through the narrow gate means to accept limitation in our lives. We cannot do everything. In fact, we must choose to leave behind behaviors and attitudes that are extraneous and even detrimental to our relationship with God. To try to do everything and to be there for everyone is to be no good for anyone. There is great power in being able to focus our energies on what is truly important. This will involve making some hard choices, but will ultimately lead to fulfillment and peace.

To enter through the narrow gate means to accept trials and discipline as the only way to grow strong in Christ. In our pain adverse culture, we are often preoccupied with being comfortable. We avoid those things that hurt us. In the process we also prevent ourselves, as Hebrews reminds us, from finding real joy and the "peaceful fruit of righteousness". Real strength can only be found through struggle. Hurt, accepted in faith, will lead to ultimate healing.

Many thanks to all those who helped us to celebrate the 173rd Anniversary of the Dedication of our Cathedral Basilica. Thanks also for your continued generosity and prayers as we proceed with our restoration plans. This house of God is beautiful and will be made even more so!

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