

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, August 27

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection for Catholic Charities Hawaii

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

Religious Education at 8:00am

Monday, August 28

Memorial of St. Augustine, Bishop,

Doctor of the Church

Tuesday, August 29

Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, August 30 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, August 31

Friday, September 1 – *First Friday*

Adoration/Benediction at 10:00am

Saturday, September 2 – *First Saturday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Mass and Holy Hour at 12:00n

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

Sunday, September 3

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Religious Education at 8:00am

Catholic Charities Hawaii

This Weekend August 26 & 27

This weekend we will be taking up a special collection for Catholic Charities Hawaii. To learn more, please visit their website at www.CatholicCharitiesHawaii.org. “Let us renew in faith by encounters with Jesus... that we may put our faith in action as we encounter others.” Please be generous. Mahalo.

Adult Faith Formation

Next Adult Faith Formation topic in the Catholicism series by Bishop Robert Barron is “The Mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist.” Bring a friend and join us on Sunday, September 10 at 11:30am.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,361.58
Weekday Collection	\$ 2,241.20
Coffers	\$ 649.42
Holy Day Collection	\$ 528.00
Total	\$ 11,780.20



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 27, 2017 – Twenty-first 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: "20th 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:

In today's gospel, Jesus confers the mantle of leadership on Peter, the first Pope. We are reminded of how important strong leadership has been, and continues to be, in our church. We also know that the Pope is important because of who he represents, as the Vicar of Christ. We see Christ in the Holy Father and in one another.

Today's Scriptures indicate that one of the important responsibilities of the leadership of the church is "binding and loosing"; the forgiveness of sins. We know that God is the one who forgives us, but we are reminded that God has given the church the sacraments, especially the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to communicate a special grace of forgiveness. Among the most moving and blessed moments in my life as a priest have been the times when I have been forgiven in the Sacrament of Penance and when I have been able to share that forgiveness with others. If you haven't been to confession for a while, try it soon. You will feel set free!

The question Jesus asks his disciples in today's gospel, is the ultimate question being asked by the Lord to all of us, today's disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" How we respond will determine the direction of our lives. To respond as Peter did ("You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.") means that we are acknowledging that Jesus is divine and that He is the Lord of my life. The challenge is to really live as if we believe this.

The consolation is that, although Peter proclaimed Jesus as the Christ, he didn't always live that reality; he later denied knowing Jesus. So there is hope for all of us.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector

Mahalo Nui Loa

May I take this opportunity to offer my gratitude and congratulations for your efforts in making the celebration of the 174th Anniversary of the dedication of our 'beloved' Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace this past weekend a huge success!

I would like to offer my special thanks to: Bonita Lim and her volunteer crew for showing up at every mass to take care of hospitality; Gary Aki and Libert Weatherholtz for all the behind the scenes work that goes in to making the weekend a success and to our hard working parish staff members. There were also parishioners who went the extra mile by providing spaghetti, chili, turkey, pancit and other desserts...mahalo plenty!

This was indeed another proud moment for the mother church of the diocese of Honolulu. I look forward to next year when we celebrate the big "175th."