

The Church's Calendar This Week

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

Monday, August 29

Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist

Tuesday, August 30 – *Weekday*

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, August 31 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, September 1 – *Weekday*

Friday, September 2 – **First Friday**

Adoration/Benediction at 10:00am

Saturday, September 3 – **First Saturday**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Mass & Holy Hour at 12:00n

St. Damien Devotional Group at 12:30pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, September 4

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection for Catholic University of America

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

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

Catholic University of America

Next Sunday, September 4th, we will take up a 2nd Collection for the CUA (Catholic University of America.) Please be generous. Mahalo.

Attention Social Ministry Volunteers

Whether you feed the hungry, visit those in prison, give comfort to the bereaved, welcome the stranger, reach out to the hurting or provide basic necessities for the poor – all who do Social Ministry are encouraged to attend our vicariate ENRICHMENT GATHERING on Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 8:30 AM till 12 Noon here at the Cathedral Basilica. Call the Diocesan Office for Social Ministry at 203-6702 to RSVP your attendance TODAY. You can also email your response to itamashiro@rcchawaii.org. See you there!

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection \$ 9,821.56

Weekday Collection \$ 2,139.50

Coffers \$ 814.69

Holy Day \$ 547.00

Total \$ 13,322.75



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 28, 2016 – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this 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

The context for this Sunday's Gospel reading is set by the verses where Jesus heals a sick man (Luke 14:2 – 6). It was unlawful to heal on the Sabbath, so Jesus' act was not appreciated by some guests who were watching him carefully. Jesus appears to have observed them carefully as well. The words he preaches are about guests jockeying for a good place at the table.

In a society that often evaluated people on social status and physical well being, Jesus' suggestion to his listeners to invite outcasts to dine with them was absurd. Why would anyone want to associate with the lowly and despised members of society?

Jesus says, "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled" (Luke 14:11). He is not simply referring to the relationship between a guest and host at meal table. Rather, God will judge us by our attitudes and actions toward the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. The disciples' greatest honor will come through a life of humility.

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Next Sunday's Readings

Wisdom 9:13-18b | Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 | Philemon 9-10, 12-17 | Luke 14:25-33

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

Clearly, today's scriptures invite us to reflect on the virtue of humility. In a world that very often believes that self-assertion and self-promotion are the only ways to succeed, being humble is not always seen as an asset. God promises real success, fulfillment, and peace to those who live this virtue.

Humility is found by those willing to look at themselves realistically, recognizing their talents and gifts as well as their flaws. The truly humble are not those who feel they have nothing to give and are worthless. This kind of attitude is not healthy and can be used as an escape from dealing with self-improvement that is needed. However, it can be equally harmful to expect perfection of oneself or to fail to recognize one's faults. Flaws remind us that each of us has been hand-crafted by God who doesn't create perfect persons. Our incomplete and imperfect nature allows us to be open to the perfect love of God who helps to complete us.

Humility is found by those who recognize that "it is not always about me". Like the guest in today's gospel looking for the best place, we can become obsessed with looking after our wants and needs. We look at life through the lens of "self" and fail to see things from another's perspective. Even our giving can become primarily an exercise in giving to ourselves. Humility invites us to seriously consider the needs of others and to allow them to shine instead of ourselves.

Humility is found by those who allow God to "put us in our place". The gospel's guest tried to put himself in the place where he felt he was supposed to be. But, the host knew better. Although we may think we know where we belong, God always knows better. If we allow God to "put us in our place", God will always put us in a better place than we ever could have put ourselves. That is because God loves us perfectly and only wants what is for our good. When we are in a "low spot" in our lives, it takes great trust to believe that God is going to invite us to "come up higher".

Humility, far from being a weakness, is a real strength. Let us pray that God will enable us to see our gifts and areas where we are not gifted. Let us choose to focus more on others and not always on ourselves. Let us listen to God who invites to the place at the banquet of life where we truly belong.

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