

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, September 2

### **22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

Young Adult Meeting in Rectory at 1:00pm

Monday, September 3

**Memorial of St. Gregory the Great**

### **Labor Day Holiday**

**Cathedral on Holiday Schedule**

**All Offices closed**

Tuesday, September 4 – *Weekday*

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, September 5 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, September 6 – *Weekday*

Friday, September 7 – **First Friday**

Adoration/Benediction at 10:00am

Saturday, September 8

**Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Prayer Group at 7:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Sunday, September 9

### **23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Catholic University of America**

Adult Faith Formation in Kamiano Ctr. at 11:30am

## Adult Faith Formation

Join us on our next gathering on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am in the Kamiano Center. The topic will be "Saints" leading up to the coming of St. Padre Pio relics in November here at the Cathedral.

## 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.

## Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection \$ 8,428.60

Weekday Collection \$ 2,193.83

Coffers \$ 425.44

Holy Day Collection \$ 407.00

**Total \$ 11,454.87**



## **Gloria In D, RV 589**

by

**Antonio Vivaldi**



Join the Cathedral Choir and the Honolulu Festival Orchestra with Soloists Paula Manz, Faith Almueña Carrillo, and Alika Cullen on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace.

Free validated parking at Century Square (1188 Bishop Street.

For more information, please call the office at **808-536-7036** or email at [coolop@rechawaii.org](mailto:coolop@rechawaii.org)

## Cathedral Renewal Campaign

### **175<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> in deference to the Assumption of Mary on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

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](http://www.HonoluluCathedralRenewal.org).

Click on the "Learn" button, or select "Renewal Campaign" in the toolbar to view our 5 ½ minute campaign video.

# September 2, 2018 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

*Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 | Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 | James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 | Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

We take it for granted that life is governed by laws, but we can't take for granted the rightness of the laws that rule us. Moses reminds the Israelites that the law God gave them stands out from among the laws of the nations. He boasts of the law because he understands its freeing power. Law enables us to live in harmony. It doesn't limit possibilities, it opens them up. When you don't have to worry about someone speeding through an intersection or stealing your wallet, you are free to think about other things that you wouldn't have the luxury to think about in a chaotic world void of laws. But if this is true, why does Jesus box the ears of the Pharisees, calling them hypocrites and ridiculing aspects of the law they hold sacred?

This is because Jesus, too, knows the true purpose of law. He respects the law and even says in Matthew 5:18 that no part of the law will pass away. Then what is he doing here? He is delineating the difference between human law and God's law. God's law, being perfectly just, won't pass away, but oppressive laws invented by narrow-minded humans make no real claim on us. Jesus doesn't abide the hypocrisy of the Pharisees who pay God lip service but withhold their hearts. They worry about what people eat and how often they wash their hands — saying God requires it — but ignore the more urgent matter of keeping their hearts open to God's love. Jesus leaves no room for hypocrisy, and neither should we.

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### **Next Sunday's Readings: "Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time"**

*Isaiah 35:4-7a | Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 | James 2:1-5 | Mark 7:31-37*

## From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

"Actions speak louder than words". This familiar saying seems to summarize the main point of the second reading from the Letter of James. It is now just hearing the good news of Jesus Christ that is important; we must be good news for one another. As James reminds us, it is acting to care for those in most need and doing concrete acts of love that give evidence that the word planted in us has saved our souls.

The first reading from Deuteronomy reminds us that our actions need to be guided by principles and teachings that come to us from God. Morality and ethical living is not just about doing what feels right. It is about desiring to know the truth and allowing that truth to guide our actions. Wisdom is not something we create. It is a gift from God that we acquire as we accept that gift.

This sort of wisdom allows us to "live life from the inside out". This means that we begin by examining our hearts and our motivation for the actions we undertake. It is not just what we do, but why we do it that is important. Once we allow God to change our hearts to be more like Christ's heart, then we can love authentically. The gospel reminds us that a life of integrity is one that is held together by an often hidden structure. At the core of that structure is a heart that has experienced God's love and desires to share it. Once this sort of love motivates our actions, then we can properly decide what less is and what is more important.

I encourage you to read the letter that Bishop Larry has shared with us as well as the statement that has been posted on the website of the Diocese of Honolulu. They address the crisis that the Catholic Church faces because of the abuse of children by members of the clergy and the failure to address these crimes by those in authority. We must continue to make every effort to prevent this from happening again. We must above all pray that truth, justice, and healing prevail. Otherwise, the evil one will continue to have his way.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector