

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, September 3

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Hurricane Relief Fund**

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

Religious Education at 8:00am

Monday, September 4 – *Weekday*

### **Labor Day Holiday**

**Cathedral on Holiday Schedule**

**All Offices closed**

Tuesday, September 5 – *Weekday*

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, September 6 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, September 7

Friday, September 8

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

Saturday, September 9

**Memorial of St. Peter Claver, priest**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Sunday, September 10

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

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

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

Religious Education at 8:00am

## Emergency Collection

Archbishop of Los Angeles, Most Rev. José H. Gomez – “Our hearts and prayers go out to the families that have lost loved ones and to all who have lost homes and businesses along with their sense of peace and normalcy. Our prayerful and financial support is urgently needed.” Today we will take up a special collection for those families affected by Hurricane Harvey. Please be generous. Mahalo for your support!

## 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,780.20</b>



## Cathedral Renewal Campaign

**Celebrating 174 Years!**

The second phase of construction will re-start in early October, at which time parishioners will see a partition wall constructed in preparation for renovations to the Cathedral's sanctuary. The Altar will be relocated in front of the partition wall and the Cathedral will continue to operate in the abbreviated space.

The plywood wall is for everyone's safety and will help block noise and dust as workers build a new sanctuary platform behind the wall. The wall will be in place for 9-10 months while renovations to the sanctuary are underway, during which time gallery seating will be open for daily and weekend masses to accommodate worshippers. Construction will conclude before August 2018, which marks the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Cathedral's dedication.

Phase 2 will cost \$2.4 million, while the goal of the Cathedral Renewal Campaign is to raise a minimum of \$15 million to fund all the remaining project phases. Gifts received this year will support Phase 2 and pledges extending into subsequent years will support Phases 3-6. Future improvements include: construction of the Reliquary Chapel, renovations to the interior body of the church, new furnishings and artwork, new tile floors, new lighting, new audio/video system, upgrades to electrical and mechanical systems; and, complete restoration of the vaulted ceilings, stained glass windows and the pipe organ, as well as exterior painting and landscaping.

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**

# September 3, 2017 – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Jeremiah 20:7-9 | *Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9* | *Romans 12:1-2* | *Matthew 16:21-27*

These last few Sundays, we have seen many sides of Peter. A few weeks ago, he tried walking on water to Jesus and he began to sink. Jesus, asking him why he doubted, reached out to save him. Last week, he declared Jesus the Son of God and was named the foundation for the Church. Today, Peter rebukes Jesus, who calls him Satan and an obstacle!

One week a rock of strength and the next a stumbling block — the road to discipleship is indeed varied and difficult! In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus disclosed to his disciples that the Messiah must willingly move toward suffering and death. This was not the common understanding of the Messiah. The disciples, like their fellow Jews, were waiting for a Messiah who would restore Israel's power over their enemies. Yet as they followed Jesus, they began to see a different kind of Savior who included all in his message of Good News, caring for those on the fringes of society who had been abandoned by all. Disciples like us are called to do the same. Are we rocks or stumbling blocks?

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### **Next Sunday's Readings: "23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time"**

*Ezekiel 33:7-9* | *Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9* | *Romans 13:8-10* | *Matthew:18:15-20*

## From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

It is interesting to take a word apart in order to understand its deeper meaning. The word "sacrifice" consists of two parts. "Sacri" is the root for the word "sacred" or "holy" and "fice" is derived from the word "facere" which means "to make". So, the word "sacrifice" means "to make holy".

St. Paul, in today's second reading, urges us to "offer your bodies as a living sacrifice". He then indicates that doing so makes us "holy and pleasing to God". It is in the offering of ourselves that we find our holiness; God's presence within us. Jesus, in today's Gospel, reminds us that it is in self-denial and taking up our cross that we find our deepest self; the life God has given to us, God's Spirit.

Like Peter, we often don't want to believe and accept the Lord's way of holiness. We would like to find a less difficult way to a deeper relationship with God. In our quest to save our lives from suffering, we lose a sense of God's life within us. We become an obstacle to God. It is particularly tempting in today's world to seek pleasure and being pleasing to oneself instead of accepting the inevitable pain involved in the love that is pleasing to God. It is only when we put to death our selfish self that we can begin to truly live.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector

## *Rest in Peace Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo*

The Office of the Bishop received the news that Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo died late Thursday night, August 17, 2017. He was 75 years old and served as the Bishop of Richmond, Virginia since 2004. He served as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Honolulu from October 12, 1993 until he was appointed the Fourth Bishop of Honolulu on November 29, 1994. May he rest in peace.

A Memorial Mass for Bishop DiLorenzo at the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace will take place Thursday, September 7 at 6:00 p.m. Validated parking is available at Century Square, 1188 Bishop Street.

