

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, September 9

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm
2nd Collection for Catholic University of America
Adult Faith Formation in Kamiano Ctr. at 11:30am

Monday, September 10 – *Weekday*

Tuesday, September 11 – *Weekday*
Cathedral Choir Concert at 7:00pm

Wednesday, September 12 – *Weekday*
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am
Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, September 13 – *Weekday*

Friday, September 14

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday, September 15
Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows
Prayer Group at 7:30am
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
Ss. Marianne/Damien Devotion Group at 12:30pm

Sunday, September 16

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm
2nd Collection for Repairs & Maintenance

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Fr. Marvin is leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from October 13-24, 2019. We will be partnering with a parish from WA, so very limited space is available. It is a great opportunity to journey in the land of Jesus. Please contact Fr. Marvin at (808) 536-7036 for more information.

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	\$ 7,447.00
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,273.35
Coffers	\$ 325.66
Holy Day Collection	\$ 39.00
Total	\$ 9,085.01



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@rchawaii.org

Cathedral Renewal Campaign

Cathedral Renewal Campaign Video

On August 16, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Honolulu celebrated two momentous milestones; the 175th anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace and the unveiling of the renovated sanctuary.

Click on the “Update” button to view our 175th anniversary video.

Dedicated on August 15, 1843, the 175-year-old Cathedral Basilica celebrates the anniversary of her dedication on August 16th in deference to the Assumption of Mary on the 15th.

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.

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

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Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

It echoes across the centuries and rings in our deaf ears: “Ephphatha!” It’s an order that speaks the impossible into being, commanding all impediments be removed and all creation be restored to its original blessedness. It’s spoken over individuals and nations, and even over nature herself. It is the voice of God decreeing harmony and justice, ordering the end of fear and limitations, commanding creation to rejoice in the salvation that has been encoded into its DNA. It’s poetry that flows from Isaiah’s pen and transcends the limits of reality, soaring above the natural world, imagining what flesh and reason think impossible. But truth’s surest home is poetry. It resides in its verses and takes shelter in its rhymes. Only wild eyed poets and prophets can proclaim sight to the blind and speech to the mute. Only they can discern bubbling water in the desert.

Only a poet can declare that the poor of the world are rich heirs of the kingdom. Only a poet would dare put his own spit in the mouth of another man to call his tongue back to life. It’s all so wild and uncontrolled. The spirit that takes up residence in the poet and prophet eschews propriety and releases forces that shake up lives and worlds. Giving hope is revolutionary. Telling people their limits don’t define them is wild and irresponsible. And yet they do it boldly! They can’t help it. They know the secret the rest of us have forgotten: God is in charge. And one day every heart will yield to his command: Ephphatha!

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Next Sunday's Readings: “Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time”

Isaiah 50:5-9a | Psalm 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 | James 2:14-18 | Mark 8:27-35

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

Today's gospel recounts the physical healing of someone who could not hear or speak. While God is certainly able to perform these sorts of miracles, these events are recounted to us so that we might recognize our need for spiritual and moral healing as well. It is in this light, that God's word invites us to ask ourselves three important questions.

What is it that I am not hearing? Often God is speaking to us through people or events in our lives and we are not listening. Sometimes we are being told to avoid harmful situations or places or persons that put us into temptation to sin. Sometimes we are being told the truth about ourselves, our behavior, or a particular moral issue. Or God could be reminding us of how much we are loved and have been blessed.

Why am I not hearing? In today's world, there is so much background noise that makes it difficult to hear the important messages. Am I choosing to subject myself to that background noise so that God's voice is drowned out? Or perhaps I am practicing selective listening; screening out what is disagreeable or not interesting and focusing on what is agreeable and interesting. As the Letter of James indicates, we can be guilty of making distinctions about what we will hear that allows us to fail to hear the cries of those in need.

Do I recognize the important relationship between listening and speaking? In the gospel cure, the physical relationship between hearing and speaking is highlighted; once the person hears, he is able to speak. This is also true in a spiritual and moral sense. We must practice listening before we practice speaking. God wants us to internalize what we hear so the when we speak we will say what God wants us to say.

Although the gospel healing began in a public setting, Jesus took the individual off privately to perform the cure. So, we gather together each Sunday and support each other in prayer and fellowship. But, God is speaking to each of us in the privacy of our own hearts and we must personally decide how we will answer these three important questions. God challenges us today to "be opened".

In Christ's love,

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

Rector