

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, September 10

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection for Catholic University

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

Religious Education at 8:00am

Monday, September 11 – *Weekday*

Tuesday, September 12 – *Weekday*

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, September 13

Memorial of St. John Chrysostom, *bishop and Doctor of the Church*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, September 14

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Friday, September 15

Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday, September 16

Memorial of St. Cornelius, *pope, martyr*

Memorial of St. Cyprian, *bishop, martyr*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Sunday, September 17

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection for Repairs & Maintenance

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

Religious Education at 8:00am

Most Beautiful Among Women

Calling all women of any age to come join us on Sunday, September 17, 2017, in the Kamiano Center from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm for fellowship, prayer, praise and worship, lunch, a teaching as well as sharing insights from the Word of God, personal testimonies, and a joyful day together in the Lord! Come meet new friends.

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 today, September 10 at 11:30am.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,171.63
Weekday Collection	\$ 2,000.71
Coffers	\$ 592.28
Holy Day Collection	\$ 25.00
Total	\$ 10,789.62



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 175th 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 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

September 10, 2017 – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

When have you had to be accountable for something in your life? When you are accountable for something, not only does the success of the project belong to do, but any shortfalls or oversights are also placed on your shoulders. It is especially difficult when your accountability extends to the actions of others. The readings this week speak to us about accountability that extends far beyond the scope of our own actions. In the First Reading, Ezekiel is given no small task when told that he is responsible for turning the people of Israel away from their evil ways. He must make every effort to convince the people to change their ways. Imagine being evaluated on such an enormous task! Paul's message is very much the same when he tells the Romans to love one another (13:8). Loving someone means taking responsibility for that person and keeping him or her safe. When we love someone, we are accountable to that person. In the reading from the Gospel according to Matthew, Jesus teaches us the role of the community in holding people accountable for reconciling with others. God clearly wants us to know that we have a responsibility to the others around us. Our words, actions, attitudes, and efforts communicate our care and concern for one another. When upset occurs in our relationships or community, we all are responsible for bringing about reconciliation and forgiveness.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "24th Sunday in Ordinary Time"

Sirach 27:30-28:7 | Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 | Romans 14:7-9 | Matthew:18:21-35

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." These words of Christ, at the conclusion of today's Gospel, remind us of the reason we have a Church and need one another. While we know that God's presence dwells in each of our hearts individually, when we are together we remind one another of this presence and we have a chance to love Christ in one another. After all, we are human beings and we need to experience human love in order to begin to understand divine love.

One of the demands of love is to speak the truth in a loving way. Ezekiel, in today's first reading, reminds us of this obligation. We are the "keeper" of our brothers and sisters. While we can't take responsibility for the decisions of others, we are responsible for our decision to speak or not to speak the truth. This must always be done with love, but it must be done nonetheless. Otherwise, we risk allowing an important part of the Body of Christ (another person) to die spiritually. We fail to love Christ in one another.

Today's Gospel outlines the steps that should be taken when we experience hurt at the hands of another. It is a process that optimizes the chance that healing will be brought to this hurt. The "debt of love" demands that we do our part to "bind and loose"; to foster, ask for, and offer forgiveness. And, lest we think that treating others as if they were Gentiles or tax collectors gets us "off the hook", remember that Jesus reached out to Gentiles and tax collectors with love and mercy.

All of this is not easy. But, God has promised the Holy Spirit to give us the courage to speak the truth and the compassion to be instruments of forgiveness and peace. The Body of Christ will remain healthy and the world, and each of us, will see clearly that God is in our midst.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector