

The Church's Calendar This Week

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

Monday, September 17 – *Weekday*

Tuesday, September 18 – *Weekday*

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 19 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, September 20

Memorial of St. Andrew Kim Tae-gōn, priest

Memorial of St. Paul Chōng Ha-sang, and companions, martyrs

Friday, September 21

Feast of St. Matthew, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST

Saturday, September 22

Prayer Group at 7:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Sunday, September 23

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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	\$ 7,248.67
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,821.43
Coffers	\$ 859.67
Holy Day Collection	\$ 236.00
Total	\$ 10,165.77



Damien & Marianne Conference

Join us for the 2nd annual Damien and Marianne Catholic Conference at the Hawaii Convention Center! This year's keynote speakers will be Fr. Tony Ricard and Msgr. Ray East. There will be a large number of speakers, as well as an Adoration Chapel, Confessions, two concerts, and even a movie. The conference will also include an exhibition room with vendors and information booths. Tickets are \$75 for a 1-Day Admission, \$150 for a 3-day, and Group rate is available for \$75. Visit us at www.dmcchawaii.org or give us a call at (808) 635-3622 for more information.

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.

September 16, 2018 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

Speaking of war, a 1970's rock song asks, "What is it good for?" and then insistently proclaims, "Absolutely nothing!" James says the same about faith that lacks good works. What we speak on our lips we must enact with our hands, otherwise our words are empty and have no power to change or heal or save. According to James, when love is just a feeling and not an action, it simply cannot do all that needs to be done. Lacking concrete action, words, however sincere, become hollow and impotent. Isaiah's Suffering Servant attests to that: his is a faith of action, not just words. He has been put to the test and passed. He has heard the word of God, and lived it both in good times and in bad.

When Jesus puts the question of the ages before the disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:29). Peter offers the "right" answer. But then he quickly stumbles. He doesn't understand (and does not want to understand) that being love incarnate makes terrible demands on Jesus. Jesus is not just the love of God spoken into the world, he is God's love enacted in the world. He will not turn back or shirk from his brutal fate. That's why Jesus is so strong in his response. Don't tempt me, he tells Peter. I will accept love's demands. And if you love me, he says, you will, too.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time"

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 / Psalm 54:3-4, 5, 6 and 8 / James 3:16 – 4:3 / Mark 9:30-37

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

Mark's gospel today recounts a critical moment in the teaching of Jesus and illustrates the ultimate purpose of that teaching. Jesus begins by asking the easier and, often, non-threatening question: "Who do people say that I am?" This is how sometimes we approach our faith; by recounting what others have said about God and God's teachings. But, as Christ illustrates, this is not enough if one wants to be an authentic follower of Jesus. We must answer the all-important question: "Who do you say that I am?" Peter answers correctly when he acknowledges that Jesus is "the Christ"; the anointed one who is the Messiah. Our presence here at Sunday Eucharist can also be seen as an acknowledgment that we believe that Jesus is God and Lord.

But, do we understand what that really means and what sort of Lord he is? It is obvious from what follows in today's gospel that Peter did not yet understand the implications of the lordship of Jesus. We can be guilty of the same misunderstanding. Peter, like many of his Jewish contemporaries, was expecting a messiah who would deliver people from their oppression and suffering by vanquishing their foes. Likewise, we can be expecting God to save us from suffering and our problems. But, as Christ clearly indicates, the only way to receive the crown of victory is through the cross. God does not offer us a detour around our problems and pain. God offers us a way through them. Isaiah prophesized that the savior would be a suffering servant who would experience "buffets and spitting". If this is the way that Christ lived, those who truly follow him should expect the same. If we try to avoid legitimate suffering, we are not engaging in godly thinking and we are being a "satan" or an adversary to God's plans.

As the Letter of James reminds us, suffering is not something that we have to go looking for. It will come to us if we have authentic faith. It will be present as we put our faith into action with concrete deeds of sacrificial love. It will happen when we are willing to lose our lives in the act of giving. It is the only way to obtain real and saving grace.

Today we are challenged to answer the all-important question Jesus is asking each of us: "Who do you say that I am?". And we are called to answer it by the way that we live the mystery of the cross.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector