

The Church's Calendar This Week

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

Monday, September 18 – *Weekday*

Tuesday, September 19 – *Weekday*

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, September 20

Memorial of St. Andrew Kim Taegŏn, priest,

Memorial of St. Paul Chŏng Hasang,

companions, martyrs

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, September 21

Feast of St. Matthew, apostle, evangelist

Friday, September 22 – *Weekday*

Saturday, September 23

Memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina, priest

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Sunday, September 24

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 today, 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.

Senior Ministry Health Fair

All are invited to attend the Health Fair happening Sunday, September 24th from 9:00am – 1:00pm. Ohana Health Plan is providing tips on Fall Prevention and Blood Pressure Screening. Walgreens is providing free flu shots. Kaiser & Tricare patients, please see your health care provider for your flu shot.

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 17, 2017 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

This Sunday's readings remind us that we are all sinners in need of forgiveness. We hear this message in the reading from Sirach, which reminds us that we are all sinners in need of forgiveness and that we are called to forgive others in the hope that we, too, might be forgiven.

In the Gospel, we see this demonstrated firsthand when Peter asks Jesus how many times he ought to forgive someone. Peter thinks that he is being generous when he forgives a member of Christ's household seven times. After all, Jewish custom only required him to forgive three times. He thought he was going above and beyond. But Jesus challenges him to see forgiveness in a whole new light. Jesus tells him to forgive seventy-seven times or seventy times seven times. Either number communicates a limitless reality to forgiveness. To get his point across, Jesus recounts the parable of the unforgiving servant. The key to the parable is the huge discrepancy in the amount owed by the two servants. The king (God) forgave an unbelievably large debt on the part of his household servant. The same servant (us) was unwilling to forgive the smallest of debts on the part of his fellow servant. The moral of the parable centers on the need of the community to act with God-like compassion toward all. This pattern of acting is the basis for all relationships within Christ's community. It moves every person to forgive others from the heart, as God has forgiven us.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "25th Sunday in Ordinary Time"

Isaiah 55:6-9 | *Psalms 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18* | *Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a* | *Matthew:20:1-16a*

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

The scriptures today speak about anger and forgiveness. There are three important lessons in God's word.

First of all, we are not in control. The Letter to the Romans reminds us that God is in control. We cannot completely prevent evil or senseless suffering from happening to us individually or corporately. What we can control is how we will respond. Refusing to forgive is about wanting to be in control and allowing our anger to be in control. We all have control issues that need healing.

Secondly, forgiveness is not about agreeing with bad behavior or refusing to recognize that it is wrong. It is not about denying that bad behavior has consequences. Forgiveness is about refusing to invest in the vicious cycle of payback. When we always expect a payback we are not really loving freely. When we focus on paying others back for the wrong they have done to us we only escalate the conflict since payback always ends up being disproportionate. It is about winning instead of surrendering to the mercy and justice of God.

Thirdly, forgiveness is given to us to the extent that we have been forgiving. This is clearly a biblical teaching. This is not because God wants to punish us for our bad behavior. It is because our failure to show mercy is rooted in the attitude that mercy is not needed for ourselves or others. If we don't appreciate and accept the gift that God wants to give to us, we don't receive it.

To wound others when we have been wounded only creates more wounds and more suffering in our world. Salvation is about applying God mercy and love to the wound of our sinfulness that we might be healed.

This weekend we ask God's special blessing upon those who share catechesis with our young people. We are especially thankful for their service and for Michael Bauer who coordinates religious education for our youth, RCIA, and infant baptism. Thanks too to Easter Almuenas who has been helping to facilitate faith formation for adults.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector