

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, September 18

### **25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

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

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

Flu Shot at Kamiano Center 10:00a – 1:00p

Monday, September 19 – *Weekday*

Tuesday, September 20

**Memorial of St. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, priest**

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

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, September 21

**Fest of St. Matthew, Apostle, evangelist**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, September 22 – *Weekday*

Friday, September 23 – *Weekday*

Saturday, September 24 – *Weekday*

St. Marianne Devotional Group at 12:30pm

Sunday, September 25

### **26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Cathedral Maintenance**

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

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

## Movie Night

Please join us this Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. We'll be showing Miracles of Heaven about a young girl suffering from a rare digestive disorder finds herself miraculously cured after surviving a terrible accident. For more information, please call Ron Gochenouer at 306-7502.

## Catholic Charities Hawaii



Thank you for supporting Catholic Charities Sunday!

## Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,334.52
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,928.85
Coffers	\$ 677.41
Holy Day	\$ 96.00



**Total \$ 10,036.78**

## Cathedral Renewal Campaign

**Leave *your* legacy at the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace!**

The Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace will honor top donors to the Renewal Campaign by permanently inscribing their names on the donor wall. The donor wall will be installed inside the Cathedral, opposite the entrance of the future Reliquary Chapel. All donors contributing \$10,000.00 and above will be recognized for their generosity according to their gift level as follows:

Donor Society	Gift Level
Our Lady of Peace	\$1,000,000+
Archangels	\$500,000 - \$999,999
Angels	\$100,000 - \$499,999
Saints	\$25,000 - \$99,999
Stewards	\$10,000 - \$24,999

Additionally, donors who contribute significant gifts of \$25,000 and above are invited to select from a menu of individual naming opportunities and will receive prominent placement on the donor wall. The menu of naming opportunities is available through contacting the campaign office.

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## September 18, 2016 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

*Amos 8:4-7 | Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 | 1 Timothy 2:1-8 | Luke 16:1-13*

Humanity's constant tug-of-war between right faith and wrong faith is at the center of the Bible message. From Abram to Moses, from the prophets to Jesus and the people around them, no question ever existed that "gods" affected their lives. Instead, the question for them was always "Which god do we serve?" The tug-of-war continues today. In North America, we are pulled into the contest of owning more and more "things" in an effort to find happiness. We do not ask whether this is good for us, our families, or the world in which we live.

Timothy recommends that Christians pray for their leaders. Our leaders need prayers today as they guide us through difficult times. Through prayer, Timothy tells us, the Christian community actively works toward accomplishing God's plan. We are in the world, and so we are affected by the power struggles and decisions made by world leaders.

The Gospel continues the message to use our resources to serve God and not be consumed by the race for things. We see that faithful service to God is truly more important than monetary gain. God trusts that we will strive toward the goal of service. Jesus teaches that we must use all our resources, especially our wealth, to serve and worship the true God.

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### **Next Sunday's Readings**

*Amos 6:1a, 4-7 | Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 | 1 Timothy 6:11-16 | Luke 16:19-31*

### From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

Once again, in today's gospel, Jesus tells a parable that could be confusing. Is he praising dishonesty? No, but he is pointing out important lessons for all of us called to be disciples.

First of all, we are reminded that all of us are stewards. This means that we are to take care of what ultimately belongs to someone else. All that we are and have belongs to God who entrusts these things to us. How we deal with the "very small matters" of life has implications for how we deal with the "great ones". The freedom that we have to use these gifts is accompanied by responsibility. If we squander these resources, we will be held accountable.

Secondly, while Jesus may appear to be praising dishonesty, what he is really saying is that we can be guilty of a lack of real effort when it comes to doing what is right and good. This dishonest steward used his intelligence and ingenuity (he acted "prudently") in order to take care of himself. Would that we used as much intelligence and ingenuity toward fostering goodness, the things of God, and taking care of others. How much effort are we putting into living the Christian life? Someone once said that the problem with Christianity is not that it has been tried and has failed. The problem is that it has never been tried.

Finally, Christ tells us that a divided heart invites disaster. To serve two masters, God and mammon (material things), is to serve neither well and to do a disservice to all that God deserves. We are challenged to serve God alone. As we deal with and decide about all the realities and practicalities of life, the question that we should be asking ourselves is: "How does what I am thinking and doing serve my relationship with God?"

All of us are God's "property manager" and in charge of God's "investment portfolio". How have we been taking care of God's property? Have we helped to provide a significant return on the investment entrusted to us?

In His love,  
Fr. Gary L. Secor, V.G.  
Rector