

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, September 23

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, September 24 – *Weekday*

Tuesday, September 25 – *Weekday*

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, September 26 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, September 27

Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul, priest

Friday, September 28 – *Weekday*

Saturday, September 29

**Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael,
archangels**

Prayer Group at 7:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Sunday, September 30

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Diocesan Rosary Congress

Pray for our Church by participating in the Diocesan Rosary Congress here at the Cathedral Basilica for Eucharistic Adoration, hourly recitation of the rosary, and Benediction on Sunday, October 7 from 7:00pm – 12:00 midnight. For more information, please contact Dcn. Joe and Easter at ealmuena@rchawaii.org.

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 are accepted. For more information, please call Ron Gochenouer at (808) 306 – 7502.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,626.73
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,413.60
Coffers	\$ 675.94
Holy Day Collection	\$ 168.00
Total	\$ 9,884.27



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 23, 2018 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

Oftentimes, the best workers don't win popularity contests. They're more productive than the rest, so eventually someone says, "Slow down, you're making us look bad!" When they keep going, we justify our anger. "Let's see how good he is," we say. "Let's put her to the test and see if she holds up!" We play lots of games to delude ourselves.

Those who moved against Jesus played the same game: "If he is who he claims to be, we can play our tricks and God will rescue him. If God doesn't, then we were right to aim our slings and arrows at him." Their false premise, of course, is thinking God will spare a chosen one from suffering. In fact, it's usually the opposite. Those who yield to God's enticement do so at their own peril. Their ultimate reward is eternal life, but rewards in this life are not assured, though resistance, misunderstanding, and accusations are. The disciples are speechless before this reality, and speechless when confronted with their own shallowness. But what else can ignorance and fear do in the presence of wisdom and truth? Wickedness recognizes goodness and ignorance knows the face of truth, and they tremble in the presence of their opposite. Even trembling, they might prevail for a while, but ultimately, victory goes to righteousness and truth.

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

Numbers 11:25-29 / *Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14* / *James 5:1-6* / *Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48*

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

The desire for greatness is deep within the human psyche. We want to look good and sometimes be better than others. While this desire can be helpful if it motivates legitimate achievement and personal betterment, it can easily lead to selfish behavior and insensitivity. A perfect example of this is played out in today's gospel; Jesus is speaking about personal suffering and the disciples are speaking about personal superiority. As Jesus gently responds to their misguided ambition, he teaches them and us where real greatness is found.

Real greatness is found in giving up. When we can sacrifice for another or for an important cause, we demonstrate that "largeness of heart" that is essential in the lives of those who follow Christ. When we give of our time, talent, or treasure we acknowledge that all that we have is a gift and that we are called to be good stewards of these gifts by sharing them with others. As Jesus indicates by using a child as an example, it is especially important to give to those who are not able to repay you. Children will never be able to fully repay their parents or those who have loved them and given them life.

Real greatness is found in giving way. Giving way means allowing others to shine. Giving way means resisting the desire to always be first, especially when that desire is at the expense of others. It is to acknowledge and affirm the gifts of others. Christ humbled himself in order that we might experience the greatness of God's love. How is God calling you and me to be more humble?

Real greatness is found in giving in. Jesus singles out a child to remind us that we must be more child-like. He is not encouraging immaturity. He is encouraging us to admit that ultimately we are dependent on God for all that we have and are. Just as children must let go and let their parents and guardians take care of them, we must let God's power and love sustain our lives.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector