

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, September 24

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

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

Religious Education at 8:00am

Senior Ministry Health Fair at 8:00am

Monday, September 25 – *Weekday*

Tuesday, September 26 – *Weekday*

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, September 27 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, September 28

**Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul, priest**

Friday, September 29

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

Saturday, September 30

**Memorial of St. Jerome, priest &  
doctor of the Church**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Sunday, October 1

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

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

Religious Education at 8:00am

## Senior Ministry Health Fair

All are invited to attend the Health Fair happening today, from 8:00am – 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.

## Weekend Retreat

Retreat open to all ministers and volunteers of the Cathedral Basilica: Saturday, November 11 at St. Anthony Retreat Center. Please note that this is a Veterans weekend. Email Easter Almuena at [ealmuena@rcchawaii.org](mailto:ealmuena@rcchawaii.org) or call the office.

## Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation using Bishop Barron's Catholicism will feature the Liturgy of the Mass at 11:30am on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 6,825.25
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,804.64
Coffers	\$ 527.30
Holy Day Collection	\$ 259.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,416.19</b>



## 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 175<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:CRC@rcchawaii.org) Phone: (808) 585-3329**

## September 24, 2017 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

This Sunday, Isaiah, in three short verses, warns us that we might be in for a surprise, and the parable of the laborers in the vineyard from the Gospel according to Matthew is very surprising! In the parable, it would not have been difficult for the landowner to calculate the exact hours each person worked and pay the wages accordingly. In fact, that process would have saved the landowner money! So what is the problem? The landowner pays all of the workers the same wage regardless of when they had started working during the day. The workers hired early did not agree with the landowner's generosity toward the workers who were hired later in the day. Instead of admiring the landowner's generosity, they fall victim to envy.

Paul's message ends with a warning for the people of the early Christian community. Paul clearly intends his warning to apply to situations that contradict common cultural practices, and have the best interests of our brothers and sisters at heart. You probably do not have to look far or think too hard to remember a situation in which envy dictated your actions. Perhaps when you find yourself in such situations, you might try looking at things from a Gospel point of view. Let God lead you into becoming a person of generosity who goes beyond society's expectations of fairness.

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### **Next Sunday's Readings: "26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time"**

*Ezekiel 18:25-28 | Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 | Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 | Matthew:21:28.32*

### From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

We hear a lot these days about the importance of change. In today's scriptures, God challenges us to change the way that we think so that we might think as God does. The gospel story about the "day laborers" is particularly instructive. At first glance, it might appear that the landowner is cheating those who worked longer than the others but received the same pay as those who came to work late in the day. But those who were hired later were most likely the weakest and most in need; that was why they were chosen last! So, they needed the wage even more than the ones chosen first. Jesus told this story as a reminder that how we think and what we do must be guided by love and concern for all, especially those most in need. He also told this story to illustrate how difficult it is to see things the way that God sees them. As the first reading reminds us, our thoughts are not God's thoughts.

The good news is that, if we are open, God can change our minds and hearts. St. Paul, who once persecuted and killed Christians, is a prime example of this. His statement in the second reading are the words of a person who was completely changed in this thought pattern and actions because of the grace of God and his cooperation with it. So, there is hope for all of us as well!

In Christ's love,

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

Rector

### Did You Know

**THIS PARISH WILL SOON OFFER CONFIRMATION PRIOR TO FIRST HOLY COMMUNION?**

Indeed, all parishes within the Diocese of Honolulu are restoring the Original Order of the Sacraments of Initiation between 2018-2020.

In the early Church, the person was immersed into the waters of Baptism, anointed with chrism, and shared in the Eucharistic meal as part of a single event. Over time, and for many reasons, the celebration of these three sacraments became separated from one another. In the renewal stemming from the Second Vatican Council, the Church was asked to more clearly set forth the intimate connection of Confirmation with the whole of Christian initiation. This original order also helps us recognize that sharing in the Eucharist completes our initiation into the Church and that it is Eucharist which is the "source and summit of our faith."

Go to [www.catholichawaii.org](http://www.catholichawaii.org) for more information on this important change.