

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, September 25

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection for Cathedral Maintenance

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

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

Monday, September 26 – *Weekday*

Tuesday, September 27

Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul, priest

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 28 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, September 29

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

Friday, September 30

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

Saturday, October 1

First Saturday

Memorial of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus,

Virgin and doctor of the Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Mass & Holy Hour at 12:00n

St. Damien Devotional Group at 12:30pm

Sunday, October 2

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

85th Foundation Anniversary

All are welcome to attend the 85th Foundation Anniversary Eucharistic Celebration with Bishop Larry Saturday, October 8th at 10:00 am at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa. For more information, please call the parish office at 521-1700.

October is the Month of Mary

Come Pray with us every Tuesday at 6 p.m. throughout the month of October (4th, 11th, 18th, 25th) *Pray the Rosary Makers* will be hosting three mysteries of the rosary (150 Hail Mary's) at Our Lady of the Mount church in Kalihi Valley. For more info please call Wilfred at 847-4339 or Tom at 594-5624. God bless you all.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection \$ 7,067.38
Weekday Collection \$ 1,604.94
Coffers \$ 410.98
Holy Day \$ 165.00



Total \$ 9,248.30

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.

To learn more about Cathedral Renewal Campaign and/or to make a contribution: Visit us online at: www.HonoluluCathedralRenewal.org

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September 25, 2016 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

Paul's opening exhortation to Timothy to pursue righteousness is a rallying cry for the message of today's scriptures. Righteousness for Paul means to be in right relationship with God, and by that bond, to be in right relationships with all of God's children, our sisters and brothers. This is the way we must live in order to bring about the reign of God Christ proclaimed.

Those relationships can be righted and reconciled when we care for the very ones whom God loves. The psalm is filled with the images of God's beloved: the oppressed, the hungry, captives, blind people, those bowed down, the just, strangers, the fatherless, widows. Amos uses the image of the rich ignoring the plight and collapse of Joseph in the face of opulence. Luke tells the story of the anonymous rich man dressed in purple who ignored Lazarus begging at his door. If we want to be in relationship with God, we must find ways to cross the wide chasms of complacency dividing us from our brothers and sisters and right all relationships of injustice.

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Next Sunday's Readings

Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4 | Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 | 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 | Luke 17:5-10

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

In today's gospel, Jesus addresses the Pharisees who should have felt convicted and challenged by the parable he told about the rich man and the poor man, Lazarus. Although we may not live in the wanton luxury that Jesus describes, we should feel conviction and challenge as we listen to God's word today. The message is clear.

First of all, salvation is a gift from God. But whether we choose to receive this gift or not in this life has eternal consequences in the next. Lazarus was not in a position to do any of the good deeds or even prayers that we often associate with "earning" our way to heaven. He received this gift freely from God who loved him as much as God loved the rich man. It was not that God did not love the rich man. It was that the rich man rejected that gift of love. He thought that he only needed the goods he acquired for himself during his earthly life. And he acquired a lot! He chose an eternity in hell because he thought that the only heaven he needed was here on earth.

Secondly, sins of omission and neglect are as significant as sins of overt evil. It wasn't that the rich man actively sought to harm Lazarus or sent him away from the proximity of his table of bounty. He either did not notice Lazarus, or if he did, he failed to respond with any compassion. We often think that we are avoiding evil if we just do no harm. But, what are we doing that is good? If we are not helping to alleviate the problems of the world, including those which touch people we know personally, we are contributing to those problems.

Finally, we do not need to ask God to give us further signs in order for us to believe and change our lives. We sometimes think that the problem is always outside of ourselves. If only our circumstances or others would change, then I would be a better person and more loving and spiritual. If only God would do something dramatic, then I would really believe. God has already performed the greatest act of love and power in the dying and the rising of Jesus Christ. God has already given us many reminders of love and power in the people and situations of our lives. What and who are we failing to see?

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