

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, October 1

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Religious Education at 8:00am

Monday, October 2

Memorial of the Guardian Angels

Tuesday, October 3 – *Weekday*

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 4

Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, October 5 – *Weekday*

Friday, October 6 – **First Friday**

Adoration/Benediction at 10:00am

Saturday, October 7 – **First Saturday**

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Mass and Holy Hour at 12:00n

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

Sunday, October 8

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Religious Education at 8:00am

Adult Faith Formation at 11:30am, Kamiano Center

Rosary Rally

Please join the 2017 Public Square Rosary Crusade. Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. In the historic year of the Fatima Centennial (1917-2017), we ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Join us in praying for our nation on Saturday, October 14, 2017, at 12 noon. The local Public Square Rosary Rally will take place at Planned Parenthood, 1350 South King Street, Honolulu. Please contact Ron Gochenouer at 306-7502 for more information.

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 or call the office.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,464.12
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,978.76
Coffers	\$ 590.01
Holy Day Collection	\$ 100.00
Total	\$ 11,132.89



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

October 1, 2017 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Ezekiel 18:25-28 | Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 | Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 | Matthew:21:28-32

Have you ever seen a movie or read a book with a plot somewhat like the following? Two people both decide that the other has a better life situation, they magically switch places, and they quickly learn the downsides of the other person's life and begin to see new value in their own. The people switching lives come in all sorts of varieties — a family man might switch lives with a bachelor, or a poor person might switch lives with a rich one — but the message is always the same: we never really know what it is like to be in another person's situation until we experience it for ourselves.

This week's readings teach us to put ourselves in other people's shoes and be empathetic. Paul asks hearers to put themselves in the shoes of others and become concerned about their interests. The essence of Paul's message is his invitation to enter the mind of Jesus, who was like us in all things but sin. The parable from the Gospel according to Matthew sends the same invitation. Jesus compares two brothers: one who first refused to do the work his father asked of him but later did it, and another who verbally accepted their father's request but never followed through with his commitment to perform the work. Jesus asked which of the two did what their father wanted (21:31). We, too, are left to ponder that it is the son who followed through with action who will enter into the kingdom of God.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "27th Sunday in Ordinary Time"

Isaiah 5:1-7 | Psalm 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 | Philippians 4:6-9 | Matthew:21:33-43

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

One of the most frustrating things in human relationships is to interact with a person who says one thing and does another. This sort of dishonesty destroys the possibility of having healthy relationships. Today's scriptures speak to this issue and remind us of some important lessons.

We are reminded that in our relationships with one another our promises should match our performance. We should be careful about committing ourselves to something that we will not be able to do. And, once we do commit ourselves, we must work hard to keep our promise. If circumstance change, and we are unable to fulfill something we have obliged ourselves to, we need to be honest and admit this.

We are reminded that in our relationship with God our promises should match our performance. Our presence at the Eucharist on Sunday means that we are committing ourselves to being followers of Jesus Christ. It is critically important that how we live the rest of the week matches that profession of faith.

The second reading today reminds us of how God has kept the promise of salvation. God did not just speak about saving us; God did something about it! Jesus Christ came and "walked the talk" of love, even to the point of death. By doing so, He has given us the strength to do the same and a perfect example to follow.

Today we are also invited to affirm our reverence for all of human life, from conception to natural death. Our respect for life must be more than a matter of words. Let us pray that we will "walk our talk" by showing compassionate love for those challenged to affirm the life within them. The unborn, the elderly, and those terminally ill need the care and support of the entire Body of Christ, each of us.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector

Infant Baptism

In four weeks we will be celebrating Infant Baptisms. Parents with infants for baptism must meet with one of our priests prior to attending the required class (along with their chosen godparents). Please call the office at 536-7036 for an appointment. We look forward to welcoming new members into the life of the Church and to supporting their parents and godparents in their duty to raise their children in the practice of the faith