

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, October 2

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

**Louisiana Flood Emergency 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection**

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

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

Monday, October 3 – *Weekday*

Tuesday, October 4

**Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi**

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, October 5 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, October 6 – *Weekday*

Friday, October 7

**Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary**

Saturday, October 8– *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

St. Marianne Devotional Group at 12:30pm

Sunday, October 9

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## Emergency 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

The recent storms in Louisiana have caused the worst flooding since Hurricane Katrina. An estimated 6.9 trillion gallons of water fell across parts of Louisiana between August 8 and 14 impacting well over one-hundred thousand residents. Our U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops is asking Catholics across America to support recovery efforts and to stand in solidarity and prayer with those hit hardest by the flood water. Our prayers and material support are urgently needed to help rebuild lives. Please be generous with our emergency 2<sup>nd</sup> collection.

## October is the Month of Mary

Come Pray with us every Tuesday at 6 p.m. throughout the month of October (11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>) *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	\$ 7,509.36
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,627.60
Coffers	\$ 779.58
Holy Day	\$ 22.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,938.54</b>



## Adult Faith Formation

**Please join us**

Everyone is welcome to attend "Catholicism Study Guide" by Bishop Robert Barron on Sunday, October 16 from 11:30am-12:15pm located at the Kamiano Center. For more information, please contact Deacon Joe at [jalmuena@rcchawaii.org](mailto:jalmuena@rcchawaii.org) or at 227-7309.

## Catholic Campus Ministry

UH college student? Join the Newman Center – Catholic Campus Ministries for a Community Building Retreat at YMCA Camp Erdman, Waialua North Shore. Students will have the opportunity to deepen their relationship with God, build friendships, and discover a faith community. For more information and to RSVP by October 2, visit [newmanhawaii.org/campus\\_ministry.retreats](http://newmanhawaii.org/campus_ministry.retreats)

## Cathedral Renewal Campaign

**Project Update**

Phase 2a work on the bell tower, which was expected to start in September, is now scheduled to begin on November 15th. This change of date was made to allow more time for specialty materials to be shipped to Hawaii. Although construction workers will not be on-site until November, preparations are currently underway and work has begun to acquire materials and secure contracts with the sub-contractors who will be performing the work.

Work on the bell tower will be completed by mid-December and is not expected to interfere with the mass schedule.

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.

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# October 2, 2016 – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Exegesis on this 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*

This week we see the ancient wisdom of the prophet Habakkuk. His message is almost as difficult to master as his name! It is a message of patient trust in God even in the face of adversity. We are not to resolve injustice immediately, but we must be open to God's strength, which helps us endure suffering. We often "want it now". We do not want to do things in God's time; we want things on our time. Even though it may seem evil is winning over good or our prayers are not answered, God is listening. God is just. God is good.

Faith is not something we measure. Our faith is both gift and responsibility. The only possible, and partial, "measure" of our faith is the way we respond to the gift. God does not control our response. It is up to us. Jesus taught that we who have been graced with the gift must do our part and ask for nothing more. His example is a servant who prepares a meal for the master even after working in the fields all day. Imagine a world that is a little kinder, warmer, and happier because everyone put forth their best effort to live as people of faith.

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### Next Sunday's Readings

*2 Kings 5:14-17 | Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 | 2 Timothy 2:8-13 | Luke 17:11-19*

## From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

Today's scriptures call us to reflect on the nature and importance of the gift of faith. In the second reading, Paul reminds Timothy that he was given the "spark" of faith and now must tend it so that it will burst into flame. How have we been tending this flame? Has it almost gone out? Paul reminds Timothy, and each of us, that the evidence that faith is alive and ablaze in us is that we possess a spirit of power, love, and self-control.

Blazing faith gives us power. Jesus, in dramatic language, indicates how even a small amount of faith can move mountains. What mountains in our lives need to be moved? What problems, issues, or sins seem insurmountable? God gives us faith to burn away these burdens. When we climb God's mountain in faith, we can see the other mountains for what they really are; just hills that can detour us but not deter us from reaching the peace and joy of God's kingdom. Paul reminds us that we bear the hardships of the gospel with the strength that comes from God.

Blazing faith gives us love. The unprofitable servant does what he is obligated to do. The faith-filled servant does more and does it out of love. Blazing faith burns away the love that masquerades as self-service and replaces it with a love that is sacrificial and selfless. When loving in this deeper way, prepare to be "burned". Authentic faith must always be accompanied by love of God and others. Otherwise, our faith is merely intellectual assent and detached devotion.

Blazing faith gives us self-control. Believing in what is of ultimate value and importance fuels our ability to delay gratification and practice self-denial. Letting go in faith allows God to take hold of our lives. Self-control, exercised with faith, becomes God-control. We surrender our need to be in control because we need God to be in control.

We give thanks to God and the people in our lives who have shared with us the gift of faith. We come to this Eucharist so that we can fan the flame of faith into a blazing fire that will give us power, love, and self-control.

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