

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, October 7

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Young Adults Meeting in Rectory at 1:00pm

Diocesan Rosary Congress at 7:00pm

Monday, October 8 – *Weekday*

Tuesday, October 9 – *Weekday*

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 10 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, October 11 – *Weekday*

Friday, October 12 – *Weekday*

Saturday, October 13 – *Weekday*

Prayer Group at 7:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Sunday, October 14

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Adult Faith Formation at 11:30am

Outreach Ministry

Outreach Ministry looking for assistant every Saturday from 10:00am – 2:00pm for the HIE HIE Shower Trailer. 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.

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.

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 today, October 7 from 7:00pm – 12:00 midnight.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection \$ 7,423.93

Weekday Collection \$ 1,902.43

Coffers \$ 588.88

Holy Day Collection \$ 10.00

Total \$ 9,925.24



Adult Faith Formation

For Adult Faith Formation we have a guest speaking on “The Importance of Veneration” to be followed by veneration of saint relics at 11:30am-1:30pm on Sunday, October 14th in the Kamiano Center.

Infant Baptism

On October 27th we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism for Infants. Parents with infants for Baptism must meet with one of our priests prior to attending the required class (along with their chosen Godparents) on October 22nd. Please call the office at 536-7036 and schedule an appointment.

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.

October 7, 2018 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Genesis 2:18-24 / *Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6* / *Hebrew 2:9-11* / *Mark 10:2-16*

Loneliness is, perhaps, the greatest of modern afflictions. Despite e-mails and cell phones, it's difficult to feel like, in the words of the poet John Donne, "a piece of the continent, a part of the main." Millions surround us, but we can still feel like "islands" in the vast ocean of life. In the beginning, we were meant for oneness. Man and woman, scripture says, were made for each other. No other partner was fitting for the man. Woman alone, made not from the clay of the ground as was Adam but from the man's own rib, was suitable.

Once, this was a simple and readily accepted concept. But today, the waters are murkier. Some say anything that reduces the loneliness of modern life should be praised as good and godly, so and view marriage between a man and a woman as just one option among other options. Maybe that's why Mark follows Jesus' citation of the Genesis text and his hard teaching on divorce with the episode in which Jesus calls us to be childlike. Children are not necessarily nice or sweet. In fact, they can be downright cruel. But children readily trust and depend on others. Those are the child-like qualities Jesus wants us to emulate. Maturity and wisdom can help us avoid cruelty, but when our brains and hearts head out in opposite directions, only childlike trust can enable us to embrace the hard teachings of the Gospel.

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

Wisdom 7:7-11 / *Psalm 90:12, 13, 14-15, 16-17* / *Hebrew 4:12-13* / *Mark 10:17-30*

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

Adopting challenging goals and striving for high standards are important in life. They help us to receive the deep joy and fruitfulness that God wants us to have. Today's scriptures, in speaking about the relationship of husband and wife, present us with these sort of "true north" principles that can serve to give direction to married life.

Genesis reminds us that the ultimate goal of marriage in unity; a oneness of mind, heart, and purpose. Although the passage speaks of this in physical terms, we know that this sort of oneness is more than just bodily closeness. It is a much deeper intimacy and sharing of life; a real partnership.

The Gospel of Mark reaffirms this goal and adds that this union is meant to be indissoluble and should not be divided. To easily settle for less, as Jesus reminds us, is to give in to the "hardness of our hearts".

But, as Hebrews reminds us, we are not angels. We are human beings, who are weak and imperfect. And we suffer as we strive to live these ideals in the real world. So, while we continue to hold up God's standards for marriage, we are painfully aware that many suffer because of broken promises. Sometimes, the best thing to do is to accept the death of a relationship. But, it should never be done lightly or merely as an escape from the truth that God offers to us. And, thankfully, we have a merciful and forgiving God who understands and accepts us. God loves us unconditionally, not matter what mistakes we or others may have made in life.

Today we are called to continue to strive for the excellence that God invites us to; a more excellent way of loving whether we are married or single, young or old. And, as we deal with human weakness, we are invited to receive and extend God's mercy.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector