

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, October 8

### **27<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

Monday, October 9 – *Weekday*

Tuesday, October 10 – *Weekday*

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, October 11 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, October 12 – *Weekday*

Friday, October 13 – *Weekday*

Saturday, October 14 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Sunday, October 15

### **28<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

## Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 9,735.76
Weekday Collection	\$ 2,190.20
Coffers	\$ 725.14
Holy Day Collection	\$ 10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,661.10</b>



## Infant Baptism

On October 28<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please call the office at 536-7036 for an appointment.

## Cathedral Renewal Campaign

### **Savor the Sanctuary**

Construction on the Cathedral's sanctuary will start a bit later than expected, not in October as previously announced. Renovations to the sanctuary include work on the basement-level Bishops' crypts. And, while the construction work has been approved and project permits are in-hand, the Cathedral is still seeking additional permissions from various state departments before proceeding.

Meanwhile, Phase 2 construction contracts are being finalized. Once contracts are signed, the various sub-contractors will take a few weeks to submit their plans before construction begins. Therefore, the partition wall need not go up in October because work will not be starting until later in the year. Phase 2 remains on schedule for completion by July 2018.

This change in the construction timeline gives us all a chance to savor the sanctuary for a bit longer, before the partition wall goes up and temporarily obscures our view of the high altar. Enjoy the majesty of the altar, light a candle at the base of your favorite statue, and revel in the space of the full church for another month or so; we are behind the scenes tackling paperwork!

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**

## Most Beautiful Among Women

Calling all women to come join us on Sunday, October 15, 2017, in the Kamiano Center from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm for fellowship, prayer, praise and worship, lunch, a teaching as well as sharing insights from the Word of God, personal testimonies, and a joyful day together in the Lord! Come meet new friends!

## 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](mailto:ealmuena@rcchawaii.org) or call the office.

# October 8, 2017 – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

We have all had those days when nothing goes as planned. It is especially distressing when this happens during a big celebration or special occasion. We do everything right, arrange every last detail, and still things do not turn out as we expect.

In two of the three readings this week, despite the farmer's best efforts and care, the vineyard produces bitter fruit. On the surface, we can apply this scenario to many things that happen in our lives. But the vineyard is also a symbol of conversion in our own lives. Just as growth is in the vineyard, conversion is almost always a process rather than a solitary life-changing event. It takes work and someone to get things going and nurture growth along the way. For some of us, the ground has been well prepared, and for others it has not. Despite the care of the vineyard, good fruit is not guaranteed. Like the laborers in the vineyard, we have the free choice to produce good fruit to the delight of God or bad fruit whereby we can imagine him asking, "What went wrong?"

Most often, conversion is a long, tedious process that calls for constant nurturing. Paul understood the challenges facing the early Christians and worked hard to keep them focused. The passage from his letter to the Philippians provides the encouragement we need to keep focused on turning our lives toward God and producing good fruit in his vineyard.

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### **Next Sunday's Readings: "28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time"**

*Isaiah 25:6-10a | Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 | Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 | Matthew:22:1-14*

## From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

Our world, and our lives, are like the vineyard in today's scriptures. God has wonderfully made us in God's image and likeness. God has given us many gifts and resources that make it possible for us to take care of the vineyard of life entrusted to us. We have been blessed in so many ways. Because we ultimately belong to God, in respecting our lives and the lives of others (like the tenant farmers), we are responsible for what is owned by someone else. This is what means to be a good steward is.

Sometimes we neglect to nurture the vineyard of our lives. We abuse ourselves or we abuse others. We are disrespectful of human life. Abortion and euthanasia are two primary examples of our failure to foster a culture of life and, instead, to fashion a culture of death. The example of Christ's compassion calls us to recognize that the worth of any society will be judged on how it takes care of those on the margins of life; the unborn, the frail and elderly, the disabled, and those in genuine need.

St Paul, in the second reading today, tells us that the peace of God stands guard over hearts and minds that consider what is honorable, lovely, excellent, truthful, just, and pure. Let us make it our aim to live these virtues by respecting all of human life.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector

## October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Notice that it says "awareness" month. Our community, our Church, our clergy and parish leaders, we all need to grow to more quickly recognize that there are victims of domestic violence close by - in our circles of influence. Victims and perpetrators are members of our Church, the Body of Christ!

If you are a victim or a perpetrator, or if you know someone in a situation of domestic violence, please call the 24/7 Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233). Additional information on how you might assist people in this situation can also be found at the diocesan website: [www.catholichawaii.org/stopdomesticviolence](http://www.catholichawaii.org/stopdomesticviolence)