

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, October 15

28th 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 16 – *Weekday*

Tuesday, October 17

Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch, *bishop & martyr*

Wednesday, October 18

Feast of St. Luke, *Apostle*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, October 19

Memorial of St. John de Brébeuf and St. Isaac Jogues, *priests & companions, martyrs*

Friday, October 20 – *Weekday*

Saturday, October 21 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Sunday, October 22

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Religious Education at 8:00am

Most Beautiful Among Women

Calling all women to come join us today 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!

Respect Life Ministry

The Respect Life Ministry here at the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace will be having a meeting on Sunday, October 29, at 11:30 am in the Kamiano Center to discuss plans to spread the message that all life is sacred, from conception to natural death. Please come and join us. For more information contact Lisa Shorba at 469-5470.

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	\$ 8,467.78
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,897.90
Coffers	\$ 716.16
Holy Day Collection	\$ 105.00
Total	\$ 11,186.84



Infant Baptism

On October 28th 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 23rd. 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 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 15, 2017 – Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

Parties and banquets are events we anticipate. Whether we realize it or not, invitations also come with a lot of responsibility. Our host sets the parameters for the event, so we can plan how we will dress and what we need to bring.

The First Reading and the reading from the Gospel this week are easy to relate to our own lives and times. From these readings, we learn that we are invited to be part of God's heavenly banquet. We can choose to accept his invitation and we are prepared to participate in the banquet that he sets. A subtler message of the readings, however, has us look closely at who really accepts God's invitation and comes prepared to celebrate at his banquet. Some seem worthy of the banquet, while others make excuses or blatantly refuse the invitation. With a feast ready and no one to celebrate, both those who were doing bad and good were invited. All but one of these unexpected guests came prepared for the occasion. The insulted host showed no mercy to the one guest who came improperly dressed, but the party giver welcomed those who came prepared despite the little notice they had.

We are all invited to God's heavenly banquet, but we must be ready. Paul's message directs our preparation to the words and actions of Jesus. It is never too soon to carefully consider the invitation, clothe ourselves in Christ, and prepare for the eternal banquet.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "29th Sunday in Ordinary Time"

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 | Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 | 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b | Matthew:22:15-21

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

Invitations can be difficult things. We are invited to any number of events; parties, meetings, fundraisers, educational opportunities, etc. Of course, we can't do everything and so we decide which to accept and which to decline. Often these choices are made based on personal priorities or on the level of relationship that we have with the person or group doing the inviting.

Today's Gospel reminds us that God has invited all of us to the wedding feast of His Son, Jesus Christ. The fact that you are reading this letter means that you have said yes to that invitation. Congratulations! You are at mass today because this is important to you and because of your relationship to Jesus Christ. But the end of today's Gospel is a sobering reminder that just showing up is not enough. The man who was not properly dressed, and who was thrown out, represents the danger of coming to Christ's banquet but not wearing the "proper attire"; not allowing Christ to "clothe" our entire lives. We show up but our actions and attitudes do not show Christ to the world.

Let us rejoice in the salvation that we have in Christ who fully supplies whatever we need. Let us say "yes" to the invitation of Christ to be nourished by Him and may we be clothed with and in Christ.

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