

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, October 16

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Repair & Maintenance**

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

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

Monday, October 17

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

Tuesday, October 18

**Feast of St. Luke, *Evangelist***

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, October 19

**Memorial of St. John de Brebeuf, *priest, companions, martyrs***

**Memorial of St. Isaac Jogues, *priest, companions, martyrs***

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, October 20 – *Weekday*

Friday, October 21 – *Weekday*

Saturday, October 22 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

St. Damien Devotional Group at 12:30pm

Sunday, October 23

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for World Mission Sunday**

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

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

## Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection \$ 7,926.68

Weekday Collection \$ 1,852.48

Coffers \$ 851.03

Holy Day \$ 75.00

**Total \$ 10,705.19**



## Order your Saint's Aloha Shirts

Reyn Spooner Saints of Hawaii aloha shirts will arrive by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Retail is \$98.00 and the Cathedral Gallery will be selling both men's and ladies' shirts for \$80.00 each. Forms are available at the Cathedral Gallery. At your request, we can mail your purchase to U.S. addresses. For more information, please call 585-3311. Thank you.

## Infant Baptism

In two 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.

## 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 is the Month of Mary

Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> and 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. All are welcome to come and share in this beautiful tribute to our Mother Mary and to take advantage of the healing power of intercessory prayer that the rosary possesses. This is a family event, all are welcome to come as we praise and honor our Blessed Lady. For more info please call Wilfred at 847-4339 or Tom at 594-5624. God bless you all.

# October 16, 2016 – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

*Exodus 17:8-13 | Psalm 121: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 | 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 | Luke 18:1-8*

Why do we pray? What do we seek with prayer? We have many reasons for prayer. Maybe when we were young, we prayed for God to give us something or do something for us. Perhaps we pray for healing or God's care. We pray from deep agony and need. We pray for strength and the wisdom to make the right choice.

Today's Gospel story, found only in Luke's account, is written to a community who is waiting and praying for the Messiah's return. Luke wanted his community to remain hopeful in the face of persecution and oppression. Like Moses' arms that wearied and dropped during battle, the members of his community were losing their strength and resolve. When would the Messiah return? Luke reminded them to stay the course. Pray and God's reign would come in God's time. We can see why Luke might remind his community to pray unceasingly and keep faith so the Son of Man would find it when he comes. Like's Luke's community, we are to pray persistently, not to talk God into something, but to open ourselves to do God's will on earth.

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### Next Sunday's Readings

*Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18 | Psalm 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 | 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 | Luke 18:9-14*

## From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

In Luke's gospel, Jesus continues to journey toward Jerusalem and he teaches along the way. Today's lesson, reinforced in the first and second reading, is about the importance and nature of prayer.

First of all, we learn that prayer must be persistent. In the gospel story, Jesus is not suggesting that God can be nagged into submission. What he is saying is that persistence pays off. If the unjust judge will grant a request, how much more will a perfectly just and loving God give us all that we need. But, we need to be constant in our asking. The persistent prayer of Moses is blessed by God and Paul urges Timothy to be persistent. Persistence in prayer means that we approach God in good times and in bad, to ask for what we need and to give God thanks and praise.

Secondly, we learn that prayer must have a communal dimension. Paul has clearly been mentoring Timothy and they have worked together, interceding for and preaching to the early Christian communities. Moses is supported by Aaron and Hur as they continued to pray together for victory. While prayer has a very personal dimension, it is also meant to be very communal. We pray together so that we might become aware of each other's needs and support each other in calling upon God. Together, we strive to listen to God's desires for all of us.

Finally, we learn that prayer must be founded on the Word of God. Ultimately, prayer is about listening to what God has to say to us. As Paul reminds us, the Scriptures are a primary way that we hear God's voice. In the renewal of the sacraments encouraged by Vatican II, an important effort has been made to highlight the importance of God's Word in all of the Church's liturgical prayer. There is a great desire and need, among Catholics and all Christians, for a deeper understanding and appreciation of Scripture. One of the best ways to pray is to read and meditate on Scripture. In God's Word, God's heart speaks to our hearts.

At this and every Eucharist we celebrate and affirm these three essential elements of prayer. We are challenged to gather persistently each Sunday, whether we find it convenient or not. We come together as a community. And we listen to God's Word and we know that God is listening to us.

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