

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, October 22

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

2nd Collection for World Mission Sunday

Religious Education at 8:00am

Monday, October 23 – *Weekday*

Infant Baptism Class at 6:00pm

Tuesday, October 24 – *Weekday*

No Cathedral Choir Practice

Wednesday, October 25 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, October 26 – *Weekday*

Friday, October 27 – *Weekday*

Saturday, October 28

Feast of Ss. Simon and Jude, Apostle

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Infant Baptism at 5:00pm

Sunday, October 29

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Religious Education at 8:00am

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.

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.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,572.47
Weekday Collection	\$ 2,845.95
Coffers	\$ 984.53
Holy Day Collection	\$ 24.00
Total	\$ 11,426.95



World Mission Sunday

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – a day that leads us to the heart of our Christian faith – leads us to mission! Your generosity on World Mission Sunday supports the work of priests, religious and lay leaders in the Missions who share our faith with those most in need. Mission is at the heart of our faith. Live your faith through your gift in today's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith!

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 22, 2017 – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

Believe it or not, in a month or so the secular holiday season will already be in full swing. No doubt, you will be receiving Christmas cards in the mail at this time. Whose cards do you look forward to receiving the most? Often, the best cards are the ones that come with updated information on old friends or family.

Paul and his peers knew that they needed to keep in touch with the small Christian communities that they couldn't visit frequently. The success of the early church depended on the strength of the bonds that early Christian leaders maintained with one another even though they were divided by distance and culture. Even though communication has greatly improved since Paul's time, forming and maintaining strong bonds still takes work that comes from faith in the relationship, the love of others, and hope that they will respond to our efforts.

In the Old Testament, the bond the people form with the Lord is the foundation for our faith. Isaiah uses very strong language to tell us about our deep and powerful bond with the Lord, who calls each of us by name. Like any earthly bond, we must nurture our relationship with God, too. Jesus shows this to the Pharisees in this story from Matthew. When the Pharisees test Jesus' allegiance between Caesar and God, Jesus reminds them that true bonding is not in earthly things but comes from God and leads us to an everlasting relationship with him.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "30th Sunday in Ordinary Time"

Exodus 22:20-26 | Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 | 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 | Matthew 22:34-40

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

We all possess dual-citizenship. We are citizens of this world. As such, we are called to cooperate with all that is good and just and to be participating members of society. Paying taxes, as distasteful as it may be, is one way to support the common good. Being educated on the important issues and voting responsibly is also part of exercising our citizenship. Being involved in the community is essential. In today's gospel, Jesus made it clear that these responsibilities are important.

But, Jesus also said that we must "render to God what is God's". We are created in the image and likeness of God; God's image is stamped upon each of us. Therefore, all that we are belongs to God. So, as we exercise our dual citizenship and the duties it entails, we must constantly remember that we are "in this world, but not of this world". We are ultimately responsible to God. It is a mistake to think that Jesus' statement in the gospel ("repay to Caesar, what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God") is a justification for an absolute separation between our material and our spiritual life. This kind of dualism is heretical. God is the God of all of creation. It is equally wrong to think that we should give these two worlds equal homage. No, God is in charge of all of life and all that we are, whether we realize it or like it!

To live with our feet in two worlds is not easy. As Paul reminds us today, to live the gospel words of Jesus, we need the power of the Holy Spirit. May we be open to God's guidance and strength as we choose to honor God in all things and to live in a way that supports the common good.

This weekend we also encourage your support for World Mission Sunday that the message of God's love in Christ continue to be shared with all people.

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