

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, October 23

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd 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

Monday, October 24

Tuesday, October 25

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 26

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, October 27 – *Weekday*

Friday, October 28

Feast of Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles

Saturday, October 29 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

St. Damien Devotional Group at 12:30pm

Sunday, October 30

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

Senior Ministry Meeting at 10:30am

Married Couples

Open to all married couples in the Catholic Church. Join us on Saturday, November 5th from 12:00n – 4:00pm for "5 Languages of Love. For more information, please contact Deacon Joe Almuena at jalmuena@rcchawaii.org or call 227-7309.

Order your Saint's Aloha Shirts

Reyn Spooner Saints of Hawaii aloha shirts will arrive by October 31st. Retail is \$98.00 and the Cathedral Gallery will be selling both men's and ladies' shirts for \$80.00 each. At your request, we can mail your purchase to U.S. addresses with a charge for shipping and handling. We accept all Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express credit cards and imprinted checks. Please make check payable to Cathedral Gallery. For more information, please call 585-3311. Thank you.

Stewardship of Treasure

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| Sunday Collection | \$ 8,516.02 |
| Weekday Collection | \$ 1,718.86 |
| Coffers | \$ 663.24 |
| Holy Day | \$ 22.00 |



Total \$ 10,930.12

Cathedral Renewal Campaign

Mahalo nui loa!

Bishop Larry Silva and Fr. Gary Secor invited all 66 parishes in the Diocese of Honolulu to support renovations to the mother church of the diocese. Many parishes have elected to participate by conducting a second collection on behalf of the Cathedral Renewal Campaign and we'd like to thank all of those communities for their generous support!

Thirty-five parishes have already conducted their second collections and nineteen of those have sent in their contributions, totaling more than \$38,000!!

Mahalo nui loa to the following parishes for their second-collection gifts to the Cathedral Renewal Campaign:

Immaculate Conception, Lihue
Immaculate Conception, Ewa
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Kaneohe
Our Lady of Sorrows, Wahiawa
Resurrection of the Lord, Waipahu
Sacred Heart, Hawi
Sacred Heart, Waianae
St. Anthony of Padua, Kailua
St. Anthony, Kalihi
St. Augustine by-the-Sea, Honolulu
St. Damien of Molokai, Kaunakakai
St. Elizabeth, Aiea
St. George, Waimanalo
St. John Apostle & Evangelist, Mililani
St. Joseph, Waipahu
St. Jude, Kapolei
St. Philomena, Honolulu
St. Roch, Kahuku
St. Theresa, Mountain View

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.

Email: CRC@rcchawaii.org Phone: (808) 585-3329

October 23, 2016 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this 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

Psalm 34 begins "I will bless the Lord at all times" (Psalm 34:2). We often hear the phrase but what does it mean to bless God? The English word *bless* is not as obvious as languages like Spanish, which derive from Latin. In Spanish, *bendecir*, based on Latin roots, literally means to speak favorably about someone. To bless God is to praise and give thanks. Those who bless God give public witness of a relationship with God.

This story, unique to Luke's account of the Gospel, offers a portrayal of prayer. The Pharisee prays to himself and about himself, and is aware of others only as his comparison to them raises his self-esteem. In contrast, the tax collector focuses on God, the source of all blessing and mercy. In the end, only the tax collector is justified, because justification or salvation is a gift of God. Only the tax collector, in his humility, recognizes God as the source of grace to be praised and thanked. His prayer for mercy gives public witness to the relationship he seeks with God.

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Next Sunday's Readings

Wisdom 11:22 –12:2 | Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14 | 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2 | Luke 19:1-10

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

Humility has been called the mother of all virtues. This indicates that it is a foundational attitude and approach to life. It is the basis for the possibility of having all the other important attributes of character. In the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector, recounted in today's gospel, Jesus shows us what real humility is all about and challenges us to live it.

Humility is about being willing to judge ourselves before we begin to judge others. The Pharisee began by judging the tax collector and failed to judge his own failings. In focusing on what he perceived to be the faults of another, he neglected to recognize his own faults. Humility is about the willingness to engage in healthy self-criticism. This does not mean that we see ourselves as worthless, but that we recognize our real worth and where it comes from. It does not come from what we do, but from who we are.

Humility is about realizing that it is not always "about me". The Pharisee is a prime example of a self-absorbed individual. Self-absorption and narcissism are afflicting our society today. The tendency to view everything in terms of how it affects us and to base decisions mainly on our own needs and issues is rampant. Even love is often seen in terms of "what is in it for me". Humility is about being willing to be concerned with the needs and wants of others and to refuse the lure of the spotlight. To focus mainly on ourselves is to leave the rest of life out of focus.

Humility is about accepting and embracing an emptiness that we know that only God can fill. The Pharisee was so full of himself that he saw no need for God. He had filled his life with external rightness and religiosity and failed to see the emptiness in his heart that characterized his sin of judgment. The tax collector realized the emptiness of sin in his life and was therefore able to cry out to God for help. This gave God room to justify and exalt him. Am I willing to acknowledge my hunger and allow God to fill it?

At every Eucharist we celebrate the presence of Jesus Christ, the perfect example of humility. He humbly died for us and left us the sacrament of his body and blood. In the humble elements of bread and wine, God is really present. He humbled himself so that he might "get inside of us" and change us to be more like him and be his real presence in the world today.

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