

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, October 28

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

2nd Collection for Repairs & Maintenance

Monday, October 29 – *Weekday*

Tuesday, October 30 – *Weekday*

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, October 31 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, November 1

Solemnity of All Saints

Friday, November 2 – *First Friday*

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

Saturday, November 3 – *First Saturday*

Prayer Group at 7:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Sunday, November 4

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Saint Padre Pio Relics

All are welcome to attend the veneration of St. Padre Pio relics on Friday, November 9 from 7:00am-5:30pm, with a special Mass at 6:00pm

Saint Marianne Cope

Join us for the 135th Anniversary Mass of the arrival our saint Mother Marianne Cope and six other Franciscan Sisters here at our Cathedral at 6:00pm on Thursday, November 8.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Fr. Marvin is leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from October 13-24, 2019. We will be partnering with a parish from WA, so very limited space is available. It is a great opportunity to journey in the land of Jesus. Please contact Fr. Marvin at (808) 536-7036.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,037.66
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,690.93
Coffers	\$ 391.54
Holy Day Collection	\$ 65.00
Total	\$ 9,185.13



A Stewardship Moment

After healing the blind man in today's Gospel Jesus told him to go, to be on his way. But the man chose to follow Jesus. Being a disciple of Jesus is a choice. The stewardship way of life likewise involves a choice, in fact many choices. We choose to be grateful, we choose to live generously, and we choose to trust that God will always provide for our needs. These are three choices central to the stewardship way of life. What choices will we make this week that give witness to our decision to follow Jesus Christ?

Saint Padre Pio

To commemorate the special visit of the relic of St. Pio, the Cathedral Basilica Gallery is offering a limited supply of holy cards, medals and bracelets for a two week only sale. We are also offering unique rosaries made specifically to honor the life of St. Pio. A very limited supply of rosaries which include a 'third class relic' of St. Pio will also be available from the Gallery. Come and browse!

Cathedral Renewal Campaign

Cathedral Renewal Campaign Video

Click on the "Update" button to view our 175th anniversary video.

Dedicated on August 15, 1843, the 175-year-old Cathedral Basilica celebrates the anniversary of her dedication on August 16th in deference to the Assumption of Mary on the 15th.

As always, Bishop Larry Silva and Msgr. Gary Secor extend their appreciation and aloha for your generous and prayerful support.

Please consider joining us with a generous gift or pledge today! To learn more and/or to make a contribution:

Call: 808-585-3357, or 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.

October 28, 2018 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Jeremiah 31:7-9 | Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 | Hebrews 5:1-6 | Mark 10:46-52

We have to ask for what we want and want what we ask for — in school, at work, in relationships, and even with God. Stated crisply, that seems an obvious truth; but oh, the games we play with ourselves and others, and even with God! Give me this, we say. Help me here. Then, nothing seems to happen. The letter of James, which we heard not so long ago on the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, tells us that when we ask, we sometimes “ask wrongly” (4:3). Insincerity might be what’s wrong with our prayer, because sometimes we don’t really want what we ask for. The blind man’s sincerity, his longing for healing and his faith, get Jesus’ attention and, more importantly, the healing he genuinely desired. But could it have been otherwise? Could a “blind” person ask for “sight” insincerely? Of course! Darkness can become a comfortable place to hide. Change requires courage and faith. Lacking those, the status quo is better. Those who have battled addiction, for example, know how hard it is to really want to change.

Change is unsettling. Often, our greatest enemy in the struggle to change is ourselves. That’s the hard truth. But the good news is that we are never alone. It’s God who provides the grace, not us. Desire is needed, but it won’t work miracles by itself. God always steps in when invited. He tells us that he is our Father and we are his children. Jesus asks us the same question that he asks Bartimaeus: “What do you want me to do for you?” (Mark 10:51)

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Next Sunday’s Readings: “Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time”

Deuteronomy 6:2-6 | Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 | Hebrews 7:23-28 | Mark 12:28b-34

From the Rector’s Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

In today's first reading and gospel, God clearly indicates a desire to heal us. It is especially evident God wants to restore our vision. Certainly God is able to heal physical sight and sometimes this is done miraculously and sometimes it is done through the care of doctors and nurses. But, it is often more important to recognize that God wants to heal our spiritual blindness. Our unwillingness or inability to see as God sees can be even more debilitating than the physical impairment of sight. What is it that I am unwilling or unable to see?

As the gospel, reminds us we can be an obstacle to one another receiving the healing of our blindness. The crowd tried to silence Bartimaeus and prevent him from calling to the Lord for help. How are we being called to help one another see? What sort of blindness are we perpetuating by our lack of action or encouragement?

It is also clear in today's gospel that the key element in receiving the healing of our blindness is our desire to be healed. This is why Jesus asked Bartimaeus: "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus is asking us the same question. Do we really want to see, or are we choosing to be blind to those things that God wants us to see?

Just as the blind man was saved because of the power of God that was actualized through his faith, let us pray for the gift of faith so that we can see as God sees.

In Christ’s love,
Very Rev. Msgr. Gary L. Secor, V.G.
Rector