

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, November 5

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Religious Education at 8:00am

Monday, November 6 – *Weekday*

Tuesday, November 7 – *Weekday*

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 8 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, November 9

**Feast of the Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica in Rome**

Friday, November 10

**Veterans' Day Holiday
(Observed)**

**Cathedral Basilica on Holiday Schedule
Offices Closed**

**Memorial of St. Leo the Great, *pope and
doctor of the Church***

Saturday, November 11

Veterans' Day

Memorial of St. Martin of Tours, *bishop*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Sunday, November 12

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Religious Education at 8:00am

Cathedral "Alumni" Mass

Please join us on Thursday, December 14th for Mass at 6:00 pm and a reception to follow in the Kamiano Center. Families of "alumni" are welcome and all are encouraged to bring pictures to display and share during the reception.

Bishop Larry Silva will be presiding, and Msgr. Gary Secor concelebrating a special Mass for Cathedral "Alumni," for anyone baptized, confirmed, married or ordained in the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace.

For more information, contact (808) 585-3357 | cbarnes@rcchawaii.org

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,618.35
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,731.53
Coffers	\$ 484.07
Holy Day Collection	\$ 172.00
Total	\$ 11,005.95



Weekend Retreat

All Cathedral Basilica ministers, volunteers and parishioners are invited to attend a one-day cost-free retreat on 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.

Cathedral Renewal Campaign

Mahalo to Saints Damien and Marianne

The first inaugural Damien and Marianne conference took place this past weekend at the Hawaii Convention Center, bringing greater awareness and understanding of our two Hawaii Saints. More than 500 attendees from abroad and locally attended seminars and workshops to learn about the lives of service led by Saints Damien and Marianne that we strive to emulate today.

As the final resting place for Saint Marianne's remains, and the entrusted keeper of a relic of Saint Damien, the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace is incredibly thankful for the opportunity to partake in this inaugural event and to gain recognition from hundreds of Saint Damien and Saint Marianne devotees.

In addition to funding renovations to the Cathedral, the Cathedral Renewal Campaign will also fund construction of a new Reliquary Chapel to house the remains of Saint Marianne and the relic of Saint Damien. This chapel will provided a dedicated space for all to venerate our two Hawaii Saints on the site of the first Catholic Church in Hawaii, where the Cathedral stands today.

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

November 5, 2017 – Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10 | Psalm 131:1, 2, 3 | 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13 | Matthew 23:1-12

Today's readings remind us how easy it is for pious people to become the center of their own religion. In the First Reading, we hear the prophet Malachi's scathing critique of the practice of the priests. They have not only sullied the dignity of their office, but have caused others to falter. .

In the Gospel, Jesus addresses the scribes and Pharisees with a similar accusation. Jesus chides the leaders for overburdening the faithful and doing nothing to help them. He calls attention to the fact that they used their religious dress to attract special recognition, and then warns his disciples against the use of self-aggrandizing titles. He is not telling them to hide their commitment or to avoid teaching or leadership. Rather, he is telling them that they should not impose their authority or use labels that stratify the community.

The kind of leadership that Jesus calls for in the Gospel is brought to life in the actions of Paul and the early Christian community in the Second Reading. Paul describes his ministry to the Thessalonians as similar to the self-offering of a nursing mother. Paul reminds his companions that they are not just to share the Gospel, but their very selves. Today's readings are a reminder that the attention people receive for their worthy actions can quickly turn them from service to stardom. They forget how to give glory to the name of God.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time"

Wisdom 6:12-16 | Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 | 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 | Matthew 25:1-13

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

In Matthew 23 Jesus is in Jerusalem, the center of Judaism. Jesus was a Jew and he loved the Law and Its richness. What he did not love was how it was applied especially by many of the Scribes and Pharisees. We can fall into the same sort of traps. The problem with Christianity is not that it has been tried and found wanting, it has never really been tried. Three things the gospel reminds us we can do to avoid being trapped like the Scribes and Pharisees.

First of all, we must practice what we preach. Our words and our deeds should match up. Don't say one thing and do another. You can't just rev up the engine, you have to put it into gear. This sort of dishonesty about our actions greatly damages human relationships and people's relationships with the Church, government, or any organization.

Secondly, don't be a burden, be a blessing. If your living of the faith is primarily burdensome, then you need to adjust the load because the yoke is supposed to be easy. Be good news, not bad news. Don't only contribute to the problem, be a part of the solution. Make it easier for people to love you.

Finally, practice invisibility and keep a low profile. It's not about you or me, it is about Jesus. Make him look good, not yourself. This is the key to having a real friendship with him. When you put yourself on a pedestal, you risk being knocked down, broken, and shattered. The hidden acts of love are often the most helpful.

Let us pray that we not become trapped as the Scribes and Pharisees. We must never exchange love with legalism. Our faith should not be a burden, but a great blessing.

In Christ's love,

Very Rev. Msgr. Gary L. Secor, V.G.

Rector