

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, November 11

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Religious Education at 8:00am

Adult Faith Formation at 11:30am in the
Kamiano Center

Monday, November 12

Memorial of St. Josaphat, bishop, martyr

Veterans' Day Holiday

(Observed)

**Cathedral Basilica on Holiday Schedule
Offices Closed**

Tuesday, November 13

Memorial of St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, virgin

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, November 14 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, November 15 – *Weekday*

**Memorial of St. Albert the Great, bishop,
doctor of the Church**

Friday, November 16

Memorial of St. Margaret of Scotland, virgin

Memorial of St. Gertrude, virgin

Saturday, November 17

Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, religious

Prayer Group at 7:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Sunday, November 18

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection for Catholic Campaign

for Human Development

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

Religious Education at 8:00am

Holy Land Pilgrimage

There is still time to register. 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 \$ 7,990.38

Weekday Collection \$ 2,363.61

Coffers \$ 567.55

Holy Day Collection \$ 554.00

Total \$ 11,485.54



Campaign for Human Development

In respond to Pope Francis' call for the 2nd World Day of the Poor. Next week, our second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 43 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. In the United States, one in seven people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection

Adult Faith Formation

Join Deacon Joe and Easter Almuena as they walk us through the basic teachings of the Catholic Church and the lives of our Saints. They meet every 2nd Sunday of the month. For this month, it will be on Sunday, November 11 at the Kamiano Center from 11:30am to 1:30pm. For more information on our Adult Faith Formation, please email Easter Almuena at ealmuena@rcchawaii.org

Cathedral Renewal Campaign

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.

November 11, 2018 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

1 Kings 17:10-16 | Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 | Hebrews 9:24-28 | Mark 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Read the Bible and you will run into the admonition, "Do not be afraid." It recurs many times, and some researchers insist that in various permutations you can find it close to 365 times — once for each day of the year! It was often on the lips of Jesus and seems to be the key to embracing the radical discipleship he requires. Of what are we to not be afraid? Not hardship, not persecution, not hunger, not danger, not even death, nor anything else you can think of. Fear cripples. It makes it hard, sometimes impossible, to take a risk, and the Christian life is all about risk. Jesus' words are not always soothing. They require a radical trust that is impossible if we are filled with fear.

Elijah makes an unreasonable demand of the poor widow. First make me a cake, he says, and then "prepare something for yourself and your son" (1 Kings 17:13). What reasonable mother would put a stranger's needs ahead of her own son's? Certainly not one who is riddled with fear. Fear would make Elijah's promise that her jar will not go empty and her oil not run dry sound like gibberish. Fear would deafen the woman's ears and send her back to her kitchen and her meager ingredients. Only a peaceful heart could trust that promise. To acquire such peace we must enroll in the school of trust and practice daily letting go of fear.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time"

Daniel 12:1-3 | Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 | Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 | Mark 13:24-32

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

"They gave a substantial gift." Usually, when we hear such a statement, we assume that someone has given a large sum of money or something very valuable in material terms. Today's scriptures invite us to a deeper understanding of the meaning of a "substantial gift". A "substantial gift" is a gift that comes from the very substance of who we are. All three readings speak of such a gift and challenge us to this kind of generosity.

A substantial gift is a gift that is given with faith and trust. We believe that, even though we don't seem to have enough, if we are generous God will provide all that we need. The Book of Kings describes a widow who gave such a gift and was blessed by God because of her generosity.

A substantial gift is a gift that it hurts to give and is therefore sacrificial. The Letter to the Hebrews describes how Christ gave such a gift when he gave himself for our salvation. He was willing to suffer and die for us and, therefore, his gift was powerful enough to take away the sins of many.

A substantial gift is a gift that is not given from our "leftovers", but from the "first fruits" of what we have. The Gospel of Mark describes the poor widow who gave all that she had, and not from any excess that she had. She was not giving in order to get rid of something that she really didn't need, but was offering her best.

Generosity is a virtue that is at the heart of Christianity. It may involve giving material resources or it may require giving our time or talent in particular areas. In any case, we are invited today to consider how we make those gifts. Do we do so with faith and trust? Do we give even when it hurts? Are we only giving God our leftovers? God reminds us that a "substantial gift" doesn't have to involve a lot of money. But it should involve a lot of love!

In today's bulletin you will find a report on our Cathedral finances. We are grateful to all those who give to our Church even when it is challenging. On this Veteran's Day weekend, we are also grateful to those who serve and who have served our country, even to the point of offering the ultimate sacrifice of their lives.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector