

The Church's Calendar This Week

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

Monday, November 13

Memorial of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin

Tuesday, November 14 – *Weekday*

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, November 15 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, November 16

Friday, November 17

Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, religious

Saturday, November 18

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Sunday, November 19

33rd 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

Pauline Books & Media

The Daughters of St. Paul is have an **Open House** the weekend of December 2 – 3 after all Masses. Come and take advantage of this once a year event at Pauline Books and Media located at 1143 Bishop Street next to Hawaiian TelCom. For more information, please call (808) 521-2731.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,818.05
Weekday Collection	\$ 2,455.13
Coffers	\$ 559.80
Holy Day Collection	\$ 278.00
Total	\$ 12,110.98



Most Beautiful Among Women

Calling all women to come join us on Sunday, November 19, 2017, in the Kamiano Center from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm for fellowship, prayer, praise and worship, lunch, a teaching as well as sharing insights from the Word of God, personal testimonies, and a joyful day together in the Lord! Come meet new friends!

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 12, 2017 – Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

Today's readings speak to our inherent need to seek the presence of God. The First Reading personifies divine Wisdom. The passage not only promises that Wisdom can be found by those who seek her, but that she actually goes out in search of those who love her. Psalm 63 compares the longing for God with physical thirst — the most fundamental need of living creatures. In the Gospel, Matthew describes the kingdom of God with the parable of the ten bridesmaids awaiting the bridegroom whose arrival, while later than expected, is assured.

We do not just wait passively for the arrival of the kingdom, though. We are to live our lives as those who long for and love the kingdom. This Sunday's readings describe how we are to wait even in our passive moments. In the First Reading, we are told that Wisdom comes to those who demonstrate their love for her by watching at dawn, thinking of her, and keeping vigil. And, of course, that is just what the wise bridesmaids do in this Sunday's Gospel. They prepare themselves for a long time of keeping vigil so that the arrival of the bridegroom, however late it may be, will be joyful and bright.

Take these readings into your heart as you prepare for the time of Advent, when we keep the lamps burning bright as we await the coming of Christ our Light into the world.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time"

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 | Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 | 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 | Matthew 25:14-30

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

We live in the "information age". There is no lack of information available to us and our phones and electronic devices have become our encyclopedias where we can readily seek data to answer many questions. What is often lacking is what today's scriptures speak about: wisdom. Wisdom is the virtue that gives us the ability to understand properly, judge correctly, and act accordingly based on information available to us.

The first reading, from the Book of Wisdom, reminds us that wisdom must be desired and sought after. We have to patiently strive to acquire it; it will not come to us without effort. Wisdom, like truth, is not something we create to be whatever we want it to be. It is discovered by us as we acknowledge a power apart from us that supplies it. And that power is God.

The second reading, from Paul's Letter to the Thessalonians, tells us that those who are wise and have hope understand that we are designed to live forever with the Lord. This belief gives us the proper perspective with which to wisely judge what is of lasting value. It is consoling to know that God wants to be with us now and always.

Matthew's gospel today challenges us to prudently prepare for Christ to come into our lives. While we don't know the day or the hour when we shall meet the Lord in death, God also comes in unexpected ways every day. The Lord arrives often in the persons or situations that we are not expecting. We are called to be ready to see Christ always. Our lamp must be constantly filled with the oil of the Holy Spirit and God's grace so that its light will burn brightly and allow us to see Jesus Christ.

This weekend with celebrate Veterans Day and give thanks for the men and women, living and dead, who have sacrificed to serve our Country. We ask God to bless them.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)

The weekend of November 18 – 19 we will be taking up a 2nd Collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development. CCHD is the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops. CCHD provides funding to groups whose activities reflect Catholic moral and social teaching on human life and dignity. CCHD-funded groups work to change social structures and policies which undermine life and dignity, especially for the poor and powerless.