

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, November 18

### **33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Monday, November 19 – *Weekday*

Tuesday, November 20 – *Weekday*

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, November 21 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, November 22 – *Weekday*

**Memorial of St. Cecilia, virgin, martyr**

### **Thanksgiving Day**

**Mass at 9:00am only**

All Offices Closed!

Friday, November 23 – *Weekday*

Cathedral on Holiday Schedule

All Offices Closed!

Saturday, November 24

**Memorial of St. Andrew Dung-Lac, priest and  
martyr & his companions, martyrs**

Prayer Group at 7:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Sunday, November 25

### **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Repairs & Maintenance**

**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	\$ 8,990.85
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,622.02
Coffers	\$ 1,406.76
Holy Day Collection	\$ 55.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,974.63</b>



## **Campaign for Human Development**

Please be generous in this week's second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. 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 remains 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](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection)

## **Pauline Books & Media Open House**

The Daughters of St. Paul invites you to their open house during the First Sunday of Advent weekend. If you are looking for a word of solace and encouragement, inspiration, books and DVDs to pass the faith on to your children, resources for pastoral ministry, spiritual reading to deepen your faith or help you explore moral issues, you'll want to make Pauline Books and Media one of your favorite places to go, either on-line or on foot. For more information, please call 521-2731.

## **Young Adult Ministry**

All young adults are welcome to attend our Young Adult meeting at the Chancery on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00pm. Call Joseph at 343-3728 for more info.

## **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](http://www.HonoluluCathedralRenewal.org).

Click on the "Learn" button, or select "Renewal Campaign" in the toolbar to view our 5 ½ minute campaign video.

# November 18, 2018 – 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

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: "Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe"**

*Daniel 7:13-14 | Psalm 93:1, 1-2, 5 | Revelations 1:5-8 | John 18:33b-37*

## From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

We are approaching the end of the liturgical year. Next Sunday, the Solemnity of Christ the King, is the last Sunday of the church year and a new worship calendar begins with the First Sunday of Advent-November 29th (hard to believe we are already approaching the Holidays!). As the liturgical year ends, God's word speaks of the end-times; both the first reading and the gospel talk about the end of the world and the final coming of Christ in glory.

As we hear the apocalyptic language of these scriptures, the danger is to adopt a "gloom and doom" theology since they speak of a time of great upheaval. We may believe that God is a person with a big club just waiting to punish and pulverize us. To approach these scriptures with that mentality would be to fail to hear the positive messages that are present. God promises that the elect and those who are wise and lead others to justice will "be like the stars forever". But, we must remember that what makes the stars so beautiful is that they are seen in contrast with the darkness of the night sky. And the closest star, the sun, is most beautiful at sunrise and sunset when it is struggling with the darkness. There will be struggle and strife as we prepare for the fullness of the kingdom of God and we must face those realities. However, we face them with faith because we know "the rest of the story". Jesus, as Hebrews reminds us, has won the victory over sin and death and wants us to share in that victory. He invites us to receive his forgiveness and the power we need to conquer any darkness in our lives.

Talk of the "end times" has led many to speculate about a specific date when the world will end and to attempt to cite certain world events as evidence that the end time can be precisely predicted. These are misguided efforts, especially since Jesus tells us in the gospel that no one can know the exact time.

What is important is that we are prepared. God will come in glory at the end of time and we will meet God when we die. The goal is to ready ourselves, not primarily out of fear, but because we desire to see the Lord and we love God. The best way to do this is to recognize the many signs of God's coming into our lives every day!

On this weekend after Veterans Day, we pray for all those, living and dead, who have served our country in the Armed Forces. We are grateful for all the sacrifices they and their families have made. During this month of November, we also continue to pray for all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace and may all of us prepare for and look forward to our ultimate meeting with the Lord.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector