

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, November 19

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection for Human Development

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

Religious Education at 8:00am

Monday, November 20 – *Weekday*

Tuesday, November 21

Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, November 22

Memorial of St. Cecilia, virgin and martyr

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving Day

Mass at 9:00am

Friday, November 24

Memorial of St. Andrew Dung-Lac, priest

And Companions, martyrs

Cathedral Holiday

Mass at 12:00n

Saturday, November 25 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Sunday, November 26

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus

Christ, King of the Universe

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	\$ 8,405.35
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,514.17
Coffers	\$ 795.84
Holy Day Collection	\$ 1,258.90
Total	\$ 11,974.26



Pauline Books & Media

The Daughters of St. Paul is having 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.

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 19, 2017 – Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

In everything that we do, we are encouraged to excel. For most of us, surpassing or achieving high standards takes effort and involves risks. In some cases, we choose to take an easier path and, in doing so, don't get the satisfaction of knowing we gave our all.

The readings this week spotlight people who, through vigilance, went beyond the requirements of the job to excel. Proverbs tells us about a wife who, despite a heavy load of domestic chores, went beyond the call of duty to serve others in her community. In Jesus' parable, the man with one talent did nothing wrong because it was the custom of the day to bury money. He was not vigilant, however. The master was gone for a lengthy time, requiring his servants to be mindful of how they took care of their talents. Paul also emphasizes the quality of vigilance to his communities who are discouraged that Jesus has not yet returned.

This week's readings compel us to look at our lives for sins of omission. We are asked to find talents in us that we have buried and must now uncover so that profit can be made. Uncovering our talents might mean we clear away unimportant tasks and, like the woman in Proverbs, get to the heart of the tasks that have the most impact on the people around us. Ultimately, God calls us to turn to him and be patient while we await the glorious return of his Son. During this time, we are to put our talents to good use.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe"

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 | Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 | 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 | Matthew 25:31-46

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

The first message of today's gospel parable of the talents is that God believes in us. God entrusts us with creation and the gifts and talents that we have. They belong to God, but God has given them to us so that they might increase and grow stronger as we cooperate with God's plan, rely on God's strength, and make our own honest effort.

The second message is that God does not expect the impossible. Not everyone will achieve at the same level, and that is ok. Not everyone has the same gifts and advantages. We are only asked to do the best with what we have.

The third message of today's gospel is summarized by the phrase: "Use it or lose it". We must exercise our giftedness or, like muscles that are left idle, we will lose the abilities that we have.

These messages remind us of what stewardship is all about; the generous sharing of the time, talent, and treasure entrusted to us. As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, let us recognize that one of the best ways to show our gratitude is to give to others using the gifts that God has given to us.

As you have noticed, we have temporarily suspended ministering the Blood of Christ to the assembly at Mass. This is in response to the recent mumps outbreak and upon the recommendation of the Diocesan Office of Worship. We hope to resume ministering the cup soon. Thanks for your understanding.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector

Most Beautiful Among Women

Calling all women to come join us today, 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!