

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, November 20

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus

Christ, King of the Universe

**2nd Collection for Catholic Campaign for
Human Development**

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

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

Monday, November 21

Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, November 22

Memorial of St. Cecilia, virgin and martyr

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 23 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, November 24

Memorial of St. Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Thanksgiving Day

Mass at 9:00am

Friday, November 25 – *Weekday*

Cathedral on Holiday Schedule

Saturday, November 26 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

St. Damien Devotional Group at 12:30pm

Sunday, November 27

1st Sunday of Advent

2nd Collection Cathedral Maintenance & Repair

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

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

Campaign for Human Development

Thank you for your contributions to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)! Your generous gifts will help CCHD break the cycle of poverty in the United States through better education, improved housing, and economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we demonstrate Catholic social teaching and carry out Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor . . . to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18). Please give to the CCHD Collection.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 9,433.48
Weekday Collection	\$ 2,478.72
Coffers	\$ 697.73
Holy Day	\$ 747.00
Total	\$ 13,356.93



Cathedral Renewal Campaign

Bishop Larry Silva and Fr. Gary Secor invited all 66 parishes in the Diocese of Honolulu to support renovations to the "Mother Church" of the diocese. Many parishes have elected to participate by conducting a second collection on behalf of the Cathedral Renewal Campaign and we'd like to thank all of those communities for their generous support!

Thirty-five parishes have already conducted their second collections and nineteen of those have sent in their contributions, totaling more than \$45,500!!

Mahalo nui loa to the following parishes for their second-collection gifts to the Cathedral Renewal Campaign:

Immaculate Conception, Lihue
Immaculate Conception, Ewa
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Papaikou
Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pearl City
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Kaneohe
Our Lady of Sorrows, Wahiawa
Resurrection of the Lord, Waipahu
Sacred Heart, Hawi
Sacred Heart, Waianae
St. Anthony of Padua, Kailua
St. Anthony, Honolulu, Kalihi
St. Augustine by-the-Sea, Honolulu
St. Catherine, Kapaa
St. Damien of Molokai, Kaunakakai
St. Elizabeth, Aiea
St. George, Waimanalo
St. John Apostle & Evangelist, Mililani
St. John the Baptist, Honolulu
St. Joseph, Waipahu
St. Jude, Kapolei
St. Philomena, Honolulu
St. Roch, Kahuku
St. Theresa, Mountain View

We also wish to thank the many individual families and friends who have sent donations (\$79,000) directly to us!

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.

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November 20, 2016 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

2 Samuel 5:1-3 / Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 / Colossians 1:12-20 / Luke 23:35-43

Every year at this time, we celebrate the end of the liturgical year with the solemnity of Christ the King. Each year, we see an image of God's kind of kingship. In Year A, God separates those who have lived in right relationship from those who have not. In Year B, Jesus tells Pilate about his kingship: "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice" (John 18:37). This year, Luke tells of Jesus' final words on the cross in responding to the repentant criminal at his side: "Today you will be with me in Paradise" (Luke 23:43). Even at the end, Christ the King acts as a shepherd caring for each sheep.

We have been delivered from darkness and redeemed, as Paul tells the Colossians. Our King, the head of the body, makes peace by the blood of his cross. This is the true shepherd who forgives our sins and brings the entire world to himself in Paradise.

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Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 2:1-5 / Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 / Romans 13:11-14 / Matthew 24:37-44

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

On this Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ The King we bring the Church's liturgical year to a close. In many ways, the kingship of the Lord Jesus sums up all that we are called to believe as Christians. The nature of this king and his kingdom challenge us since it is so contrary to the way that we often envision who is in charge, the nature of authority, and where the kingdom of God is.

Christ the King challenges us to believe that he is in charge of my life. We wouldn't be here at Church if we didn't desire to give Christ some authority over us. But, absolute authority? We often react negatively to the idea of anyone having that sort of authority over us or over anyone. But, Christ is in charge, whether we like it or not. Can we acknowledge and accept his authority over us and our actions and attitudes? If he is not in charge, then who is?

Christ the King challenges us to believe that in weakness there is strength, in surrender there is victory, and in dying that we find real living. This kind of authority, exercised in sacrificial love, is so different from what the world often holds up as the definition of being in charge. This non-violent approach to life is so counter-cultural in a society that is full of the glorification of violent behavior. Can we acknowledge and accept that there is no crown without the cross?

Christ the King challenges us to believe that his kingdom is not of this world. While we live in this world we are called to relate to this life and its realities with the awareness that there is a life beyond it. The good thief in today's gospel finally realized this, repented, and was received into the fullness of God's kingdom. This life is a journey and we are pilgrims who are on our way to something much greater and even more beautiful. Can we acknowledge and accept being in this world while not being of this world?

In His love,
Fr. Gary L. Secor, V.G.
Rector