

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, November 25

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

2nd Collection for Repairs & Maintenance

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

Religious Education at 8:00am

Monday, November 26 – *Weekday*

Tuesday, November 27 – *Weekday*

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 28 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, November 29 – *Weekday*

Friday, November 30

Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle

Saturday, December 1 – *First Saturday*

Prayer Group at 7:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Sunday, December 2

First Sunday of Advent

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

Religious Education at 8:00am

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,990.85
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,622.02
Coffers	\$ 1,406.76
Holy Day Collection	\$ 55.00
Total	\$ 11,974.63



Living the Liturgy

- Kings wear crowns and carry scepters, but Jesus' only crown was made of thorns. Next time you buy or receive a bouquet of roses, remove one of the thorns and contemplate the type of kingship Jesus was willing to embrace for our salvation. Store the thorn where you keep your car keys so you see it as you go off to start your day each morning.
- Sometimes religious feasts grow out of the political or social circumstances of their day. Find out what prompted Pope Pius XI to institute this feast in 1925.

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.

Sharing Faith

- What aspect of the truth of Jesus speaks more powerfully to your heart: his regal eternal majesty, or his humble human life?
- Do you ever reflect on the fact that faith and religion are only a means to an end, not an end in themselves?
- Jesus, our King, doesn't rule with an iron fist, but with a tender heart. How does following such a king affect the way you look at things?

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.

Young Adults Ministry

All young adults are welcome to attend our Young Adult meeting at the Chancery on Sunday, December 2nd 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.

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November 25, 2018 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

Jesus' life was full of irony, and the end was no different. Today's readings paint that irony with broad brush strokes. Daniel's visions herald the advent of the Son of Man who receives "dominion" and "glory" (7:14). The regal trappings of kingship are laid at his feet and all peoples bend low to serve him. But in John's account of the Gospel Jesus stands before a mediocre magistrate to whom fate has given full power over Jesus' life. Pilate asks Jesus to proclaim what kingship he possesses but Jesus won't oblige. He parries with Pilate, asserting that his kingdom is not of this world. When Pilate tries to seize those words, Jesus throws them back at him and claims his only mission was to speak the truth. Jesus won't be cornered. He gives no pat answers and forces Pilate to recognize the truth that stands before him. If Pilate can't do that, no words from Jesus will make a difference. The satisfaction Jesus refuses Pilate is also not given to us. There are many more things Jesus might have said, many proofs he might have given, but he didn't. We have to make a leap if we want to stand with Jesus. It will take faith, which is the assurance of things not seen. To be his loyal subjects and disciples we must take Jesus as he is — as Pilate had to — and believe the king of glory dwells in this unlikely figure who challenges us to accept that life is so much bigger than ourselves. Pilate sensed all that, but lacked the courage to follow his heart. Let's pray we find the courage to follow ours.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "First Sunday of Advent"

Jeremiah 33:14-16 | Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 | 1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2 | Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

On this Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King, we are invited to renew our belief in the kingship of the Lord Jesus and to be an active part of the building of His Kingdom. Part of the challenge involved in doing this stems from attitudes that we can have about kings and kingdoms.

Today, in countries that still retain a monarchy, often the king or queen has a ceremonial position. They are honored and respected, but don't have much influence in the day to day affairs of state. In many places, the monarchy is only remembered as a thing of the past. We run the risk of treating Christ the King in the same way. We may give Him a certain amount of respect, but his rule doesn't really make a difference in the day to day events of our lives. If we do this, we have failed to make Christ our King.

One of the main reasons we don't like to give authority to kings and queens is that we don't like the idea that anyone could have absolute authority over us. We have grown up in a society that values democracy and in a country that was founded on a revolution against a monarchy deemed to be unjust. We also want to be in charge of our own lives. We run the risk of treating Christ the King in the same way. We refuse to acknowledge that He is God and in charge of all of us and all of creation. If we do this we fail to make Christ our King.

Today, we affirm our belief in the lordship of Jesus Christ. We ask God to help us to be zealous for the building of His Kingdom. Also, on this Thanksgiving weekend, we are grateful for all the blessings we have received as individuals and as a country. We are especially grateful for the reign of Christ the King.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector