

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, November 26

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus

Christ, King of the Universe

2nd Collection for Repair & Maintenance

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

Religious Education at 8:00am

Senior Ministry at 11:30am

Monday, November 27 – *Weekday*

Tuesday, November 28 – *Weekday*

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, November 29 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, November 30

Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle

Friday, December 1 – **First Friday**

Adoration/Benediction at 10:00am

Saturday, December 2 – **First Saturday**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Mass and Holy Hour at 12:00n

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

Sunday, December 3

First Sunday of Advent

Pauline Books & Media Open House

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 \$ 7,422.79

Weekday Collection \$ 1,626.51

Coffers \$ 546.62

Holy Day Collection \$ 158.00

Total \$ 9,753.92



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 provide 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 26, 2017 – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

Most of us might not realize the responsibilities that came with the job of a shepherd, but this once-important position is key to understanding many Biblical passages and Jesus' identity as Shepherd-King. In Jesus' day, the shepherd had the awesome responsibility of protecting a highly valued animal. No fences or convenient ways existed to bring massive amounts of food to a large herd. Without the shepherd, the animals were easy prey to wild beasts and were often lost to the expanse of the land. Shepherds were not casual overseers but were constantly on guard over their flocks.

The passages this week rely on an understanding of the shepherd's duties. In Ezekiel we find a shepherd who has not done his job, thereby putting the flock in danger. A new shepherd — the Lord — comes to save the abandoned herd. In light of the New Testament and their faith, Christians understand this shepherd as the Lord Jesus. Parallel to Ezekiel's scenario, Matthew tells about a shepherd who comes to sort the good from the bad while rescuing the weakest members of the flock. Because the weak animals of the flock are overlooked to protect the majority, Jesus surprises his audience by delegating responsibility for them and clearly defining their tasks for them. His words are the basis for what Catholics have traditionally called the corporal works of mercy.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "1st Sunday of Advent"

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 | Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 | 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 | Matthew 13:33-37

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

On this last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. Living as we do in a democratic society, we can have differing responses to the notion of kings and queens. We may feel they are curious individuals that are largely ceremonial figures rooted in the past. Or we may judge them negatively because of the abuse of power exercised in many monarchies. But, today's feast and its scriptures remind us that Christ is more than a ceremonial figure or an autocratic ruler. He is a different sort of king and His is a different sort of kingdom.

He is a king who is compassionate, a shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is especially interested in those who stray and those who are poor and in need. His compassion is evident and He expects his subjects to exercise the same sort of compassion.

His is a kingdom founded on the exercise of love. This love of God and others must be more than just pious thoughts or loving sentiments. He makes it clear that we will be held accountable for what we have done or not done to those created in the image and likeness of Christ; especially the poor and those who are Christ is his most distressing disguise.

Christ wants to be more than a ceremonial figure or an autocratic ruler in our lives. He challenges us to accept his lordship over every aspect of who we are. He invites us to see Him as a compassionate Lord and not be afraid to accept his leadership and gentle, but firm, guidance.

In Christ's love,

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

Rector