

The Church's Calendar This Week

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

Monday, November 28 – *Advent Weekday*

Tuesday, November 29 – *Advent Weekday*

Advent Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, November 30

Feast of St. Andrew, apostle

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, December 1 – *Advent Weekday*

Friday, December 2 – **First Friday**

Adoration/Benediction at 10:00am

Saturday, December 3 – **First Saturday**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Mass at 12:00n

St. Marianne Devotional Group at 12:30pm

Sunday, December 4

2nd Sunday of Advent

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

Religious Education Classes at 8:00am

Adult Faith Formation

Please join us on Sunday, December 11th from 11:30am – 12:30pm at the Kamiano Center. For more information, please call Deacon Joe & Easter at ealmuena@rcchawaii.org or call the office.

Pauline Books & Media

The Daughters of St Paul is having an **Open House** this weekend on Saturday, November 26th after the 5:00pm Mass and Sunday, November 27th 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. You can also visit their website for great deals at: <http://daughtersofstpaul.com/honolulu> or call 808-521-2731 for more information.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,769.11
Weekday Collection	\$ 2,561.63
Coffers	\$ 559.63
Holy Day	\$ 220.00
Total	\$ 12,110.37



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 \$50,000!!

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

Annunciation, Kamuela

Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, Honolulu

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, Kalihi

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 (\$80,000) 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.

Email: CRC@rcchawaii.org Phone: (808) 585-3329

November 27, 2016 – First Sunday of Advent

Exegesis on this 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

Wonderful images begin our new liturgical year's journey this First Sunday of Advent! Nations stream to the Lord's house and learn God's ways of justice and peace in order to walk in the light of the Lord. In Isaiah's last words, we can almost hear our invitation to join in the walk. Advent begins and the possibilities of a new year unfold before us. We most certainly want to be awake for this moment!

Isaiah gives us an image of a people who have changed their lives and converted their hearts. When they ignored the Lord's instructions, it led them to exile and pain. Now, they are ready to accept the commands and judgment of the Lord. This acceptance will have far-reaching effects for a new vision of peace. For us to join in this hope means letting go of all that keeps us from one another, such as swords and spears, which we know come in all shapes and sizes. God's vision is that something new will be built from the old ways. We have all of Advent to ponder our part in this conversion and rebuilding.

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Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 11:1-10 | Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 | Romans 15:4-9 | Matthew 3:1-12

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Family:

We live in the "in-between" time; between the first coming of Christ over 2000 years ago and the final coming of Christ at the end of the world. Advent is a time that invites us to realize again that being between these two comings calls us to prepare for the arrival of Christ here and now. How is Jesus coming into my life this year and what do I need to do to prepare for his arrival?

Isaiah reminds us that allowing Jesus to come into my life means finding and climbing my own personal "mountaintop". We need to find the time and space for personal reflection and peace so that we will see Christ coming. This could mean taking some extra time for prayer, spending more quiet time at the beginning or ending of the day, or reading a good book for spiritual and personal enrichment. During the hectic holiday season this is more important than ever.

The Letter to the Romans reminds us that being awake enough to see Christ's coming means casting off the desires and deeds of darkness. We are human and so it is easy to allow sinful behavior or thoughts to dull our awareness of God's love. Instead of making a place for Christ to dwell, we make provision for sin. Advent calls us to renewed repentance. It is especially appropriate during Advent to consider receiving the sacrament of reconciliation in preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

In Matthew's gospel we are reminded that Jesus comes unexpectedly and so we need to always be prepared. Often, when we least expect it, God will challenge us to see Christ in a person or situation. Whether we recognize Jesus in those moments depends on whether we have allowed God to train our eyes, ears, and hearts to see him. In the ordinary moments of daily living, God is doing extraordinary things.

Let us join together during this Advent season to prepare again for the coming of Christ. Before you and I know it, Christmas will be here. Will we be ready?

We also take time this Thanksgiving weekend to express our gratitude to God and to all those who have blessed our lives. As your Rector, I thank you for all your love and support.

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