

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, December 31

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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

Monday, January 1

The Octave Day of Christmas Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

New Year's Day
Cathedral Basilica Holiday
Mass at 12:00n
All Offices Closed

Tuesday, January 2

Memorial of St. Basil the Great
Memorial of St. Gregory Nazianzen,
Bishops and Doctors of the Church
No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 3 – *Christmas Weekday*

St. Damien de Veuster Birthday
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am
Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, January 4

Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Friday, January 5

Memorial of St. John Neumann, Bishop

Saturday, January 6 – *Christmas Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
Ss. Damien/Marianne Devotion Group at 12:30pm

Sunday, January 7

The Epiphany of the Lord

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

Sharing Faith

- Which of the virtues named by Paul is easiest for you to attain? Which is hardest?
- Consider Joseph's readiness to respond immediately to God. What prayer for help might you make to St. Joseph?
- The Church is often called the family of God. What does that mean?

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,956.68
Weekday Collection	\$ 2,009.37
Coffers	\$ 597.11
Holy Day Collection	\$ 150.00
Total	\$ 11,703.16



**On behalf of Monsignor Gary
and the Cathedral Basilica
Priests and Staff, we would like
to wish you and your family a
very Blessed New Year!**

Cathedral Renewal Campaign

Many Thanks!

As the year comes to a close, we reflect on the great many supporters who have come together to make possible the upcoming renovations to the Cathedral's sanctuary. Over the past year, the Cathedral Renewal Campaign has raised an additional \$1,995,500 from the combined gifts of individuals, parishes, foundations, religious orders and local businesses. Mahalo nui loa for your generous support!

Funds collected in 2017 will directly support renovations to the Cathedral's sanctuary, which will begin in early 2018. Exciting upgrades to the sanctuary will take place behind a partition wall and will be unveiled in August 2018, the 175th anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral. Parishioners and visitors can look forward to a new extended sanctuary platform with new screens on either side, while the current scrim will be taken down. Bishops' Burial Chapels will be added on either side of the high altar, which will be cleaned and restored during this next phase.

Have you considered a year-end gift or a pledge to help restore and preserve our historic Hawaiian Cathedral?

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

December 31, 2017 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

*Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 | Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 | Colossians 3:12-21 or Hebrew 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 | Luke 2:22-40
Or Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3 | Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 | Colossians 3:12-17 | Luke 22, 39-40*

Paul tells us how Christians live and act in the world, beginning with a list of virtues and offering a code of how household members are to act toward one another. Paul emphasized that relationships with one another should be guided by what God has done for all through Jesus Christ. God's love has saved us, forgiven us our sins, and given us peace. We are to put on that same kind of love not only in our families, but for all of God's people.

This Sunday's Gospel offers a final look at Joseph for the Sundays of this year and for Matthew's Gospel. A major figure in Matthew's early infancy stories, Joseph fades from the pages. But he leaves behind a powerful impression of faith and obedience to God. Twice we hear the angel's command to rise and protect his family. Joseph immediately obeys. There is no protest about how hard the travel will be, no objection about having just made a long journey, no hesitation to let him take care of other things first. In obedience, Joseph responds.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "The Epiphany of the Lord"

Isaiah 60:1-6 | Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 | Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 | Matthew 2:1-12

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

As we continue to celebrate the coming of Christ among us as a human person, today we honor the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. God could have chosen a different way to enter into human history in Christ, but God chose to become part of a family. In doing so, God reminds us of the absolute importance of family life.

Christ began to reveal His love for us as He lived in a family to teach us that love begins at home. The home is the first place where we learn to love and the first place where love needs to be expressed. How we learn the lessons of love that are taught to us by our family profoundly influences how we express and experience love throughout our lives. We also have a special responsibility to love those who have first given us life and nurtured it. We should not be easily absolved of this responsibility.

Christ's life in a human family reminds us that love is more than a kind thought or sentiment. It must result in concrete acts of kindness and concern. It must be expressed in respect and honor for one another, especially for those who are in most need of care; our sick, our elderly, our children. Today's scriptures remind us of these virtues and how they should characterize our relationships with one another. The Word became flesh to teach us that it is in the flesh and blood living of a life of love that Christ is truly present.

Christ was part of a family that did not have it easy. He was born in a stable, they tried to kill the child Jesus after His birth, and as a youth He was lost in the temple for several days. The prophetess Anna also predicted the anguish that would afflict His mother as Jesus lived His mission of salvation. Families face many challenges today and we need the help and example of the Holy Family as we strive to live God's love.

On this Holy Family Sunday, we thank God for those who have been family to us and we ask God to bless all of our families and our Cathedral Basilica family.

In Christ's love,
Very Rev. Msgr. Gary L. Secor, V.G.
Rector