

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, July 16

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection for Repairs & Maintenance

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

Monday, July 17 – *Weekday*

Tuesday, July 18 – *Weekday*

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, July 19 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, July 20 – *Weekday*

Friday, July 21 – *Weekday*

Saturday, July 22 – *Weekday*

The Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Sunday, July 23

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection for Seminary Educational Fund

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

Seminary Educational Fund

Next weekend is our annual appeal for the Seminary Education Fund. We are blessed to have approximately twelve seminarians studying for our diocese each year, and the costs associated with their education remain challenging. Tuition, books, room and board alone per each seminarian total over \$320,000 over the course of four years of undergraduate studies in philosophy, four years of graduate studies in theology, and one year of pastoral formation in a parish community. While the diocese subsidizes some costs for college seminarians, the diocese pays 100% of the cost of educating out pre-theology and theology students. Please prayerfully consider contributing to the annual appeal. Please call the office for more information. May God bless you.

Religious Education

Regular catechism for our youth and CCD classes for confirmation and 1st Communion will begin on August 3, 2017. Registration will take place in the Kamiano Center after the 9am and 10:30am masses beginning this Sunday. Please visit the Kamiano Center or call our office for more information.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,748.85
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,730.10
Coffers	\$ 626.09
Holy Day Collection	\$ 443.00



Total \$ 11,548.04

Cathedral Renewal Campaign

Help Renew Our Lady of Peace!

The Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace was given her name by the first Catholic missionaries to Hawaii, French-Belgium priests from the Congregation of Sacred Hearts who arrived in the islands in 1827.

The Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary adopted Our Lady of Peace as their patroness in the 1600s. The original Our Lady of Peace statue, made of carved wood, dates back to the early 1500s and is enshrined in a convent in France.

The original statue, only 11 inches tall, has been attributed to miracles of protection and the number of faithful seeking her intercession has continued to grow for the past 400 years.

Thus, when the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary brought Catholicism to Hawaii, they consecrated the Hawaiian Islands under the protection of Our Lady of Peace and bestowed her name upon the first church they built.

Dedicated in 1843, the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace is the mother church of the Diocese of Honolulu and is the oldest Catholic cathedral *in continuous use* in the United States. After 174 of regular use, the Cathedral is in need of upgrades and repairs.

The Cathedral Renewal Campaign endeavors to raise a minimum of \$15 million to support comprehensive renovations to the Cathedral, to ensure she remains in service to the community for generations to come.

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

July 16, 2017 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Isaiah 55:10-11 | Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 | Roman 8:18-23 | Matthew:13:1-23

Most people love stories. We often see the point of something more clearly if we hear it connected to a story. Our imaginations play with stories, inspiring new implications for our lives. Jesus' listeners were no different than us. Jesus constantly told parables to teach his message. Chapter 13 of Matthew's account of the Gospel, which we will hear over the next few weeks, offers many stories exploring the kingdom of heaven.

In today's Gospel, we hear about the magnitude of responding faithfully to God's word. Jesus invites his listeners to be fully attentive with open ears, eyes, and hearts. When we approach Jesus' message with this depth of openness, our hearts can be converted and we can be touched and healed by Jesus. There are obstacles to overcome, but rich soil waits. The images in Isaiah and the psalm add to our understanding of the fruitfulness of God's word. God promises that the word will be watered by the rain and snow so that it does not return empty, but overflowing with a rich and abundant harvest.

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Next Sunday's Readings

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 | Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 | Roman 8:26-27 | Matthew:13:24-43

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

Words are very powerful. What we say, and how we say it, can build up and tear down, can be the occasion for encouragement or discouragement, can express love or hate. What we fail to say is also significant. Often we don't realize how powerful our words can be.

Isaiah, in today's first reading, reminds us of how powerful God's word is. When God wanted to perfectly express love for us, God sent us the Word made flesh: Jesus Christ. Today's gospel reminds us that God's love and God's word are like the seeds that are abundantly sown; it is everywhere and given without measure. But, whether we recognize that love and whether it bears fruit depends on how we receive it. As Paul reminds us in Romans, all creation and each of us struggles to receive these words of love and to bring God's love to birth. We pray that we can be the good soil that receives the many seeds of God's word of love and allows it to bear fruit. The Holy Spirit, like the water that brings the seeds to life, is what we need so that God's word comes to life in us.

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

Adult Faith Formation

Join us for a one day retreat at the Benedictine Monastery on Saturday, August 5 open to ministers of the Cathedral Basilica. First come, first serve. For more information, please contact Easter Almuena at ealmuena@rcchawaii.org or call (808) 585-3342.

Infant Baptism

Infant Baptisms will take place Sunday, July 30th. Parents must speak with one of our priests before attending the required preparation class. Please call the office for information and to schedule an appointment.