

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, August 6

### **Feast of the**

### **Transfiguration of the Lord**

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

Monday, August 7 – *Weekday*

Tuesday, August 8

**Memorial of St. Dominic, priest**

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, August 9 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, August 10

**Feast of St. Lawrence, deacon and martyr**

Friday, August 11

**Memorial of St. Clare, virgin**

Saturday, August 12 – *Weekday*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Sunday, August 13

### **19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Religious Education at 8:00am**

Our Lady of Fatima Statue viewing 5:00a – 7:00p

## Religious Education

Regular catechism for our youth and CCD classes for Confirmation and 1<sup>st</sup> Communion begins today, August 6, 2017 at 8:00am. Children in second grade and older who have not received first communion or confirmation should enroll this year. Please register today at the Kamiano Center. For more information, please call the office at 536-7036 or email Michael Bauer at [mbauer@rcchawaii.org](mailto:mbauer@rcchawaii.org)

## Fatima Centennial Celebration

Join us for Mass and personal prayer with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima at the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace, Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Plenary indulgence may be obtained. For more information, please call the Office of Worship at (808) 585-3342.

## Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,762.33
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,866.69
Coffers	\$ 197.77
Holy Day Collection	\$ 5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,831.79</b>



## Cathedral Renewal Campaign **Celebrating 174 Years!**

This month marks the 174<sup>th</sup> year since the Cathedral's dedication on August 15, 1843. For nearly two centuries, the Cathedral has stood as a spiritual center in the heart of downtown Honolulu and has served thousands upon thousands of worshippers. Today, more than 2,000 parishioners and visitors pass through her doors each week to find fellowship, worship at the foot of a beloved statue and/or pray to Saints Damien and Marianne who worshipped in this very cathedral over 100 years ago.

The plans for the Cathedral's renovation were designed to mimic many of the features that were seen in the Cathedral in the 1800's. In this way, the Cathedral will be restored to her own historic appearance during the time-period that Saints Damien and Marianne worshipped here themselves.

In order to properly restore historic elements and preserve original features, the Cathedral Renewal Campaign endeavors to raise a minimum of \$15 million to complete all of the necessary upgrades and renovations.

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](http://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](mailto:CRC@rcchawaii.org) Phone: (808) 585-3329**

# August 6, 2017 – Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

*Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 | Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 | 2 Peter 1:16-19 | Matthew:17:1-9*

In face of Jesus' transfiguration, the disciples "were very much afraid." Perhaps they were afraid of losing what was familiar to them from of old. Perhaps they were afraid because they had an inkling that this new journey presents formidable challenges. If we are to enter into Jesus' glorification, then we must be open to a transfiguration of ourselves, of our lives, of our own destiny. We must let go of our own limited vision and horizons and "listen to" Jesus opening up for us the uncharted territory of remarkable compassion and mercy, forgiveness and care, love and humility. We must allow Jesus to transfigure us.

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### **Next Sunday's Readings: "19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time"**

*1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a | Psalm 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 | Romans 9:1-5 | Matthew:14:22-33*

## From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral family:

Today, we celebrate the Transfiguration of the Lord. What is it that God wants us to understand as we recount the mountaintop manifestation of the Lord's glory?

Jesus wants us to find our own mountaintop. The disciples were blessed by being at this special place where they could see the glory of God shining on the face of Christ. They experienced this intimate moment with Christ. We need to make sure that we find a place where we can commune with God. By taking regular time for prayer, reflection, and quiet we can find the place where God begins to show us God's glory. This will take a special effort and, because we are all busy, it may seem like a strenuous mountain climb to find the time and space we need for this time of prayer and reflection. But, the burden of the climb will result in the blessing of hearing God call us beloved sons and daughters.

Jesus wants us, once we have been on the mountaintop, to leave for the valley below. The valley below is where our lives are lived; the real world where love is challenging and where our faith is tested. We must leave our "comfort zones" and face the "valley moments" when we are tempted to despair and give up. It is in struggling with the demands of love lived daily that we grow. It would be great to always have that "mountaintop high", but that is not possible. What is possible is to take the vision received on the mountain with us as we travel in the valley.

Jesus wants us to be transfigured. We are called to be changed as we navigate the mountains and valleys of this life. We are invited to be transformed into people that glorify God by reflecting the glory of Christ. By living more faith-filled and loving lives we become images of God's presence and power. What is it in my life that needs to be transformed so that I might be transfigured into a better likeness of Christ? Being on the mountaintop will help me to see what needs to be changed. Journeying in the valley will help to fashion me into a person changed and charged by the glory of God.

This past week we said goodbye to Fr. Jerry Overbeck, S.J. who has been with us for two months. We have been blessed by his presence and look forward to his return next Summer. We also welcome Fr. John Molina who will be assisting us here at the Cathedral Basilica for the time being.

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