

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, January 10

The Baptism of the Lord

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00a/12:00/4:00/6:00p

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Monday, January 11

Monday of 1st Week in Ordinary Time

Mass at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Tuesday, January 12

Tuesday of 1st Week in Ordinary Time

Mass at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Wednesday, January 13

Wednesday of 1st Week in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation by Appointment

Mass at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Thursday, January 14

Thursday of 1st Week in Ordinary Time

6:30am & 12:00pm

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Friday, January 15

Friday of 1st Week in Ordinary Time

6:30am & 12:00pm

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Saturday, January 16

Saturday of 1st Week in Ordinary Time

Mass at 7:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by Appointment

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Sunday, January 17

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00a/12:00/4:00/6:00p

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Quote of the Week

And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory Collection

12/28 – 1/3

Sunday Offering	\$ 5,515.99
Weekday	\$ 638.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,813.51
Feasts & Solemnities and Christmas	\$ 2,414.22
Total Offertory	\$ 12,381.72

Other Collection

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 130.00
Religious Retirement Fund	\$ 20.00
Black and Indian Mission	\$ 3.00
Seminarian Educational Fund	\$ 100.00
Hawaii Catholic Herald	\$ 245.00
Baptism, Funeral and Mass Intentions	\$ 475.00
Others (Gallery, Candles, etc.)	\$ 358.00
Total	\$ 13,712.72

Living the Liturgy

- Discuss the symbols and rituals that are used for a Baptism: water, oil, candles, new white garment, Sign of the Cross, anointing, pouring or immersing, blessing. Does anyone in the group remember their Baptism? Perhaps they could tell their experience.
- Read the story of Peter and Cornelius, who was a Gentile, in the reading from Acts. What did Peter learn about God? How do you imagine that Peter acted differently after this experience with a Gentile, who many Jews despised? How do you think this experience influenced Peter's work in the early Church?
- What does it mean for you to be called by God? If you were to draw a time line of your life journey, where have you experienced that call from God? Perhaps it meant a change in your life or a move from security to uncertainty. Share your story of God's call with someone else.

Sharing the Faith

- What does it mean to be God's chosen servant? How do you imagine a servant is called to practice obedience to God?
- Recall a Baptism that you have witnessed. What images or prayers do you remember from the ritual?
- How do you think God's Spirit helps one to be a servant of God?

Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Catholic Mom

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January 10, 2021 – The Baptism of the Lord

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or 55:1-11 | Psalm 29 or Isaiah 12 | Acts 10:34-38 or 1 John 5:1-9 | Mark 1:7-11

Isaiah's images of what the Lord does for his servant are commanding: "I, the Lord, have called you . . . / I have grasped you . . . / I formed you, and set you as . . . / a light for the nations" (Isaiah 42:6). It is with God's Spirit within that God's servant can teach and bring justice to the earth, fulfill the command to be light, give sight to the blind, release prisoners, and set free those who are in darkness. It seems a fitting passage for the Church to link with Matthew's account of Jesus' Baptism.

John preached baptism in acknowledgement of sin. Jesus, being without sin, had no need for repentance. So why does Jesus approach John for Baptism? In Matthew, Jesus tells John to allow it to fulfill God's plan. Matthew's account invites his community to recognize Jesus' obedience and readiness to submit to God and become his chosen servant. This beloved servant is God's own Son. We, the baptized members of Christ's body, are called, as disciples, to also become obedient servants of God.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "Second Sunday in Ordinary Time"

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 | Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 | 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 | John 1:35-42

From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

"You are my beloved Son; with you, I am well pleased." Mk. 1: 11

There are many important dates that we always remember in our lives, like birthdays, wedding anniversaries, and the death of a loved one. All year-round, we have the calendar dates where we get to know when holidays are celebrated. Most of it, whenever these important dates come, we celebrate it to make it a joyous occasion. But, what about the days when we were baptized, confirmed, received the First Eucharist, and when you and your spouse received the Sacrament of Marriage? How important are these dates in your life? Or do we ever consider them important?

Frequently, our attentions focus on the physical aspect of life that we celebrate these dates with so much fun and excitement. When it comes to our journey of life and faith, we miss the important dates that made us a different person brought about by God's grace through the sacraments we received. Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we do not only become sons and daughters of our parents or our "hanai" dad or mom, but we have become children of God. We share in this great mystery in the life of His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Through Baptism, we have become the OHANA of God and are given the grace of salvation.

On this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, let us treasure the grace given to us at our Baptism. Let us renew ourselves and commit more and more to doing the will of our Father. Let us be empowered by the Holy Spirit so that our call as followers of Jesus can truly manifest God in our daily lives and in the world we live in. In this way, we can live in love, peace, and harmony and bring joy to our children and the generations to come. If you get to know the day when you were baptized, celebrate it with a renewed life and faith in God.

The past days have brought us so much joy and realization of the birth of Jesus. With the Feast of His Baptism, we are graced to become adopted sons and daughters of the Father. A blessing that we will cherish forever. Let not the lures of the world fall us astray and get rid of our focus on Jesus. Let the grace of your Baptism always bring to light what you need to carry out every day because the Holy Spirit is with you. When you journey with Jesus, you journey into life, peace, joy, and love

Your friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual