

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, January 24

### **3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

Monday, January 25

### **Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, *Apostle***

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

**Cathedral closed after Mass**

Tuesday, January 26

### **Memorial of St. Timothy, *bishop***

### **Memorial of St. Titus, *bishop***

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

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Wednesday, January 27

### **Wednesday of 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 28

### **Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, *priest and***

*Doctor of the Church*

6:30am & 12:00pm

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Friday, January 29

### **Friday of 3<sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

6:30am & 12:00pm

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Saturday, January 30

### **Saturday of 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 31

### **4<sup>th</sup> 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**

## Stewardship of Treasure

### **Offertory Collection**

1/11 – 1/17

Sunday Offering	\$ 5,431.35
Weekday	\$ 670.07
Online Giving	\$ 1,148.40
Feasts & Solemnities	\$ 10.00
Christmas	\$ 25.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 7,284.82</b>

### **Other Collection**

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 314.00
Augustine Educational Foundation	\$ 3.00
Black and Indian Mission	\$ 23.00
Hawaii Catholic Herald	\$ 20.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 30.00
Others (Mass Intentions, Candles, etc.)	\$ 323.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,998.07</b>

## Living the Liturgy

- Research the life of a historical figure who embraced dramatic change in order to pursue their destiny. What do you most admire about the person? What aspects of their story would be too hard for you to accept?
- Make a conscious effort to forgive someone who has hurt you, someone you feel justified in holding at a distance. Is it easy or difficult to let go of the anger and resentment? What might make it easier?
- If your parish has a welcoming ministry for new parishioners, ask how your family can help. If not, offer to recruit help and begin one.

## Sharing the Faith

- Could you do what Andrew, Peter, James, and John did and abandon the life you know to embrace the uncertainty offered by Jesus? Why do you think they were able to say yes to him?
- Jonah was upset when God spared Nineveh. How do you feel when you see people who don't get the punishment that you feel they deserve? Would you want all that you deserve?
- The special vocation of the lay faithful is to bring the light of Christ into secular affairs, into situations where that illumination can be brought only by them. Where do you see others living and witnessing to their faith in the temporal world, and what daily opportunities do you have to do the same?

## Quote of the Week

*"This is the time of fulfillment. . . . Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15).*

# January 24, 2021 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

*Jonah 3:1-5, 10 | Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 | 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 | Mark 1:14-20*

In life, it may seem that it doesn't always turn out that others listen and change their evil ways when confronted with the truth, or that people give up their families and livelihoods to follow God. We must be reading the Bible, because such things only happen there. Or do they? Each day men and women give up smoking, drinking, and drugs. Each day, unfaithful spouses repent and start again. And every day some generous souls join the Peace Corps, embrace religious life, or slip a ring onto another's finger because they heard a voice that said, "Come after me."

It's an insistent voice that voice we hear, and in today's readings, it is full of urgency. The time is short, it says. Respond now, before it's too late. The God who calls is full of forgiveness and of mercy, but we must reach out to take it. We must be willing to be changed, willing to give up what we enjoy and value, willing to repent of the ways of selfishness and pride. Remarkably, in the First Reading, it's God who repents "of the evil that he had threatened to do" (Jonah 3:10). Now it's our turn, for the world as we know it, whether we are aware of it or not, is passing away.

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**Next Sunday's Readings: "Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time"**

*Deuteronomy 18:15-20 | Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 | 1 Corinthians 7:32-34 | Mark 1:21-28*

## From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

***"They abandoned their nets...they left their father and followed him." (Mark 1:14-20)***

Our Gospel account this Sunday is about the call of Jesus' first disciples. As He passed by the Sea of Galilee, He saw these fishermen Simon and Andrew casting their nets. He said, "*Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.*" Peter and Andrew heard Jesus' invitation and responded abandoning their nets and followed Him. Jesus went on further and called James and John, the sons of Zebedee. They left their father and followed Him.

What is striking in this Gospel account was the response given to his invitation to follow Him. These four men left their livelihood and family. They did not present any conditions to Jesus' call. They followed the Lord and became witnesses to their Master when He finished His mission here on earth.

Our journey of life and faith is also a call to discipleship. It is not only saying with a big "Yes" but a total commitment of trust and faithfulness. More often, unlike the disciples, we set conditions to follow Him. We bargain if and only if things go along well. When difficult times come, we seek easy and comfortable ways. For the most part, we ignore His call and live accordingly to our ways and not of God's.

To respond to Jesus' call, we need to realize and respond to His call of conversion, "repent and believe in the Gospel." Through our conversion, we start slowly but surely to become followers and eventually witness of Jesus, especially in our very secularized world. When we do, we can open our eyes of faith and know the truth that Jesus taught. We are also able to open our hearts to do what Jesus did. In doing so, then we know we are being called like the disciples.

There is no doubt that each of us is being called to follow Him. Regardless of what situation in life we are in, the invitation is there. The question that we need to ask ourselves is this, "am I ready to commit myself to the Lord?" It may take time for us to answer, but one thing is certain, to be with the Lord is the best way to live our lives. It may be daunting because of discipleship's demands, but the reward can never be equated to any reward we may get in this earthly life.

May the Lord continue to bless you and your family. May He always keep you safe!

Your friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual