

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, May 9

### **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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

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

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Monday, May 10

### **Feast of St. Damien**

Masses at 6:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Tuesday, May 11

### **Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Easter**

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

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Wednesday, May 12

### **Wednesday of the Sixth Week of Easter**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 a.m.

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

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Thursday, May 13

### **Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter**

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

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Friday, May 14

### **Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle**

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

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Saturday, May 15

### **Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter**

Mass at 7:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 a.m.

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Sunday, May 16

### **Solemnity of the**

### **Ascension of the Lord**

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

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

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

## Quote of the Week

*"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you" (John 15:12).*

## Stewardship of Treasure

### **Offertory Collection**

4/26 – 5/2

Sunday Offering and Pentecost	\$ 4,456.16
Weekday	\$ 1,027.93
Online Giving	\$ 1,934.42
Feasts & Solemnities	\$ 30.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 7,448.51</b>

### **Other Collection**

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 30.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$ 5.00
Diocesan Retirement Fund	\$ 785.00
Hawaii Catholic Herald	\$ 100.00
Others (Gallery, Candles, Intention etc.)	\$ 1,863.55
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,232.06</b>

## Living the Liturgy

- We are told that Cornelius' household started "speaking in tongues" (Acts 10:46). Try to find someone who has experienced or observed this manifestation of the Spirit and dialogue with them about it.
- Make a "clock" with 10 instead of 12 numbers on the dial. Let each number represent a commandment. On a given day, set the hands to the commandment you want to especially work or focus on that day.
- Practice gratuitous acts of kindness at home this week. See who can be the first to voluntarily clear the table, take out the trash, or walk the dog. Talk about how we can show love to others without saying a single word.

## Sharing the Faith

- We are commanded to keep the commandments, yet Jesus says we are "friends" not "slaves" (John 15:14 – 15). What is the difference between how and why a slave and a friend keep commandments?
- Acts says the "Holy Spirit fell upon" Cornelius' household (10:44). What do you make of this dramatic manifestation of the Spirit? Do you think it still occurs today?
- Today's readings emphasize God's perfect love that reaches out to us even though we are sinners, enduring the cost of loving us even unto death. Is there anyone whom you find hard to love? How can you reach out to that person with the love of God?

## **Parish App Feature-of-the-Week**



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# May 9, 2021 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

*Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 | Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 | 1 John 4:7-10 | John 15:9-17*

“God is love” (1 John 4:8) is the greatest jewel in all of scripture, and perhaps its most misunderstood truth. That truth distinguished the God of Jesus from the capricious gods of ancient cultures. Our God is so unlike other gods that we don't even have the words or the imagination to express it. But that's where we trip up. Because God does so much, we think God will do it all. But God made us free, and with freedom comes responsibility. Slaves have no responsibilities, for they can only do what they're told. But free people can choose, and we're free to obey or disobey. It's how we use that freedom that makes the difference in our lives.

In Cornelius' home, Peter learned a lesson: God doesn't play favorites based on DNA or even circumcision. All who fear God and act uprightly are acceptable, but such generosity puts demands on us. That's why in this Easter Season we keep hearing Jesus tell us that if we love him, we must keep his commandments. Love is a seed or like the yeast in dough. It does what it does because it's in its nature to sprout or to leaven. But we can short-circuit the process if we don't tend the seed or don't let the dough sit and rise. God will never stop loving us, but that doesn't make our effort unnecessary. Our task is to remain open to that love by keeping the commandments.

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### **Next Sunday's Readings: “Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord”**

*Acts 1:1-11 | Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 | Ephesians 1:17-23 or 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13 | Mark 16:15-20*

## From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

***“As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love.” John 15: 9***

Jesus taught His disciples always to draw their hearts and minds to His commands. As witnessed by His way of life and love, He set a model for all those who would follow Him to live the same. Throughout Jesus' ministry, He stressed the word LOVE. He did not only say this but manifested it in His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. The way how He endured all the pain, scourged, crowned with thorns, and carrying the heavy cross to Calvary to be crucified were all His ways of showing the greatness of His love. A Love that no other human beings can follow. He always drew His strength with His Father, whom He experienced such great love. And that Jesus shared this love with His disciples. For His disciples to have this kind of love, He said, ***“Remain in my love.”***

Jesus' words were not only meant for His disciples then. His words are meant for us now. He commands us to remain in His love to bring goodness into our lives, our families, our communities, and our world. It is why the Son of God came into the world to bring us back to the goodness of God, LOVE itself. But not the sentimental kind of love. It is true love, ready for a person to commit and follow His ways and commands.

The Easter season is a time given to each of us to rekindle the spark of love that Jesus has for us. His love brings peace, joy, and goodness. His love gives life and hope. Thus, He is saying now to us, **“REMAIN IN MY LOVE.”**

Remaining in love can also be best experienced through the love of the mother. A mother who nurtured us and cared for us in her womb and bears all the pain of birth to give new life. Through the mother's love, we experience tenderness and affection that will inspire a child to live the best one can be.

Our world celebrates this Sunday Mother's Day! Let us all together not only greet them but also express how much we love them. And most of all, to thank them for the love they gave and will continue to give as we thread this journey called life.

To all mothers, Happy Mother's Day!

Your friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual