

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, June 27

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection for Holy Father (Peter's Pence)

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, June 28

Memorial of St. Irenaeus, *bishop, martyr*

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed after Mass

Tuesday, June 29

Solemnity of Ss. Peter & Paul, *Apostles*

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

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Wednesday, June 30

Wednesday of the 13th Week in Ordinary Time

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, July 1

Thursday of the 13th Week in Ordinary Time

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

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Friday, July 2 – *First Friday*

Friday of the 13th Week in Ordinary Time

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

Adoration/Benediction at 10:00 a.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Saturday, July 3 – *First Saturday*

Feast of St. Thomas, *Apostle*

Mass at 7:00 a.m.

Holy hour with Adoration/Benediction after Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 a.m.

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Live-Streamed Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Sunday, July 4

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory Collection

6/14 – 6/20

Sunday Offering	\$ 5,077.76
Weekday Mass	\$ 1,042.75
Online Giving	\$ 3,665.42
Feasts & Solemnities	\$ 125.00
Total Offertory	\$ 9,910.93

Other Collection

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 701.50
Holy Father (Peter's Pence)	\$ 100.00
Mass Intentions, Baptism, Weddings	\$ 357.00
Others (Gallery, Candles, etc.)	\$ 5,107.50
Total	\$ 16,176.93

Living the Liturgy

- Gather some photos of people you have known who are no longer living and display them to remind you that death was not the last word in these people's lives.
- Jesus says to Jairus, "Do not be afraid; just have faith" (Mark 5:36). Try reciting that verse in a mantra-like fashion the next time you face a very difficult situation.
- Our health is a great blessing from God, and we have a responsibility to him to maintain it. Decide, as a family upon one small lifestyle change you can make that will lead to healthier living. Simple suggestions include taking a family walk once a week, replacing fatty snacks like chips with raw veggies or unbuttered popcorn, eliminating carbonated drinks one day a week. Celebrate well-being, and praise God for the gift of health.

Sharing the Faith

- Does it seem like a cop-out to blame death on the devil?
- How would you counsel someone who could not understand why God would "send" a difficult trial or the death of a loved one into his or her lives?
- When Jesus cures the woman of a chronic illness and raises the dead girl to life, he affirms the words of Wisdom, that God did not make sorrow and death. When have you seen God's mercy amidst the evils brought about by human sin?

Saint of the Week

Our Saviour went to the wedding feast to make holy the origins of human life. - St. Cyril of Alexandria (376-444), Bishop, Doctor of the Church, Feast Day June 27

June 27, 2021 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 | Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 | 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15 | Cf. 2 Timothy 1:10 | Mark 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Earthly life is temporary and death always wins. From the moment of our birth, we move irrevocably closer. But scripture says it wasn't meant to be that way. This demon we call death is not God's creation. The "envy of the devil" (Wisdom 2:24), with man and woman's help, brought death into the world. Made in God's image, we were meant to be "imperishable" (Wisdom 2:23), not destined for oblivion. Really? Then why does death hover in every cranny, spreading disease and taking old and young alike? The mystery of suffering and death is just that, a mystery that God somehow uses for our good, to draw us closer and to manifest his love.

Can we make so bold a statement in the face of the daily horrors that we see around us? We can, because of Jesus. He is the assurance God gives us as we endure the seeming randomness of life. Behold: a woman's ravaged body finally made whole by just a touch; a young girl taken from her parents' dreams suddenly restored with just two words that echo still and always will: "*Talitha koum . . .*" ("Little girl, arise"). Miracles past are little solace to parents watching cancer claim their child. Only one thing, then, remains: he, too, accepted death. The one who did not cling to divinity but took our human flesh let death devour him, and in the darkness of that tomb, God intervened and overcame death forever. And the envious devil can't do a thing about it.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "14th Sunday in Ordinary"

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From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

Have Faith in Jesus!

Every day, we experience a lot of choices to make. From the moment we get up out of bed in the morning till we sleep at night, we make choices that could enable or spoil the beginning or end of our day. Yet, in as much as we would know how things would flow when we make good decisions that demand great responsibility, we still choose the other option that results in a minimal outcome or nothing at all. This is because fear gets in the way and stifles our motivations to do something more and better. When we are overwhelmed with fear, it stops us from living our lives fruitfully and meaningfully. But when we have what we call the leap of faith, life becomes different from how we look at it.

Our Gospel this Sunday is about the healing of the woman afflicted with hemorrhage for twelve years and the rising from the dead of the daughter of Jairus, a synagogue official. We are probably amazed at how the miracles happened. First, the woman with the illness touched the cloak of Jesus and was healed. Then, the girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around after Jesus uttered the words, "*Talitha koum,*" which means "Little girl, I say to you, arise!"

If we read through the story of these miracles, there is one common word that Jesus uttered, Faith. It was through faith that all became possible. Both the woman and the official act out of faith. They believed that Jesus had the power over sickness and death. They approached Jesus with sincere and open hearts. They had their trust in Him. If the woman did not have the leap of faith to touch Jesus' cloak or for Jairus to approach Him for his daughter's healing, then the miracle could not have happened.

These miracles show us how Jesus has the power over any obstacles that human life brings. Jesus once again manifested His great power that no human being can specifically raise someone from the dead. All that matters is faith - faith that enables one to recognize Jesus, endowed with divine power. It is also faith that opens one's heart and mind to trust in Him no matter what.

Jesus cares for all of us. He is open to help us go through life's challenges and pains. The Lord Jesus is concerned for our well-being. He is open to life and restores life in all its aspects. Jesus does not want us to be overwhelmed with our fears. For if we do, we will never experience the transforming effect of Jesus' words and deeds in our day-to-day lives. If we allow ourselves to listen to Him and open our hearts to trusting Him, it can bring us wonderful changes in our lives. He restores everything, for He is the Son of God, Who desires only the good of every human person and even the world we live in. This is why we call Him the Redeemer.

Having that leap of faith is allowing God to be in control. When we do that, we will certainly experience great miracles every single day. So let us all bear this in our minds, Have Faith!

Your friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual