

The Church's Calendar This Week

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

Monday, July 5

Independence Day Holiday (Observed)

Monday of the 14th Week in Ordinary Time

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed after Mass

Tuesday, July 6

Tuesday of the 14th Week in Ordinary Time

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

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Wednesday, July 7

Wednesday of the 14th 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 8

Thursday of the 14th Week in Ordinary Time

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

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Friday, July 9

Friday of the 14th 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 10

Saturday of the 14th Week in Ordinary Time

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 11

15th 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

6/21 – 6/27

Sunday Offering	\$ 4,238.50
Weekday Mass	\$ 805.97
Online Giving	\$ 1,450.05
Feasts & Solemnities	\$ 302.00
Total Offertory	\$ 6,796.52

Other Collection

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 97.00
Holy Father (Peter's Pence)	\$ 1,193.80
Mass Intentions, Baptism, Weddings	\$ 97.00
Others (Gallery, Candles, etc.)	\$ 765.50
Total	\$ 8,949.82

Living the Liturgy

- In your group, reflect quietly on one or two things you would consider a "weakness." Then share about the times that the "weakness" proved to be "strength" in your life.
- Create a small poster you can frame that says, "A Prophet Has Been among Them." Award it to someone in your community who has boldly or quietly proclaimed God's truth.
- Like the people of Jesus' hometown, many people look for God to do what is outside the laws of nature to prove himself, failing to see that the laws of nature themselves are God's order in what would otherwise be chaos. Look together at what surrounds you today with new eyes, recognizing all of it for the miracle it is. Allow wonder and awe to fill you, and savor and celebrate it.

Sharing the Faith

- What parts of you are most resistant to God's transforming Word and grace?
- Much speculation surrounds the identity of Paul's "thorn in the flesh" (2 Corinthians 12:7) — a physical or psychological ailment, another disciple, a temptation? What would you name as your "thorn in the flesh"?
- Prophets of old admonished the people to recognize and heed the presence of God's wisdom or suffer the inevitable effects of choices contrary to truth and order. Where do you see modern prophets calling us back to God's wisdom?

Saint of the Week

Almighty God, give me wisdom to perceive You, intelligence to understand You, diligence to seek You, patience to wait for You, eyes to behold You, a heart to meditate upon You and life to proclaim You, through the power of the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. - Benedict of Nursia (480-547), Monk, Patron of Europe, Feast Day July 11

July 4, 2021 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Ezekiel 2:2-5 | Psalm 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 | 2 Corinthians 12:7 - 10 | Alleluia: Cf. Luke 4:18 | Mark 6:1-6

Jesus was not the prophet that the people were expecting. He was Mary's boy, the son of the carpenter who built their dinner tables. What did he know? Who was he to preach? The citizens of Nazareth start off "astonished" at his words, his "wisdom" and his "mighty deeds" (Mark 6:2). Soon they put all that aside and remind themselves he is just a local boy. In the end, it is Jesus who is astonished, and their lack of faith so clogs the channels of grace within him that he cannot bless them as he has blessed so many others.

God's people — that is, all people — have been a rebellious, stubborn lot from the beginning. God knows us well. Therefore, God tells Ezekiel to go to the rebels and say to them, "Thus says the Lord God!" (Ezekiel 2:4). The rest is up to them. Then God speaks one of scripture's most memorable lines, one that should haunt us every time we plug our ears and choose not to listen. "Whether they heed or resist," says the Lord, "for they are a rebellious house — they shall know that a prophet has been among them" (Ezekiel 2:5). Give your heart a name and call it Nazareth. Now consider: will Christ find honor in the "home" of your heart or will he, in horror, have to move on to another place?

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Next Sunday's Readings: "15th Sunday in Ordinary"

Amos 7:12-15 | Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 | Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10 | Alleluia: Cf. Ephesians 1:17-18 | Mark 6:7-13

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

Nurturing Our Faith in Jesus

We are familiar with the expression, "familiarity breeds contempt." It means that the more acquainted one becomes with a person, the more one knows about his or her shortcomings and, hence, the easier it is to dislike that person. In our Gospel Reading this Sunday, Jesus himself experienced the truth about this. Thus, He said, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." People around him were talking about His family, His trade, and His whereabouts and more so took offense at Him. Just imagine how difficult it must have been for Jesus to experience such resistance and rejection. The words "took offense at him" are so strong to express that "even though we are astonished at your words, we just don't care about it because we know who you are." As a consequence, He was not able to perform any mighty deed there apart from curing a few sick people. Jesus could have done nothing at all. But He is who He is. He cares and He persists in doing the will of His Father. He must have felt sorry for them but just amazed at their lack of faith.

It is evident that lack of faith brings about nothing at all. The lack of faith in Jesus results in not recognizing the truth about Him, His works and evidently His teachings. Also, if there is lack of faith in Him, minds are redirected to accepting and even believing relative truths of the world. Rejection and resistance of Jesus come in the form of laws and principles that are relative to everyone's whims and caprices. Oftentimes, these are regulated for everyone to accept no matter what. It will result in not having a firm relationship with Jesus and not convinced of the truths revealed in Sacred Scripture. As such, we can become like atheists, not believing in God at all.

Last weekend, I reflected with you with my article, "Have Faith in Jesus!". Having faith in God enables us to see things that keep our journey going. Although oftentimes we are controlled by our fear that stifles us to take that leap to see what God has in store for us. We bind our hands and just do not do anything at all which eventually results in nothing.

Like Jesus, though He may have experienced such resistance and rejection from His own people, kin and family, His mission will never be stopped. He continued on doing what He was called to do even to the point of being crucified which was the ultimate way of rejection by those who did not believe in Him. He entrusted this mission to the Church. Through the Church, we can nurture our faith in Jesus.

The Church will always be a herald of God's message of salvation. The difference now is how open are we to receive the message of Christ and live it? Is our faith in Him motivating us to a life of conversion and action to take part in His mission? Or is our faith in Him limited to simply knowing Him and just wait for things to happen? Are we lacking in faith? If we say Yes or Maybe, we need to do something about it. If we say No, then let us continue nurturing it.

Your friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual