

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, July 28

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection for Repairs & Maintenance

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm

Infant Baptism at 12:00n Mass

Monday, July 29

Memorial of St. Martha

Tuesday, July 30

Tuesday of the 17th Week in Ordinary Time

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, July 31

Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, August 1

Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop,

Doctor of the Church

Friday, August 2

Friday of the 17th Week in Ordinary Time

Adoration/Benediction at 10:00am

Saturday, August 3

Saturday of the 17th Week in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Mass & Holy Hour at 12:00n

Ss. Damien/Marianne Prayer Group at 12:30pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, August 4

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm

Attention Men

The Men's ACTS (Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service) Retreat is a parish-based evangelization tool that offers parishioners an opportunity to encounter the love of Jesus Christ. The retreat conducted by Hawaii ACTS Ministry starts Thursday, August 22nd and ends Sunday morning, August 25th. Please call Ron Gochenouer at (808) 306-7502 for more information.

Rummage Sale

RUMMAGE SALE, sponsored by the Senior Ministry, is scheduled on Sunday, July 28, 2019 from 10:00 - 2:00 pm at the Kamiano Center. Donations welcomed. For more information, please call the parish office.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 8,313.49
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,241.10
Coffers	\$ 482.10
Holy Day Collection	\$ 410.00
Total	\$ 10,446.69



Second Collection

MAHALO NUI LOA FOR SHOWING YOUR SUPPORT OF THE SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND.

The Office of Vocations would like to say MAHALO for your generous contribution from all the parishioners and parishes throughout the diocese! The 2019 SPECIAL S.E.F. COLLECTION helps in covering the cost of our seminarians at different levels of education to be trained for the priesthood, and to serve the faithful in the diocese of Honolulu. Mahalo for your generosity!

“Your reward shall be great in heaven”! (Luke 6:23)

Living the Liturgy

- Paragraph 2635 in the Catechism of the Catholic Church talks about intercession, or asking God for something on behalf of someone else. Read this paragraph, either in print or online, and discuss with a friend or a group how this might direct who we remember in our prayer.
- Take the phrases of the Lord's Prayer from the Gospel reading for this Sunday. Reflect on each individual phrase. What does it mean to you? Discuss your different ideas with a group.
- Create a time to pray daily. Ask for what you need to continue to serve as Jesus' disciple. Reflect on how God responds to your prayers.

Young Adult Ministry

Young Adult Ministry (ages 18-39) meets on the first and third Sundays of the month and for many other activities. Text CBYAM to 84576 to sign up for updates. Please join us next Sunday, August 4, for a potluck lunch and fellowship.

Marriage Ministry

We are looking for married couples in the Catholic Church to give a talk/share about their relationship as a couple. Email Deacon Joe and Easter at jalmuena@rcchawaii.org.

July 28, 2019 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Genesis 18:20-32 | Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 | Colossians 2:12-14 | Luke 11:1-13

Many of us take vitamins or nutritional supplements to keep our bodies fit or develop muscles. Building our bodies from the inside out is important to good health. The more attuned we are to the needs of our bodies, the better able we are to treat our bodies with care and respect.

The psalm for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time gives us a similar image for prayer. The psalmist tells us that when he called on God, God built up his strength. We pray to nourish ourselves and build our muscle to continue the journey of discipleship. We pray not just for our own personal needs, though they are important, but also that we might follow Christ more closely and witness to him through our care for our brothers and sisters.

Both Abraham's dialogue with God in the First Reading and the friend who persistently knocks at another's door in the Gospel reading remind us our prayer with God must be about strengthening the spirit within ourselves and our neighbors, for we and they are God's children.

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

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 | Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 | Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 | Luke 12:13-21

From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Ohana,

With hearts full of gratitude to our Lord, we gather on this day, to give praise and honor to Him.

What a beautiful way to hear Jesus teaching His disciples how to pray. He was just finished praying. One of his disciples requested him to teach them how to pray. Jesus responded by teaching them the "Our Father." Not only that He taught them this prayer but also He taught them in a manner where they know to whom they can pray. Jesus revealed to them His Father, and through Him, they could also claim Him as their Father.

The prayer Our Father may have become ordinary for us. How many times during the day do we pray this beautiful prayer? Maybe for some, at least we pray or sing this at Mass on Sundays. When it becomes ordinary and the frequency of praying it, one way or the other we lose one of the most important elements of praying. That is, to establish a deep relationship with God. If we try to realize how we pray, we often lay down what we ask of God to give us. We get frustrated at times when we know that our prayers are not answered. We lose hope and stop. But our Readings on this Seventeenth Sunday also remind us of persistence in praying. Like Abraham, he kept on pleading to God to spare Sodom from destruction and death if he finds people who are innocent. Abraham never got weary pleading to God, and God listened and granted his prayers.

Is praying just mere saying words? Or is praying our way of realizing ourselves in the presence of God and knowing what we need to pray for? When we pray, do we also have a sense that God also uses us to answer the prayers of those who are in need? When God gives us such an abundance, do we also learn to share what He has given us? When God forgives us from our sins, do we also forgive those who wronged us? The prayer Our Father is very profound. A powerful prayer that stirs the mind and heart to change our lives for God, for our neighbor and ourselves.

Pray fervently in your solitude and feel the difference. Mean every word, and it will make a big change in your life.

May God bless you all and may He bless our endeavors for the Cathedral Basilica. I remain,

Yours in the Lord,

Fr. Pascual