

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, August 4

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Young Adult Ministry meeting at 12:00n

Monday, August 5

Monday of the 18th Week in Ordinary Time

Tuesday, August 6

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, August 7

Wednesday of the 18th Week in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, August 8

Memorial of St. Dominic, Priest

Friday, August 9

Friday of the 18th Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 10

Feast of St. Lawrence, deacon & martyr

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, August 11

19th 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.

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. This Sunday we will have a fellowship potluck followed by Lectio Divina. Bring a dish to share and meet at the Gallery at noon.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,133.73
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,514.49
Coffers	\$ 459.36
Holy Day Collection	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 9,097.58



Sharing Faith

- In your life journey, what has sometimes taken possession of you? How has God helped in the past to diminish the importance of these possessions? How does he offer help to you now?
- What parts of you might Paul invite you to consider seeing as belonging to your old self? What new self might you put on?
- To whom or in what situations can you offer God's healing presence?

Living the Liturgy

- Listen to a song about being open to God's call to live in right relationships or to walk in his ways of justice and healing (for example, "Open My Eyes" (Manibusan), "The Harvest of Justice" (Haas), "All That We Have" (Ault), and "If Today You Hear God's Voice" (Farrell). What is God telling you through music or the lyrics?
- Journal for yourself and then discuss with a group how pressure from one's peers, family members, members of one's culture or society in general makes us want more. Where does this desire come from? What is the Gospel response to this desire?
- Make a list of your possessions in one dresser, one closet, a backpack, or in the basement or garage. Look over your list and reflect which of these are essential for your life in God.

General Assembly of Volunteers

Fr. Pascual, our Rector, is calling all volunteers of the Cathedral Basilica to a general assembly on August 25th at 1:00 PM, after the Sunday Noon Mass. All ministry volunteers will gather inside the church. Please call the office during office hours for RSVP. Deadline to list your participation will be on August 21st.

Rummage Sale

RUMMAGE SALE, sponsored by the Senior Ministry is scheduled today from 10:00 - 2:00 pm at the Kamiano Center.

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.

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Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

Many of us take vitamins or nutritional supplements to keep our bodies fit or develop muscles. Building Jesus tells a masterful parable about a rich man with a bountiful harvest in this Sunday's reading from the Gospel. In the space of the three verses in which the man contemplates his future, he refers to himself ten times without ever mentioning anyone else, much less God. In introducing this parable, Jesus warned against greed using a Greek word which implies not just a desire for more, but of basing one's security on material possessions.

The rich man probably worked hard for his wealthy storehouses. We, too, work hard for our homes and assets. We labor to take care of our future and our families. But our true labor is to be for God, open to his voice. If we are attentive to God, then all our days we will seek to do his will, know his ways, and be Jesus' disciples. Each day, we will work to restore relationships, heal our broken world, and build up God's kingdom. We will take off our old selves and put on a new ones just as Paul advises!

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

Wisdom 18:6-9 / Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 / Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12 / Luke 12:32-48

From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Ohana,

Blessings of peace, love, and joy to all!

How wonderful it is to be allowed to address you all my beloved parishioners of the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace. Through this means of communication, as your Rector and Pastor, I can write to you and your family members here, in the mainland and even abroad. In this way, we can journey together in life and faith as we enrich our relationship with our Chief Shepherd, our Lord Jesus Christ.

This Sunday, our Readings for the Liturgy presents to us cautions that we need to know. We all have come across in our lives the word, GREED. Wordweb Dictionary defines greed as "*excessive desire to acquire or possess more, especially more material wealth than one needs or deserves.*" By definition itself, we can already see the danger in a person's life when overwhelmed with greed. Not only that greediness can cause too much attachment to material possession but also makes a person so selfish and always discontented. The desire to acquire more material wealth leaves out the more essential things in life like family, health, goodness, care, faithfulness, faith, and more. St. Paul reminds us in his Letter to the Colossians, "*think of what is above, not of what is on earth.*"

Jesus invites us to look deeper into ourselves what are our priorities in life. In as much as we entrust ourselves to the graciousness of God, Jesus calls us to work as best as we can to support ourselves, our families, and all those who are in need. Our task is not to enrich ourselves and forget others, just like the rich man in the parable who built bigger storage to keep all his riches for himself. But rather, when we know that we are gifted with such goodness, we open our hands and give out of generosity to those who are poor and needy. They can be a family member, a neighbor, or even someone whom we do not personally know.

When that day and time will come that we present ourselves to God, do you think that He will value us because of what we have here on earth? Or even because of how much we have given to be recognized by others? What I think is that He does not value us this way but by how we can truly be rich in love of Him and share our gifts with a generosity of heart. The only thing that we could carry and able to present to Him is who we are. No luggage, no storage but only ourselves.

May God bless you all and may He bless our endeavors for the Cathedral Basilica. I remain,
Yours in the Lord,
Fr. Pascual