

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, August 9

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00a/12:00/4:00/6:00p

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

Monday, August 10

Feast of St. Lawrence, *deacon, martyr*

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

Tuesday, August 11

Memorial of St. Claire, *virgin*

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

Wednesday, August 12

Wednesday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Mass at 6:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 13

Thursday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time

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

Friday, August 14

Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe,

Priest and Martyr

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

Saturday, August 15

Solemnity of the Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass at 7:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00a – 11:00 a.m.

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 16

Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00a/12:00/4:00/6:00p

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

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory Collection

7/27 – 8/2

Sunday Offering	\$ 3,984.05
Weekday	\$ 582.48
Online Giving	\$ 944.48
Feasts & Solemnities	\$ 60.00
Coffers	\$ 57.79
Total Offertory	\$ 5,628.80

Other Collection

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 745.50
Mass Intention	\$ 120.00
Holy Father (Peter's Pence)	\$ 1.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$ 36.00
Others (Candles, Outreach, etc.)	\$ 847.93
Total	\$ 7,379.23

Sharing the Faith

- Justice is a strong theme of today's Responsorial Psalm. Where are you working for God's reign of justice and peace?
- Jesus asks Peter why he doubted yet reached out to hold him. Where does God invite you to explore your doubt while being held in God's hands?
- In what quiet place do you find God?

Living the Liturgy

- Prophets often had to display much courage and strength to deliver God's message to his people. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says their prayer was "attentiveness to the Word of God" (2584). How are you called to be attentive to God's Word? Share with another person what you learn from the prophets, including Jesus.
- How can you make time this week to hear whisperings of God? Even Jesus took time to withdraw by himself. Can you take a walk alone? Make a short retreat? Climb a mountain? Sit somewhere you will not be interrupted? Making time for God's voice to be heard requires effort on our part. What will you do?
- By yourself or with a group, create a collage of pictures or images that speak to you of being held in the palm of God's hand. They might be images of how God comes to meet us. Use your collage to pray for courage and trust when you feel doubtful or anxious about God's care.

Limited Seating

There is limited seating in the church to allow social distancing. Please call the office Monday through Friday at (808) 536-7036 or go to our website: www.cathedralofourladyofpeace.com to reserve a space at Sunday Mass.

During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them, walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once [Jesus] spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid" (Matthew 14:25 – 27).

August 9, 2020 – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a | Psalm 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 | Romans 9:1-5 | Matthew 14:22-33

In the Bible, mountains are traditionally places for encounters with God. Such encounters usually are accompanied by spectacular occurrences such as fire, wind, earthquakes, and storms. But this was not Elijah's experience. God came to him in an unexpected way as a tiny, whispering sound.

In the Gospel passage, after Jesus' had fed the multitudes he went up the mountain to pray. Jesus sought time alone with God. What an example that is to us! Meanwhile, the disciples are struggling in the middle of a storm. Jesus comes down from the mountain and walks on the water toward them. Though they know Jesus, they are frightened by what they see him doing. But he speaks to them and calms their fears.

In both of these stories, God comes into human experience. Elijah meets God, but he had to be willing to find him in a way he did not expect. The disciples were afraid meet God, but they had to open their eyes and take courage, trusting it is indeed the Lord. These passages show us that when God comes, we need to trust him.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace"

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 | Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 | Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 | Matthew 15:21-28

From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

"Take courage; it is I; do not be afraid."

Two weeks ago, we heard the coming of hurricane Douglas to hit our islands. We were all close monitoring the weather forecast and advised to prepare ourselves not only for the incoming threat. As we all know, it is the hurricane season, and we all need to prepare and safeguard our properties and, most especially, our lives. We need to have a steady supply of food, water, power generators, batteries, and more for at least fourteen days. There is no better way to do things whenever situations come like this other than be always prepared. The hurricane passed by, and our worries were frightful. We are grateful to our Lord that the hurricane did not hit all our islands directly, and we had been spared. Worries after worries come, especially that we are still experiencing the threat of the Coronavirus. It gets overwhelming, and we may feel resigned and even losing our hope for a brighter tomorrow.

Amidst the anxieties, fear, and worries we feel when these situations happen, the words of Jesus are so reassuring and providing us with comfort, *"take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."* He calls us and reminds us that He will lift us and get us through the tragedies that come our way. Not only natural calamities and illness but even the troubles of life we experience. Although He keeps reassuring us of His presence, love, forgiveness, compassion, and help, we become like Peter, who keeps testing him if He is the Lord. Like Peter, we lose our focus and get overwhelmed by the concerns of life. It is then that we sink and start to drown, and only then we cry out, "Lord, save me."

As we notice in the story, Jesus was with His disciples during the storm. He did not abandon them. He walked so calmly as He approached the disciples who were troubled, weary, fearful, afraid, and hopeless. When He got into the boat, everything calmed down, and everyone felt at peace.

Jesus reminds us that He is with us always, no matter what. He calms every storm of our lives when we cling to Him even during these difficult times we are in. Let us brace ourselves with His presence and words of comfort so that amidst the storms we experience, we feel peaceful and calm. Let our faith in Him be our source of courage and hope. Let it not decline but rather strengthened so we can face any adversity or adversities in life, knowing that Jesus is reaching out to us always. In Jesus, we find comfort, peace, and joy in life!

Your friend in the Lord,

Fr. Pascual