

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, August 11

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, August 12

Monday of the 19th Week in Ordinary Time

Tuesday, August 13

Tuesday of the 19th Week in Ordinary Time

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, August 14

Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe,

priest and martyr

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, August 15

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Festive Mass at 12:00n

Friday, August 16

Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of Our Lady, Queen of Peace

Festive Mass at 12:00n

Admission Day Holiday

Cathedral Basilica on Holiday Schedule

Saturday, August 17

Saturday of the 19th Week in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, August 18

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection for Repairs & Maintenance

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

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.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 9,405.19
Weekday Collection	\$ 2,403.51
Coffers	\$ 437.25
Holy Day Collection	\$ 147.00
Total	\$ 12,392.95



Sharing Faith

- When has your faith journey made you feel like a stranger or lost in a foreign land? What was God's message to you then?
- Who in life has been a witness of faith? To whom do you think you give a similar example of faith?
- Where is a place that God may be calling you to serve? Is it somewhere new?

Living the Liturgy

- Find out the story of an immigrant or group of immigrants who have settled in a new country. The library or Internet can help you find some. What about their faith or faith traditions did they bring on their journey? How do they believe or trust in God?
- Make a list of things that God trusts us to do in the world. List the messages about God's kingdom that we are called to proclaim. List the virtues we are called to practice. Share your list with a friend or group.
- Recall the story of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Perhaps you can see a movie about him or read or listen to his speeches. What images of God's covenant and our call to take care of one another did he use during his lifetime? Recall that he was a Baptist minister and preacher.

Religious Education

There is still time to register for our Religious Education Program being offered at the Cathedral Basilica. You can contact our Director of Religious Education, Mike Bauer at mbauer@rcchawaii.org or call the office at (808) 536-7036.

Young Adult Ministry

Young Adult Ministry (ages 18-39) meets on the first and third Sundays of the month at noon for many activities. Text CBYAM to 84576 to sign up for updates. Bring a dish to share and meet at the Gallery.

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

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

Abraham and Sarah are our ancestors in faith, part of our family tree of faith. Long ago, they trusted God and the promises of his covenant. Because of their trust and faith, they became sojourners. They left the safety of home and traveled to foreign lands. Yet they held fast to their faith in God. In response, God gave them descendants as numerous as the stars and the sands of the seashore. We are among those stars!

In the Gospel reading, Jesus instructs his disciples: do not be afraid, know where your treasure lies, light your lamps, and be ready to go forth. Like Abraham and Sarah and Jesus' disciples, we are people whom God has chosen to journey in faith. Although it is not always easy to trust the God of the covenant, we go forth willing to let go of control over our own lives and, like our ancestors, offer ourselves to God's service. Indeed, we starry descendants have a wonderful family heritage. Let us pass on that heritage to others!

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

Jeremiah 38:4-6, / Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18 / Hebrews 12:1-4 / Luke 12:49-53

From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Ohana,

"He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord..."

Psalm 15: 2

The verse quoted above is the response to our Psalm this 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time. It expresses how we can be acknowledged or even rewarded by our response to the call of God for us. We remind ourselves that God continues to call us to live as beloved sons and daughters, faithful disciples of Jesus and committed stewards of the Church. He invites us into His loving and forgiving presence. It is up to us whether to respond to his invitation or not. The lesson that the response expresses is that he who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. I firmly believe that all of us will live in His presence. It is great to be assured that we can be in His presence, but it calls us to do something with it. It is not enough that we need to know about it and be complacent with it. It demands responsibility and lives in the way of the truth that He teaches through His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and Redeemer.

Our response to His call can be varied. It can be demonstrated by our very act of kindness. Abraham, in our First Reading, showed that kindness through his hospitality to the three men. The same hospitality was also extended by Martha and Mary when they welcomed the Lord Jesus in their home. Though we may see a different scenario with the two sisters regarding their concern for the Lord, the story stresses more that, every service, most especially serving the Lord, cannot be separated from listening to the Word. The Lord teaches Martha and all of us today that hospitality is expressed how we listen and live Christ in our day to day life. If we listen and live His Word, we can determine right from wrong. If we can do that, then we can start living justly in the presence of God.

Remember from last Sunday's Gospel about the scholar of the law asking Jesus what must he do to inherit eternal life? And Jesus' response was to ask him about the law? It would be great to once again remind us of these laws for living up to the laws of God can we truly say that we live justly, that is, to love God with all our heart, being, strength and mind and to love our neighbor as ourselves. It is difficult to follow it but know that it is always possible to fulfill it.

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

Yours in the Lord,

Fr. Pascual