

## The Church's Calendar This Week

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 6:00 p.m.

Monday, August 17

### **Monday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time**

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

Tuesday, August 18

### **Tuesday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time**

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

Wednesday, August 19

### **Wednesday of the Twentieth 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 20

### **Memorial of St. Bernard, abbot, doctor of the Church**

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

Friday, August 21

### **Memorial of St. Pius X, pope**

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

Saturday, August 22

### **Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Mass at 7:00 a.m.

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

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 23

### **Twenty-first 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.

## 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](http://www.cathedralofourladyofpeace.com) to reserve a space at Sunday Mass.

## Stewardship of Treasure

### **Offertory Collection**

**8/3 – 8/9**

Sunday Offering	\$ 3,683.03
Weekday (with Latin Mass)	\$ 790.96
Online Giving	\$ 3,533.65
Feasts & Solemnities	\$ 290.00
Coffers	\$ 116.20
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 8,413.84</b>

### **Other Collection**

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 50.00
Mass Intention	\$ 1,084.00
Catholic Charities Hawai'i	\$ 25.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$ 10.00
Others (Candles, Outreach, etc.)	\$ 347.19
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,930.03</b>

## Sharing the Faith

- How are you a light that helps others come to know the Lord?
- How can you make the Sabbath a different day than the rest to experience God?
- How do the foreigner and the outcast challenge your image of God? What does Jesus' encounter with the Canaanite woman say to you?

## Living the Liturgy

- People often go where they are invited. Have you ever invited a friend, neighbor, or family member to attend your church with you? You do not have to feel you are trying to convert them, but welcoming them to come experience your church community and learn more about your faith. The goal is not to make your friend feel pressured to adhere to your beliefs, but to make your friend feel welcomed in your church community.
- How does your parish reach out to other places or cultures? Do you have a sister parish relationship? Do you send delegations to help others? Do you participate in a neighborhood program? Find out how you might take an active part in the building of these relationships.
- Today is Sunday, the Sabbath. Is that day any different for you than other days? How do our Jewish brethren or other religious traditions honor it? How do you honor the Sabbath and keep it holy?

*The foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, / ministering to him, / loving the name of the Lord, / and becoming his servants . . . / Them I will bring to my holy mountain . . . / for my house shall be called/a house of prayer for all peoples (Isaiah 56:6 –7).*

# Aug. 16, 2020 – Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

If we were to write the Gospel story as a play, the Canaanite woman would have a starring role in her encounter with Jesus. She steps forward, passing the disciples, and speaks to Jesus on behalf of her sick daughter. As a Canaanite woman, she would not have been welcomed by Jews. What a risk she took! Three times, she persists in asking for Jesus' help. Finally, her determination and courage are acknowledged and her daughter is healed. In the First Reading, Isaiah proclaims that foreigners who join themselves to God will be accepted and included among the holy ones, for God's call is for all. This Sunday's psalm response sings of the praise that will come to God from all nations because of the faithfulness of the Jews. Though believers may have to cross boundaries and bridge barriers that many find unacceptable, their witness to God's action reveals that God welcomes all. The Canaanite woman, one of the ones who acknowledged God's gracious mercy and compassion, is a witness to us all.

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### **Next Sunday's Readings: "Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time"**

*Isaiah 22:19-23 | Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 | Romans 11:33-36 | Matthew 16:13-20*

## From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

*"For my house shall be called a house of Prayer for all People" Isaiah 56:7*

The recent weeks have been filled with concern as the coronavirus spreads through our island's communities. As we watch the effects of this disease take a hold of our people, our businesses, our livelihoods, we do not find ourselves in despair, but faithfully stronger than ever! Our charity has deepened as we make individual sacrifices for each other like wearing a mask and distancing. Our servitude toward each other has grown as we bring home meals to our elderly neighbors. Our mission of evangelizing the Gospel has spread wide, as we flood our social media sites with encouraging words of hope and prayer. Our homes have opened to the Word of God through livestreamed Masses in our living rooms. We have witnessed our love of Jesus Christ to our families through countless prayers of spiritual communion.

The Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace, whom we have loved and cared for through almost two centuries, continues to stand as a beacon of light for us as we interpret God's lessons of this pandemic. She stands with the wisdom and understanding that only time could nurture. She knows that suffering brings caring, that ordinary men and women mature in holiness and sainthood, that war and despair turns to forgiveness and peace. Our historic mother church is new to every generation of people who turn to her in the grace of sacramental living. She is ours to love and care for in our lifetime, and we are God's to love and care for in eternity.

Thank you for all the gifts of support you have given to the Cathedral Renewal Campaign as we maintain and restore her glory for years to come. The pains of our current sacrifices will soon be a memory, and we will once again see each other's smiles, and pack the church as we sit in the comforting presence of our faith community and give glory to God in unison!

Your friend in the Lord,  
Fr. Pascual