

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, August 18

### **20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Repairs & Maintenance**

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

Monday, August 19

### **Monday of the 20<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

Tuesday, August 20

#### **Memorial of St. Bernard, Abbot,**

*Doctor of the Church*

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, August 21

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, August 22

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

Friday, August 23

### **Friday of the 20<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

Saturday, August 24

#### **Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, August 25

### **21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Catholic Charities Hawaii**

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

## Mission Statement

The Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace is the mother church of the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii. We embrace our rich history founded on generations of faith filled Catholics greatly enhanced by the legacy of Saints Damien and Marianne. Our Parish life centers on worship and on being a source of spiritual and sacramental nourishment. We strive to welcome people from many different places and backgrounds.

## Catholic Charities Hawaii

Next weekend we will be taking up a special collection for Catholic Charities Hawaii. To learn more, please visit their website at [www.CatholicCharitiesHawaii.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesHawaii.org) "Let us renew in faith by encounters with Jesus... that we may put our faith in action as we encounter others."

## Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,879.48
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,632.92
Coffers	\$ 556.32
Holy Day Collection	\$ 53.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,121.72</b>



## Sharing Faith

- Who challenges my religious beliefs? How do I respond?
- How do I take advantage of the cloud of witnesses, those saints eager to help me?
- How have challenges strengthened or weakened my faith?

## Living the Liturgy

- Deal with difficulties this week. Face those problems that may be lingering. Talk about them. Write them down. Air your concerns openly and lovingly. If the problem is too big to tackle alone, seek our professional help. God wants us to be at peace and provides the tools we need. Pray with the saints and others who have died in faith and invite them to help in finding solutions.
- Look for courageous characters in books, videos, or the news. Look for examples of people who deal valiantly with unwelcome messages or circumstances in their lives. Talk about what you can learn from them.

## General Assembly of Volunteers

Fr. Pascual, our Rector, is calling all volunteers of the Cathedral Basilica to a general assembly on August 25<sup>th</sup> 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 Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>.

## 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](mailto:jalmuena@rcchawaii.org).

## August 18, 2019 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

*Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 | Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18 | Hebrews 12:1-4 | Luke 12:49-53*

Discipleship and its cost continue to dominate the Gospel passages of these days. In all of today's reading, in fact, this theme finds expression.

In the Gospel, Jesus declares to the disciples that it is not to establish peace for which he has come, but rather to bring division. Of course, we know the bottom line to be this saying: To follow Christ is difficult, and it may lead to struggles, separation from others, and even persecution.

The first reading gives an example of such a decision and its consequences. The princess who urged the king to get rid of the prophet despises Jeremiah. King Zedekiah allows the princes to do with Jeremiah as they wish, and thus they throw the prophet into a cistern. The king changes his mind and has Jeremiah rescued. Today's psalmist praises the Lord for having heard his cry and for drawing him back out of the depths.

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

*Isaiah 66:18-21 | Psalm 117:1, 2 | Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 | Luke 13:22-30*

### **From the Desk of Fr. Pascual**

Dear Cathedral Ohana,

Blessings of peace, love, and joy to all!

Jesus' words in our Gospel this Sunday may stir our thoughts about His statement that He came not to establish peace but rather division. We may even conclude that it is contradictory of Him as the Prince of Peace or one who would teach, "blessed are the peacemakers." If we are to take His words as the way it is without pondering deeply on it, we may end up abandoning Him and look for people who would say otherwise. But if we are to study and reflect His words, we find the truth of what he wanted to teach not only His disciples but also for us today.

A man of the world lives by the rules of the world. Fullness of life is measured by money, power, fame and enjoying the many allurements of the world. Life in this way is geared towards pleasure of all sorts. But a man for Jesus lives by the ways of Jesus. Fullness of life is measured by living the commandments of God, living the Gospel Values and faithful stewards of this world. Life in this way is geared towards heaven and living in the Kingdom of God.

From this perspective, we can truly grasp what Jesus was trying to say. Jesus brought division to this world. It was clearly manifested in His Passion, Death and Resurrection. Those who put him to death lived the life of the world. Submitting Himself to the Cross was the sure sign of that division that He has brought to the world.

Oftentimes, we live in a dilemma how to be able to live our lives. But a person committed to the Lord would be able to feel in his or her heart the tension that the world proposes. One cannot resist rejection and opposition if lives are totally offered to Jesus. Many would choose otherwise because we try to avoid being hurt or being hurtful or even, we just want the way it is and not according to the ways of Jesus. If we say we follow the Lord, then let it be our words and actions conform to His. Then we know, we are on the side of Jesus.

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

Yours in the Lord,

Fr. Pascual