

## The Church's Calendar This Week

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.

Monday, August 24

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

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

Tuesday, August 25

### **Tuesday of the Twenty-first Week in Ordinary Time**

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

Wednesday, August 26

### **Wednesday of the Twenty-first 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 27

### **Memorial of St. Monica**

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

Friday, August 28

### **Memorial of St. Augustine, Bishop,**

*Doctor of the Church*

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

Saturday, August 29

### **Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist**

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 30

### **Twenty-second 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.

## **Parish App Feature-of-the-Week**



Giving

- Access to online giving
- Quick and convenient
- Help support our parish with the tap of a button

Learn more or download our parish app at [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com)

\*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

## Stewardship of Treasure

### **Offertory Collection**

**8/10 – 8/16**

Sunday Offering	\$ 2,908.25
Weekday	\$ 768.04
Online Giving	\$ 1,987.80
Feasts & Solemnities	\$ 354.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 6,018.09</b>

### **Other Collection**

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 347.85
Mass Intention	\$ 57.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$ 1,084.00
Catholic University of America	\$ 25.00
Others (Candles, Outreach, etc.)	\$ 196.00

**Total** \$ **7,727.94**

## Sharing the Faith

- What is your response to Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?"
- What are you willing to risk in order to follow Jesus more closely?
- What responsibilities do you have to God and your neighbor because you have professed your faith in Jesus Christ?

## Living the Liturgy

- In the First Reading, God replaces Shebna with Eliakim, who is to act justly and develop a sense of power and authority rooted not in individuals, but in God. Those who abuse their power and authority are responsible to God for their actions. Where do you see people using their powers justly? How is that manifested? Pray this week for that kind of witness.
- You can read stories of the saints and martyrs who risked their lives for their belief and witness. Where in our days are we called to give witness to what we believe? What help does God promise to those who follow him?
- Summer is almost over. Look back on your summer activities. Where have you drawn closer to God? Where have you built the kinds of relationships God invites from us? Where have you forgiven or healed another with your actions or words? It is never too late to start.

*Simon*

*Peter said in reply,*

*"You are the Christ, the  
Son of the living God"*

*(Matthew 16:16).*

# Aug. 23, 2020 – Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

As the disciples journeyed with Jesus, they saw him touch many people and work many miracles. In the previous chapter, we hear of his work: "Great crowds came to him, having with them the lame, the blind, the deformed, the mute, and many others. They placed them at his feet, and he cured them" (Matthew 15:30). Jesus follows those healings with another miracle of feeding a crowd of four thousand with baskets of food left over once again. (We heard the first one on the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.) It is after they have seen these things that Jesus asks his disciples: "But who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:15).

Simon replies with a statement of faith naming Jesus the Son of the Living God. In response to his declaration, Jesus blessed Peter, changed his name, and made him the bedrock of the Church. Peter's risk and faith changed his life irrevocably. This is the foundational strength of the community: acknowledge that Jesus is the Christ. Do that and your life will be changed!

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

*Jeremiah 20:7-9 / Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 / Romans 12:1-2 / Matthew 16:21-27*

## From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

*"But who do you say that I am" (Matthew 16:15)*

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our Young Adult Ministry, who availed their time, talent, and treasure to do a lot of cleaning and erasing the graffiti and painting these areas around the Cathedral Basilica last Sunday. As you may all know, it was the celebration of the Dedication of this beloved Church in the Diocese of Honolulu. What a wonderful gift offered to the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace. Mahalo!

As we continue to enrich ourselves with the Word of God, especially for this Sunday, the Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, have we ever asked ourselves who Jesus is? It would be interesting to know what our responses or answers are if asked about this question. If indeed asked, we may gather a lot of answers, ideas, thoughts, understanding, or even hearsays about who He is. When He asked them, they responded that He was John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets. None of these names would make who He was. So, He asked His disciples the same question but addressed to them directly, "but who do you say that I am?" He wanted His disciples to know Him well and better be, since, they were following Him. And, among the twelve, Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

We wonder where that answer came from. Where would Peter get such a remark? Thus, Jesus revealed that His answer was not coming from anyone or somewhere else but from His Heavenly Father. The truth was revealed to Peter, and he held on to this truth as he lived his life and fulfilled his mission. Peter had obstacles along the way, especially when he denied Him while his Master was suffering because of fear. But, in the end, he succeeded giving witness to Jesus until he died a martyr's death being hanged on the cross upside down.

Jesus' question led His disciples to answer a personal understanding and profession of faith of who He is. We may be more privileged because truth has already been revealed through Peter's answer. The matter is, have we accepted this truth that would manifest our commitment and faithfulness to Jesus' teachings? Hearsays of who Jesus does not really give impact on our lives. But if we have that faith that indeed, Jesus is the Son of the living God, we allow ourselves to be molded in His ways and live His life. If Jesus asks you now, "Who do you say that I am?" what would be your response?

I hope and pray that we continue to know Him more and more and to live up also to our call as His disciples today.

Your friend in the Lord,  
Fr. Pascual