

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, August 25

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection for Catholic Charities Hawaii

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

Monday, August 26

Monday of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time

Tuesday, August 27

Memorial of St. Monica

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, August 28

Memorial of St. Augustine, Bishop,

Doctor of the Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, August 29

Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist

Friday, August 30

Friday of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 31

Saturday of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, September 1

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

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Sunday Collection	\$ 6,677.08
Weekday Collection	\$ 2,365.16
Coffers	\$ 438.78
Holy Day Collection	\$ 361.00
Total	\$ 9,842.02



Sharing Faith

- What does it mean to be saved? What does salvation mean to you?
- How do you sometimes go through the motions of following Christ? How does God ask you to deepen your commitment to being Jesus' disciple?
- Reflect on Jesus' reference to the narrow gate. Then read John 10:9. How is Jesus the gate or door?

Living the Liturgy

- God's message of love is universal. He shows a preferential love to the poor, lost, broken-hearted, and oppressed. As we approached the season of autumn, find a place you can go with a group to offer God's love in a concrete way. You might volunteer monthly at an area pantry or soup kitchen. You might visit a nursing home or collect school supplies for children. The list is endless where God's love needs to be carried. Ask your parish or local Catholic Charities for suggestions.
- Search newspaper or magazines for a week. What places in the world are in need of urgent care or attention due to war, poverty, famine, or disease? Discuss with your family or small faith group what God wants us as Catholics to do in these places that may be very far from our home.
- Psalm 117 is two verses long. Write it out and hang it in a place you can read it often this week. Use it for prayer.

Young Adult Ministry

Young Adult Ministry (ages 18-39) meets on the first and third Sundays of the month from noon to 2 p.m. for many activities. Text CBYAM to 84576 to sign up for updates

Adult Faith Formation

Join the Adult Faith Formation on Sunday, September 8 at 11:30am. Light lunch followed by a talk on the Eucharist by Fr. Pascual Abaya.

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Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

The names of the places in the First Reading from Isaiah to which missionaries will be sent aren't heard too often. With the energy of "fugitives," they will go out to the faraway places of Spain (Tarshish), Africa (Put and Lud), near the Black Sea (Tubal), and the Ionian Islands (Javan). God's plan is revealed. Israel is called, not just for her own sake, but for the world.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus is teaching that many will be saved, but the time is short. Some claim to have eaten with him and heard his teaching. He indicates that a shared meal does not result in communion with him and hearing his message does not mean they have taken it to heart. Jesus is on the way to his suffering and death in Jerusalem. Before it's too late, they need to decide, are they with him or against him?

For us, too, there is no time to waste. God's love is universal. It will take all our effort to extend God's welcome to everyone and be welcomed at the table of salvation.

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

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-19 | Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 | Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a | Luke 14:1, 7-14

From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love and joy!

Jesus presents to us in our Gospel this Sunday an answer as to how one can be saved. It is through entering the narrow gate. We probably question or wonder how narrow the gate to salvation is. We could also think of a very small gate that it could hardly fit one to enter through it. If we think that the gate is something material, we will certainly miss the central message of what Christ is teaching to his listeners then and for us today.

Jesus makes it clear that salvation is not easy as one may think of. He calls us to strive to enter. The word strive makes it more evident that salvation is not a simple 1-2-3. The story that Jesus used may be so descriptive about what can happen at the end times. The language itself is tough but Jesus' significant point is to illustrate how one can enter into the kingdom of God, that is, how one can become His disciple.

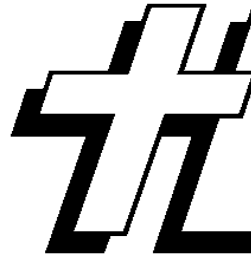
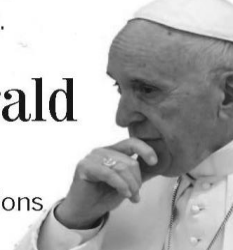
Discipleship is not a matter of "doing" things but it is more of "living" the values that Jesus taught. To enter the narrow gate makes us understand how we can squeeze in to go through it. That would entail becoming little in the sense of our attitudes and values in life. A person who is convinced of being so "holy", "pure", "just" and "worthy" may make him or her "so big" that he or she could hardly enter the narrow gate. It is so easy to show off how dedicated we are in our practice of religion. It is even easier to just say our faith but these are not enough. True Disciples of Christ are those who live their faith every single day and every moment. This is demonstrated by the way we love God in our everyday life, and serve him in our brothers and sisters. It is only then that Jesus will recognize us and allows us to enter into his Kingdom.

Yours in the Lord,
Fr. Pascual

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and tell the good news
(Psalm 117:1)*