

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, August 30

### **22<sup>nd</sup> 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 31

### **Monday of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

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

Tuesday, September 1

### **Tuesday of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

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

Wednesday, September 2

### **Wednesday of the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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, September 3

### **Memorial of St. Gregory the Great, *pope, doctor of the church***

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

Friday, September 4 – **FIRST FRIDAY**

### **Friday of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

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

Saturday, September 5 – **FIRST SATURDAY**

### **Saturday of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

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, September 6

### **Twenty-third 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.

## Saints of the Week

The disbelief of Thomas has done more for our faith than the faith of the other disciples. As he touches Christ and is won over to belief, every doubt is cast aside and our faith is strengthened. So the disciple who doubted, then felt Christ's wounds, becomes a witness to the reality of the resurrection.

- St. Gregory the Great (540-604) Pope and Doctor of the Church, Feast Day September 3

## Stewardship of Treasure

### **Offertory Collection**

8/17 – 8/23

Sunday Offering	\$ 2,908.25
Weekday	\$ 768.04
Online Giving	\$ 3,348.27
Feasts & Solemnities	\$ 354.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 7,378.56</b>

### **Other Collection**

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 347.85
Mass Intention	\$ 57.00
Catholic University of America	\$ 5.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$ 50.00
Others (Candles, Outreach, etc.)	\$ 196.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,034.41</b>

## Sharing the Faith

- Do you ever want to dismiss the need for suffering as Peter did? What might Jesus say to you?
- When do you see yourself as a rock to help others? When are you a stumbling block or obstacle to another?
- Paul urges believers to use their bodies as living sacrifices to God. What does that mean to you?

## Living the Liturgy

- The cross is our ladder to heaven. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says that Jesus invited disciples to take up their cross, follow and suffer for “Christ also suffered for [us], leaving [us] an example so that [we] should follow in his steps” (618, quoting 1 Pt 2:21). Use a cross to reflect on what Christ's suffering and death mean to you. You might carry one in your pocket, purse, or backpack.
- How will you demonstrate the action of your faith this week? What can you do individually or in a group? Are you stepping into new territory or taking a risk as Peter and the disciples were called to do?
- Read Jeremiah chapter 1, in which Jeremiah experiences the Lord's call. He tells the Lord why he cannot serve his call. Reflect on what his story tells you about your own call from God and your response. Read Psalm 63 as a way to trust in God's call.

*The foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, / Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it (Matthew 16:24 – 25).*

# Aug. 30, 2020 – Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

These last few Sundays, we have seen many sides of Peter. A few weeks ago, he tried walking on water to Jesus and he began to sink. Jesus, asking him why he doubted, reached out to save him. Last week, he declared Jesus the Son of God and was named the foundation for the Church. Today, Peter rebukes Jesus, who calls him Satan and an obstacle!

One week a rock of strength and the next a stumbling block — the road to discipleship is indeed varied and difficult! In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus disclosed to his disciples that the Messiah must willingly move toward suffering and death. This was not the common understanding of the Messiah. The disciples, like their fellow Jews, were waiting for a Messiah who would restore Israel's power over their enemies. Yet as they followed Jesus, they began to see a different kind of Savior who included all in his message of Good News, caring for those on the fringes of society who had been abandoned by all. Disciples like us are called to do the same. Are we rocks or stumbling blocks?

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

*Ezekiel 33:7-9 | Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 | Romans 13:8-10 | Matthew 18:15-20*

## From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

*"My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God" (Psalm 63)*

The Second Stay at Home, Work from Home Order for the island of Oahu, only brings about a major concern to our health and safety. The spike of the Coronavirus or COVID-19 pandemic is way uncontrollable. It puts everyone at risk, and anyone may get contracted with the virus if we are not cautious and do not follow directives properly. With the recent number of cases in our island, this Order will help curve the spike and bring us back to normalcy.

The pandemic has totally changed our world, our nation, and even our families. The light at the end of the tunnel seems to be a far way off still. Many lives had been lost due to the virus; more and more people are losing their jobs because places of work are closing. Not only that, we have this illness affecting all of us, but also instances of riots are taking place in the mainland, and there seems to be no end to discrimination, injustice, and violence. Natural calamities are hovering around the world, destroying properties, and livelihood of people. We are all affected deeply by all these tragedies and could hardly find peace and joy in life. Again, the light at the end of the tunnel seems to be far away off, wondering when will all these come to an end?

Though I may be feeling low with all these happening around us, I find strength and comfort in the Lord and thirst for Him more and more. How beautifully and truthfully expressed in Psalm 63, the longing we all need. A man or a woman of great faith knows that only through our Lord that we can overcome any adversity or adversities that come our way.

*"O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.  
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.  
Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.  
So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name."*

Let us continue to find strength and joy in the Lord, no matter what. Let our longing for Him be instilled in our hearts, for He alone can make great and wonderful things happen. Let our world be healed not only from this virus but, more especially, the healing of our souls needing His grace to give us the peace and joy that the world cannot give.

Know that I am praying for you and your families. Please keep me always in your prayers too, so I may remain safe and strong to continue my mission. I also appeal to your generosity so that our Cathedral Basilica will continue to fulfill her mission during these difficult times.

Please stay safe, always! God bless you!

Your friend in the Lord,  
Fr. Pascual