

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, September 1

### **22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

Monday, September 2

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

### **Labor Day Holiday**

**Cathedral on Holiday Schedule**

**All Offices closed**

Tuesday, September 3

### **Memorial of St. Gregory the Great, *Pope,***

*Doctor of the Church*

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 4

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, September 5

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

Friday, September 6 – *First Friday*

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

Adoration/Benediction at 10:00am

Saturday, September 7 – *First Saturday*

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Mass and Holy Hour at 12:00pm

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

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, September 8

### **23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Catholic University of America**

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

## Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,191.22
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,752.86
Coffers	\$ 497.70
Holy Day Collection	\$ 65.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,506.78</b>



## Sharing Faith

- What does the First Reading mean to you in light of Jesus' parable?
- Psalm 68 has many different images. Read and pray all its verses this week. What does it tell you about God?
- How does God ask you to stretch your compassion to invite someone else to your table or into your life?

## Living the Liturgy

- Create a list of people God might want you to invite to the table. This list can be a literal or symbolic list. Share your list with your family or a small group, inviting others also to talk about who is on their list.
- As Catholics we believe in the God-given dignity of every human person. The Catholic Worker Movement puts this belief in practice. Research the movement on the internet and volunteer at a Catholic Worker House. If you don't have one locally, try a local soup kitchen. Reflect on your experience of the guests.
- The Responsorial Psalm speaks of orphans, widow, prisoners, the forsaken, and the needy. Find out what your community or parish is doing for one or all of these groups. How do they need our special care for them?

## 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.

## 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.

# September 1, 2019 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

*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*

The context for this Sunday's Gospel reading is set by the verses where Jesus heals a sick man (Luke 14:2 – 6). It was unlawful to heal on the Sabbath, so Jesus' act was not appreciated by some guests who were watching him carefully. Jesus appears to have observed them carefully as well. The words he preaches are about guests jockeying for a good place at the table.

In a society that often-evaluated people on social status and physical well-being, Jesus' suggestion to his listeners to invite outcasts to dine with them was absurd. Why would anyone want to associate with the lowly and despised members of society?

Jesus says, "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled" (Luke 14:11). He is not simply referring to the relationship between a guest and host at meal table. Rather, God will judge us by our attitudes and actions toward the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. The disciples' greatest honor will come through a life of humility.

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

*Wisdom 9:13-18b | Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17 | Philemon 9-10, 12-17 | Luke 14:25-33*

## From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

The Book of Sirach or Ecclesiasticus belongs to one of the Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament. The author of the Book is known as Ben Sira, a Jewish scribe who had been living in Jerusalem may have authored the work in Alexandria, Egypt around the year 180–175 BC, where he is thought to have established a school. He teaches that the best way to be loved by God and by people is to be ever ready and open towards our brothers and sisters. To do this, Ben Sira says, "*Conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God.*"

In a world and a culture where achievements are of high value, huge contributions are praised, titles are to be recognized, and glamour is awarded, it is difficult to live conduct of humility. It is because pride prowls into the human soul and only what matters is the ego or self. A fellow human being may recognize one's abilities, achievements, and prestige but God recognizes what is in the mind and heart of a person.

Is there something in life that we can boast of? Don't we realize that everything we have is given by our generous and loving God? Did Jesus not humble Himself and die for our sins? Did He not act as a servant when He washed His disciples' feet at the Last Supper? Why is it so difficult to be lowly? Why is it so hard to live in humility?

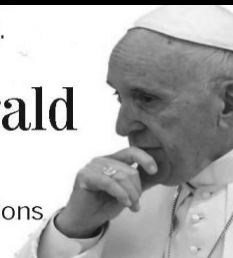
Let us remind ourselves that we cannot use the gifts of God to make a show of ourselves to other people, to humble them, and to prove to them that we are greater and better. Let us make use of God gifts to humble ourselves, recognizing our limitations to enable us to see the good in others and to serve our brothers and sisters.

Yours in the Lord,  
Fr. Pascual

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Readings

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- Official NAB(re) version
- Easily bookmark readings to reread at a later time

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