

## The Church's Calendar This Week

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.

Monday, September 7

### **Monday of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

## **Labor Day Holiday**

**Cathedral on Holiday Schedule**

**All Offices closed**

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 8

### **Tuesday of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

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

Wednesday, September 9

### **Memorial of St. Peter Claver, *priest***

Mass at 6:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 10

### **Thursday of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

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

Friday, September 11

### **Friday of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

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

Saturday, September 12

### **Saturday of the 23<sup>rd</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 13

### **Twenty-fourth 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

To love God as He ought to be loved, we must be detached from all temporal love. We must love nothing but Him, or if we love anything else, we must love it only for His sake. - St. Peter Claver (1580-1654), Jesuit priest, patron of race relations, Feast Day September 9.

## Stewardship of Treasure

### **Offertory Collection**

**8/24 – 8/30**

Sunday Offering	\$ 6,060.37
Weekday	\$ 690.69
Online Giving	\$ 684.76
Feasts & Solemnities	\$ 164.00
Coffers	\$ 23.25
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 7,623.07</b>

### **Other Collection**

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 95.00
Mass Intention	\$ 280.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$ 73.00
Dedication of the Cathedral	\$ 93.00
Others (Candles, Outreach, etc.)	\$ 334.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,498.07</b>

## Sharing the Faith

- Who taught you about living God's ways?
- Saint Elizabeth Seton said, "Let us live simply, that others may simply live." What does it mean in light of the last words of the Gospel?
- We often think of carrying our cross as carrying our burden in life. Jesus speaks in terms of discipleship. What does that imply?

## Living the Liturgy

- Read Paul's letter to Philemon, the shortest book in the Bible. In it, he writes about Onesimus, a former slave now converted to Christianity. Paul asks Philemon to treat him as a brother. Discuss the situation Paul speaks about. What do you think happened when Onesimus met Philemon? How does becoming a Christian and following Christ transform human relationships?
- Make a cross (you might use construction paper, clay, or wood). Place it somewhere you can see it during the week or fall season. Let it remind you of the cross of discipleship Jesus invites us to carry. Pray especially for those who are ridiculed for following Christ.
- Take time to go through some of your possessions. Donate your things to a place that benefits from your donations. What is the mission of the place? Who do they serve? Can they use your help?

*Teach us to number our days  
aright, / that we may gain  
wisdom of heart (Psalm 90:12).*

# Sept. 6, 2020 – Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

We all have experienced teachers in our lives, perhaps at school or church. Some did not have the formal title of teacher, yet taught us a great deal about how to act, friendship, or what is important in life. We often speak about experiences that “taught us a lesson.” Today in the scriptures, we hear how we might learn if we allow God to teach us.

In Biblical imagery, the heart is the core of the human personality, the source that makes each of us unique. We can choose how to direct our hearts. This Sunday's Responsorial Psalm invites us to pray for wisdom of heart so that wisdom might help us open and direct our hearts completely to God as we seek to learn his ways.

In the Gospel, Jesus uses what seems like strong language about hating our relations or even our own lives. Jesus does not mean the human emotion of hate or loathing. He is speaking about how firmly attached followers must be to the message of discipleship and his mission. If we follow Christ, we will want to more steadfastly learn God's ways.

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### **Next Sunday's Readings: “Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time”**

*Sirach 27:30-28:7 | Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 | Romans 17:7-9 | Matthew 18:21-35*

## From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

*“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” (Mt. 18: 20)*

Thank God for our daily communal gatherings at Mass each Sunday and every day! We carry out the words of this Gospel reading as we join together in our church, near to our brothers and sisters of faith, sharing and united in our worship and prayers to God.

The theme of this weekend's Scripture Readings is that we are responsible for each other. We are responsible for our actions, affecting ourselves and others, AND equally responsible for the actions of others in our community. Yes, we are! To carry that responsibility, we must also be in a relationship with each other. We must know each other, feel one another, and care and love one another as we love ourselves. We must help each other to live a life of goodness and to turn from evil. When we hesitate to reach out to encourage a friend to turn from wickedness, we fall short of God's expectation of us.

To be in a relationship means we also need to be reconciled with each other. Our gathering in a common sacred space every weekend for Sunday Masses is important for us to live this message effectively. Throughout the liturgy of the Mass, we have many opportunities to heal and be reconciled, including the Rite of Penance, the praying of the Our Father prayer, and the offering and gesture of the Sign of Peace. Only then are we able to partake in the fulfillment of our Mass, which is the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Next weekend, we continue construction in the main body of the church as we plaster and paint the coral columns. Barricades will protect this area for the crew to work safely, and we will rearrange our pews to maximize our seating while still maintaining safe distancing during the pandemic. Many of you will be asked to sit upstairs if you are physically able to do so. We will still take phone and online reservations and strive to accommodate as many of you who desire to be here in the church.

During the three months of construction, let us reflect on these pillars of the church, and the foundations and values of our faith that have served generations of faithful here in Hawaii. To dissuade each other from wicked ways, to obey the Commandments, to love your neighbor as yourself, to be reconciled with others and therefore God, and to pray together. The thousands of lives that have worshipped in this space for the past 177 years, as well as yours and mine, are written into these walls, with the same hope and desire, to live a life of Christ, now and forever. And here we are, in His presence.

Your friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual