

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, September 8

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection for Catholic University of America

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

Monday, September 9

Memorial of St. Peter Claver, *priest*

Tuesday, September 10

Tuesday of the 23rd Week in Ordinary Time

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, September 11

Wednesday of the 23rd Week in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, September 12

Thursday of the 23rd Week in Ordinary Time

Friday, September 13

**Memorial of St. John Chrysostom, *bishop,*
*Doctor of the Church***

Saturday, September 14

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, September 15

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection for Repairs & Maintenance

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

Catholic University Collection

Since 1903, The Catholic University of America has been greatly blessed by the generosity of parishioners around the country through the National Collection. Today, a collection is taken up in parishes around the country in support of Catholic University. Please be generous. Mahalo!

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.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,991.25
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,851.83
Coffers	\$ 456.48
Holy Day Collection	\$ 187.00
Total	\$ 10,486.56



Sharing Faith

- Who taught you about living God's way?
- St. Elizabeth Seton said, "Let 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 us your help?

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

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

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”

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 | Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 | 1 Timothy 1:12-17 | Luke 15:1-32

From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

The words of Jesus in the Gospel on this 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time may sound very negative. He proposes that true discipleship is carried out when one has to hate family members, able to carry the cross and ready to renounce all possessions. We may even ask the question, does He not proclaim the message of love, not hate? How come that Jesus uses such words? If we don't look at the whole idea of discipleship and not understanding the deeper sense of it, we may fall astray and wonder what Jesus is teaching us.

Jesus did not want to deceive anyone about the difficulty of becoming a disciple. He addressed this issue since He notices that there is a great crowd traveling with Him. Not only that the conditions were hard but were also demanded if anyone would wish to be His disciple, He sets three conditions; one must break away from (hate) one's family, goods and one's own life.

If we reflect on these demands, we get the thought that these conditions are hindering us from following Him wholeheartedly and faithfully. We claim that we follow Christ, but often we set the limits to it. How far can we sacrifice our time to come for Mass when we know that there is a sports event that one has to watch or attend? How generous can we give if we know that there are people around us who are hungry for food, clothing, and shelter? On what extent can we offer our children to enter formation to become priests or deacons or to enter the consecrated life?

Jesus is presenting to each one of us these conditions. Difficult as they are, but it is our way of expressing our profound relationship with Him. It initiates as well our trust in the graciousness of our Lord and deep faith in Him. In doing so, we don't only become a disciple of Christ, but we also become His beloved when we are ready to entrust everything to Him.

Yours in the Lord,
Fr. Pascual