

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, September 13

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection for the Holy Land

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00a/12:00/4:00/6:00p

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, September 14

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

Tuesday, September 15

Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

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

Wednesday, September 16

Memorial of St. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Sacrament of Reconciliation by Appointments' only

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

Thursday, September 17

Thursday of the 24th Week in Ordinary Time

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

Friday, September 18

Friday of the 24th Week in Ordinary Time

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

Saturday, September 19

Saturday of the 24th Week in Ordinary Time

Mass at 7:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by Appointments' only

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 20

Twenty-fifth 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

If you wish to leave much wealth to your children, leave them in God's care. Do not leave them riches, but virtue and skill. For if they learn to expect riches, they will not mind anything besides, and their abundant riches shall give them the means of screening the wickedness of their ways. - Saint John Chrysostom (349-407), Patron of Public Speaking, Feast Day September 13.

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory Collection

8/31 – 9/6

Sunday Offering	\$ 4,942.90
Weekday	\$ 677.68
Online Giving	\$ 675.38
Feasts & Solemnities	\$ 85.00
Latin Mass	\$ 292.00
Total Offertory	\$ 6,672.96

Other Collection

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 75.00
Mass Intention	\$ 1,059.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$ 25.00
Catholic University of America	\$ 20.00
Others (Candles, Outreach, etc.)	\$ 357.50
Total	\$ 8,209.46

Sharing the Faith

- What images of God do you have? How do they expand and grow as your faith deepens?
- Do you ever wonder if there is something in your life that God has not forgiven? What does this Gospel say to you?
- How do you respond when God forgives someone whom you may be unwilling to call your brother or sister?

Living the Liturgy

- Listen to a hymn about God as a shepherd, such as "Like a Shepherd" (Dufford). What images do you hear in the words and music?
- Find a story about someone who either changed their life because of an experience of God or who went beyond the normal expectations of society to help someone else. There are stories of people saving those who are dying of starvation or poverty, or who helped rescue Jews during the Holocaust. You may know a story of a local person. Your local librarian can help you find some books or movies.
- Write another chapter to the story of the father with two sons. What does the elder son say to his brother? What does the younger son say to his older brother? What does the father say during conversation between his sons? What do you think they are each feeling? Discuss your ideas with a group or your family.

Parish Member

We are deeply saddened to hear about Sulieta Sakaria. She was a part of our Samoan Choir, Pastoral Council, and Senior Ministry. May the comfort of God help the Sakaria Ohana during this difficult time. May you take comfort in knowing there is one more angel above us. Peace and Blessings upon you and your Ohana!

Sept. 13, 2020 – Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

Last week, we heard about directing our hearts to God. Today, we hear about people who have opened their hearts to God. Moses, who loves God's people despite the fact they are stubborn and unfaithful, implores God to be merciful. Paul tells of his life before he knew Christ and how God in his mercy treated him with patience. Once a sinner, he now knows salvation because he has directed his heart to God.

Today we hear two stories found only in Luke's account of the Gospel: the lost coin and the father with two sons. The latter is one of the most cherished stories of God's grace and compassion. We are grateful to know this God who welcomes us home, running to meet us when we have strayed. Yet this story is spoken to religious leaders unhappy with Jesus' message of compassion and forgiveness to tax collectors and sinners. Indeed, the story ends with one son presented with the option of offering forgiveness to his brother. We are left unsure about how that part of the story ends. How do we respond when God forgives someone whom we may be unwilling to call our brother or sister?

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

Isaiah 55:6-9 | Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 | Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a | Matthew 20:1-16a

From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

"Forgive...from your heart." (Mt. 18: 35)

Talking about forgiveness or forgiving involves hurt or hurts. Some hurts can be slight or trivial. Some can be hurting and can cause hatred and anger on the person affected. Either one of these moments, slight or severe, what is essential is the call to forgive not only in words but also to forgive, as Jesus says, from the heart.

We live in a broken world where there are so much anger and pain. With our human weakness taking control of us, we become so sensitive to our dealings with people around us. Whether it be a family member, a friend, or a co-worker would say or do something that we are not pleased, it will reach to the point that it will become a source of contention or disagreement. But know that every human error, there is always a moment of realization from the person concerned to admit his or her mistakes. Then he or she will come to a point to ask for forgiveness. Asking for forgiveness takes a lot of courage and humility to admit the wrongdoing. On the part of the one being offended, at times, it is not easy to say you are forgiven. It also takes a lot of spirit and humility as well to extend forgiveness. When situations arise like this, what is important is to open up your mind and heart to forgive the person from the heart. It is because it will heal the wound of hate and anger to live in grace and mercy as Jesus did for us on the cross.

The call to forgive is an essential act of a disciple and steward of Christ. It will always be a constant challenge to forgive, especially when we are hurt badly. But say it as it is, Jesus calls us to do so to live in peace and harmony with one another. Let not pride overwhelm us. If we allow our pride to control us, we will never see each other as brothers and sisters. And, for the worse part of it, we will never see our own mistakes or failures as if we are the perfect person living in this world.

Are you still holding a grudge with someone? Have you been so hurt badly that you feel the world is tearing you apart? If so, maybe you need to listen to what Jesus is telling you this Sunday, "forgive seventy - seven times," and to forgive "from the heart." Let not the past hinder you from looking at life wonderfully and blessed. To forgive is an act so divine that it brings about peace of mind and heart to every person. To forgive is to show mercy, and to show mercy is to love. In the words of Pope Francis, he said, *"mercy is the true force that can save man and the world from the "cancer" that is sin, moral evil, spiritual evil. Only love fills the void, the negative chasms that evil opens in hearts and history. Only love can do this, and this is God's joy."*

Let Jesus take hold of our lives, allowing His Spirit to dwell in us that we may express to our Father, "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

Your friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual