

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, September 15

### 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Repairs & Maintenance

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

Monday, September 16

**Memorial of St. Cornelius, pope, martyr**

**Memorial of St. Cyprian, bishop, martyr**

Tuesday, September 17

### Tuesday of the 24<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, September 18

### Wednesday of the 24<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, September 19

### Thursday of the 24<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

Friday, September 20

**Memorial of St. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, priest,**

**Memorial of St. Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and  
Companions, Martyrs**

Saturday, September 21

**Feast of St. Michael, Apostle and evangelist**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, September 22

### 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



## Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Reflections

- Scott Hahn commentary
- Reflections on Sunday Mass readings
- Weekly updates

Learn more or download our parish app at [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com)

\*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

## Stewardship of Treasure

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| Sunday Collection   | \$ 7,144.58        |
| Weekday Collection  | \$ 1,694.40        |
| Coffers             | \$ 473.15          |
| Holy Day Collection | \$ 250.00          |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>\$ 9,562.63</b> |



## Sharing 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.

## 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

*A clean heart create for me, O God,  
and a steadfast spirit renew within me  
(Psalm 51:12).*

## September 15, 2019 – 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

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"**

*Amos 8:4-7 | Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 | 1 Timothy 2:1-8 | Luke 16:1-13*

### From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

The theme of "lost and found" is very evident in our Gospel Reading this Sunday. A lost sheep, a lost coin, and a lost son are the parables used by Jesus to expound this theme. It may be absurd to look for one sheep at the expense of the ninety-nine, a coin at the expense of nine coins and a son at the expense of one who had been with his father dedicating his time for him while the other squander around. Jesus makes it clear to the Pharisees and scribes who consider themselves righteous that the Kingdom of God is offered to sinners. The lost sheep and the lost son elicit God's loving mercy for a sinner to have found his way back to the Lord. The lost coin points out the joy of God for someone who has been found.

All three readings this Sunday come together to point to us a God who loves unconditionally. In the first reading, we see a God who extends His forgiveness through the intercession of Moses for the people of Israel who failed to realize God's love. They have gone back to worship idols. His love is overflowing that He forgives them gratuitously. Paul, in the second reading, realizes how God had been merciful towards him being a blasphemer, persecutor, and arrogant in his life.

If we reflect on these thoughts brought out to us on this Sunday, in what way have we lost our loving relationship with God? Or have we ever realized that we are losing our way? Or is it just something that we contend that everything is okay, and nothing has to be changed or forgiven? God continues to call us to His life and love. May we respond accordingly to this call.

Yours in the Lord,  
Fr. Pascual

### 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.