

The Church's Calendar This Week

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.

Monday, September 21

Feast of St. Michael, Apostle & Evangelist

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

Tuesday, September 22

Tuesday of the 25th Week in Ordinary Time

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

Wednesday, September 23

Memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Sacrament of Reconciliation by Appointments' only

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

Thursday, September 24

Thursday of the 25th Week in Ordinary Time

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

Friday, September 25

Friday of the 25th Week in Ordinary Time

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

Saturday, September 26

Saturday of the 25th Week in Ordinary Time

Mass at 7:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 a.m.

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 27

Twenty-sixth 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.

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Saints of the Week

The harm that comes to souls from the lack of reading holy books makes me shudder... What power spiritual reading has to lead to a change of course, and to make even worldly people enter into the way of perfection. - St. Pio of Pietrelcina (1887-1968), Priest, Stigmatic, Feast Day September 23.

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory Collection

9/7 – 9/13

Sunday Offering	\$ 3,979.00
Weekday	\$ 455.58
Online Giving	\$ 1,544.61
Feasts & Solemnities	\$ 271.00
Total Offertory	\$ 6,250.19

Other Collection

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 154.00
Mass Intention	\$ 43.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$ 10.00
Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$ 25.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 287.00
Others (Candles, Outreach, Bapt. etc.)	\$ 214.00
Total	\$ 6,983.19

Sharing the Faith

- What do you believe about the poor? What is your image of them or their lives?
- What do you hold back from sharing with others? What makes you hesitate?
- Paul tells us that God our Savior desires everyone to be saved and come to the knowledge of truth. What does that mean to you?

A Promise of Hope & Healing

Next weekend is Impact Weekend! This week you will receive a mailing detailing our A Promise of Hope & Healing program. This program is above and beyond your weekly offertory support. This is an extraordinary effort to raise as much as possible in the next 3 months. The mailing includes a letter from me describing our parish's financial position, the challenges we are facing and the ways you can help. Join us next week for our important Impact Weekend, September 26 & September 27. I ask that you please review the information in the mailing, prayerfully consider your level of support and participate by returning your response by next week. Your response and participation is very important. You can make payments using your credit card or an ACH automatic withdrawal through our Online Giving program as well. See our website for more details.

Please contact our office for any questions you may have about different types of gifts such as: stocks, bonds, CDs, real estate or property, IRA rollovers and qualified retirement plans, and more.

He raises up the lowly from the dust; / from the dunghill, he lifts up the poor / to seat them with princes, / with the princes of his own people (Psalm 113:7-8).

Sept. 20, 2020 – Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

We have all heard reversal of fortune stories where a poor person triumphs over the rich. Legends like the prince and the pauper and Robin Hood have long stirred our imagination of injustices being righted. In today's scriptures, we hear God's image of the poor being justified and saved.

Amos criticizes dishonest merchants eagerly waiting for Sabbath's end to cheat the poor. But God will never forget what they have done. The psalmist shows how God's focus is on the poor, who he will lift up, carrying them from a garbage heap of waste to sit next to rich rulers.

Despite the various interpretations of the Gospel, it seems clear the steward helped others less fortunate by lowering their debt (despite the fact he helped himself along the way). When Luke was writing for his community, they were likely wrestling with the issue of riches and possessions. How do disciples share possessions with one another? How does God want disciples to treat the poor? These are questions we still wrestle with today.

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

Ezekiel 18:25-28 / Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 / Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 / Matthew 21:28-32

From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

"The last will be first, and the first will be last" (Mt. 20: 16)

Human experience tells us that there is a desire in every person to strive for excellence. We do everything in our capacity to work, to be patient, and to sacrifice. At the end of the day, we expect something great in return as we say, "to reap the fruits of our labor." In a society where honor and prestige are at stake, people tend to claim it and eventually expect the prize of great value and respect. But the Scripture passage quoted above is just the contrary of it. This is so because our view or mindset is totally different from that of God. The Prophet Isaiah clearly states, *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord."*

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard is a clear story of how man and God work and think differently. Those workers who were hired early in the morning and those who only worked for an hour received the same amount of pay for the work done. The early workers observed that when the last workers were given the just wage for the day, they thought they would receive more. But to their dismay, they received the same and so complained. So the master of the vineyard called their attention that he is not cheating them but treated them justly. Then he expressed his generosity towards the workers who only worked for an hour.

We may immediately conclude that this parable is about equal rights or just wages. It is actually showing how God's generosity is manifested to all people. That God gives every opportunity, even to sinners, the possibility of entering into the vineyard. At times, we think that just because we have done this and done that so well will automatically grant us the privilege to enter God's kingdom. Don't we? Or that God will automatically give us what we desire? If not given, we complain, and we even reprimand and demand from him. Thus we develop the attitude of entitlement, which at all is not pleasing in the eyes of God. Rather, let us allow the grace of God to work in our lives and start from there. Let us not be self-righteous people demanding our privileges but selfless people ready to receive God's grace and enter His vineyard. Let every opportunity to do God's work be fruitful, and at the end of the day, God will surely judge us and give us what we truly deserve.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the suspension of our masses, we have experienced a significant shortfall in our offertory collections over the last several weeks and months. To make up this shortfall, we are embarking on a fundraising effort called A Promise of Hope & Healing. You will receive more information in the mail about the program in the next few weeks. Please reflect on the information and consider how you can make a promise to help our parish community heal and thrive financially. You will receive weekly announcements about our program and will be sharing more information with you from the pulpit. Our efforts will culminate with IMPACT WEEKEND on September 26 & September 27. Our hope is to have every family participate in the program. Together we can IMPACT our current situation and get through this difficult time.

Thank you for your support and prayers,

Fr. Pascual