

## The Church's Calendar This Week

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

Monday, September 23

**Memorial of St. Pius Pietrelcina, priest**

Tuesday, September 24

**Tuesday of the 25<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, September 25

**Wednesday of the 25<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, September 26

**Thursday of the 25<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

Friday, September 27

**Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul, priest**

Saturday, September 28

**Saturday of the 25<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, September 29

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

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

## Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection \$ 8,849.54

Weekday Collection \$ 1,694.40

Coffers \$ 712.51

Holy Day Collection \$ 142.00

**Total \$ 11,613.08**



## Sharing 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?

## Living the Liturgy

- Watch a movie about the poor, such as *Romero*, *Ghandi*, or *Slumdog Millionaire*. What daily life of a poor person like? What is the daily life of a poor person like? What do they have to do to survive? How do you think God acts in their lives?
- Paul urges prayers for rulers and those in authority. As you read the newspaper or listen to the news this week, make a list of those who are in positions of authority. The list might include judges, mayors, police officers, Church leaders, or teachers. You can name groups or individuals. It does not matter if you agree with their politics or religion, just as God to be with them and their decisions.
- Where do you invest your money? Does your bank or retirement fund invest in companies with fair and just practices? You may wish to research your own investments.

## 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.

## Rosary Congress

Join the Rosary Congress Eucharistic Adoration on Sunday, October 13 from 1:00-5:45pm. Contact Deacon Joe at [jalmuena@rchawaii.org](mailto:jalmuena@rchawaii.org).



## Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Reflections

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

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## September 22, 2019 – 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

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"**

*Amos 6:1a, 4-7 | Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 | 1 Timothy 6:11-16 | Luke 16:19-31*

### **From the Desk of Fr. Pascual**

Dear Cathedral Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

Mammon is a Chaldean word meaning riches. The whole Chapter 16 of the Gospel of Luke deals on riches. Jesus uses the Parable of the Dishonest Steward and the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus. In between these two parables is about the Law and the Kingdom of God. It is so striking in the first parable because the master of the steward commended his shrewdness. The master knowing that the steward has not been responsible for his estates is relieving him from his post. The servant in return knowing what can happen to him uses his cleverness to secure his life and future. He calls his master's debtors and deals with them dishonestly of lowering their bill to the amount he dictates. He does it so that he can have the extra for himself to protect his future when he is removed from his duty. The master commends the act of cleverness not on the dishonesty but how shrewd he can be considering his future to sustain his life. That is why the words, *'for the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light'*, is a key to understand what Jesus is trying to teach.

The other parable which is about the Rich Man and Lazarus is a story about the unjust treatment for the poor man. He could have helped him in a way since he sees him every day, but he leaves him unattended. Thus, both of them die. Lazarus is in Abraham's bosom, and the rich man is in Hades a place of torment.

Luke uses a strategy that in between these parables is the core of Jesus' message. You cannot serve both God and mammon. Jesus wants to call us to know and realize that mammon can harden one's hearts, we become self-centered and become unworthy stewards of God's estates; the life of other people and ours and the world we live in. We may be clever enough how to live our lives in this world but let us use that cleverness in doing the will of God building up ourselves treasures in heaven. Let mammon lead us to a deeper appreciation of God's gifts to us and dispense it responsibly. In that way we do serve God only, for He is the source of our riches and meant to be shared as Good Stewards.

Yours in the Lord,  
Fr. Pascual