

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, September 29

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, September 30

**Memorial of St. Jerome, Priest,
Doctor of the Church**

Tuesday, October 1

**Memorial of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus,
Virgin, Doctor of the Church**

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, October 2

Memorial of Holy Guardian Angels

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, October 3

Thursday of the 26th Week in Ordinary Time

Friday, October 4

First Friday

Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi

Adoration/Benediction at 10:00am

Saturday, October 5

First Saturday

Saturday of the 26th Week in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Mass and Holy Hour at 12:00n

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

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, October 6

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Young Adult Meeting at 12:00n

Adult Faith Formation

All are invited to attend Carmen and Kevin Saito in their talk on "Our Lady and the Rosary" next Sunday, October 13th from 11:30am-1:00pm.

Rosary Congress

Join the Rosary Congress Eucharistic Adoration on Sunday, October 13 from 1:00-5:45pm. Contact Deacon Joe at jalmuena@rrechawaii.org.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,523.27
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,531.02
Coffers	\$ 542.43
Holy Day Collection	\$ 111.00
Total	\$ 9,707.72



Sharing Faith

- Psalm 146 names those in dire need whom God loves. Where do you see people in desperate need around you?
- What keeps people from crossing the chasm between those who have enough and those who do not?
- How do you pursue the virtues Paul names: righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness?

Living the Liturgy

- The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says, "Jesus shocked the Pharisees by eating with ... sinners (cf. LK 5:30; 7:36; 11:37; 14:1).... He went further by proclaiming before the Pharisees that, since sin is universal, those who pretend not to need salvation are blind to themselves (cf. Jn 8:33-36; 9:40-41' (588). What does that mean? How did Jesus scandalize some religious authorities? How were they blind? Discuss this with a group.
- Take a long walk or drive around your neighborhood. What do you notice that you never saw before? Where do people gather? Where are they being helped or served? What places are offering support? Did you find out something you did not know before this journey? What do we often overlook?
- Discuss in a group how people react when they see a beggar. What emotions do people feel when they see a person in this kind of need? What judgments do they make? What creative ways have they offered to help?

Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Homilies

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Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

Paul's opening exhortation to Timothy to pursue righteousness is a rallying cry for the message of today's scriptures. Righteousness for Paul means to be in right relationship with God, and by that bond, to be in right relationships with all of God's children, our sisters and brothers. This is the way we must live in order to bring about the reign of God Christ proclaimed.

Those relationships can be righted and reconciled when we care for the very ones whom God loves. The psalm is filled with the images of God's beloved: the oppressed, the hungry, captives, blind people, those bowed down, the just, strangers, the fatherless, widows. Amos uses the image of the rich ignoring the plight and collapse of Joseph in the face of opulence. Luke tells the story of the anonymous rich man dressed in purple who ignored Lazarus begging at his door. If we want to be in relationship with God, we must find ways to cross the wide chasms of complacency dividing us from our brothers and sisters and right all relationships of injustice.

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

Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4 | Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 | 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 | Luke 17:5-10

From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

"But you man, Man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness."

Our outlook in life is often determined how we perceive or handle material elements. Say, for instance, riches. Last Sunday we heard Jesus making strong statements, "you cannot serve both God and mammon." Jesus admonishes us what or who should be our priority in life. In this present world we live in, materialism has crept into the endeavors of the day. People have been bothered a lot in their eagerness to make life easy that would result in missing the more important things. People pursue riches with passion that causes pressure, anxiety, hopelessness, frustration, loss of faith and more.

Why would we exhaust such energy when in the end we could be regretting about it and have thought otherwise? This is the situation that the rich man in the parable experienced. Lazarus who was just in front of the rich man's door was rewarded for being in the bosom of Abraham. The rich man was in the netherworld. We could probably make a good guess that if only the rich man tended to the needs of Lazarus, treating him with righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness both could have been in the bosom of Abraham. But, it did not happen. Lazarus was separated from the rich man.

We may indeed be enjoying the luxury of living in this world. We may even have all the riches we have, but if these riches are not used correspondingly to what is intended for, we may end up like the rich man. Much more for the person who enriches himself or herself exploiting the poor, as in during the time of the Prophet Amos, that soul could wander around and never get to experience the joy of the Kingdom of God. So, Paul exhorts us pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.

Yours in the Lord,
Fr. Pascual