

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, October 20

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection for World Mission Sunday

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

Monday, October 21

Monday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time

Infant Baptismal Class at 6:00pm

Tuesday, October 22

Tuesday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 23

Wednesday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, October 24

Thursday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time

Friday, October 25

Friday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 26

Saturday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Vigil Mass with Infant Baptism at 5:00pm

Sunday, October 27

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection for Repairs & Maintenance

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

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

Infant Baptism

On Saturday, October 26th, we will celebrate infant baptisms. All parents who would like to celebrate their child's baptism here at the Cathedral must schedule a brief interview with one of our priests prior to attending the required class on the 21st of October. Please call the office at (808) 536-7036 and speak with Fr. Pascual, Fr. Marvin, or Dcn. Joe for more information.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 6,856.03
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,830.39
Coffers	\$ 690.60
Holy Day Collection	\$ 12.00
Total	\$ 9,389.02



Sharing Faith

- Was there a time in your life when you experienced the need for persistence? What was it like?
- Have you had an experience of losing heart? What did others do for you? What was your sense of God during that time?
- How might we apply a practice or persistence, like that of the widow, to working toward social justice?

Living the Liturgy

- Create an outline of the story of your life using images or words. Have there ever been times when you became afraid that God would not be with you? In your story or on your picture, mark the times that you were uncertain, anxious, or afraid.
- Widow in Jesus' time were defenseless and often unable to care for themselves. Since they usually could not have property nor support themselves with family ties, they were forced to beg or become destitute. The judge was supposed to offer care and compassion to one in such need. Who in our society is in such desperate need? What does God ask us to do?

Evangelization Parish Missions

The Eucharistic Apostles of The Divine Mercy in conjunction with the *Diocese of Honolulu Evangelization Taskforce* is organizing a 3-day parish mission event featuring Catholic speaker Jesse Romero. Jesse, a resident of Arizona and a retired Los Angeles Deputy Sheriff is a nationally acclaimed Catholic Lay Evangelist who is known for his dynamic and upbeat Christ-centered preaching.

The parish mission theme "**Catholics, Wake Up! Be a Spiritual Warrior**" will present 3 topics involving Spiritual Battle. The first evening parish mission to be held at Holy Trinity Church on November 13 will focus on Spiritual Warfare. The second parish mission to be held at the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace on November 14 will be a presentation on Spiritual Weapons and Protection. And the third parish mission to be held at Mary, Star of the Sea on November 15 will emphasize the need for Catholics to become Spiritual Warriors for the Church. For more information, please visit the www.divinemerchyhawaii.org or call 389-5764.

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Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Exodus 17:8-13 / Psalm 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 / 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 / Luke 18:1-8

Why do we pray? What do we seek with prayer? We have many reasons for prayer. Maybe when we were young, we prayed for God to give us something or do something for us. Perhaps we pray for healing or God's care. We pray from deep agony and need. We pray for strength and the wisdom to make the right choice.

Today's Gospel story, found only in Luke's account, is written to a community who is waiting and praying for the Messiah's return. Luke wanted his community to remain hopeful in the face of persecution and oppression. Like Moses' arms that wearied and dropped during battle, the members of his community were losing their strength and resolve. When would the Messiah return? Luke reminded them to stay the course. Pray and God's reign would come in God's time. We can see why Luke might remind his community to pray unceasingly and keep faith so the Son of Man would find it when he comes. Like's Luke's community, we are to pray persistently, not to talk God into something, but to open ourselves to do God's will on earth.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time"

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18 / Psalm 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 / 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 / Luke 18:9-14

From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

"Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed..."

Faithfulness is the quality of a person who is unwavering in his or her beliefs, especially a religion or political doctrine. He or she manifests consistency and being loyal to a person, promise or duty. The words of St. Paul to Timothy in the Liturgy of the Word this 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time express clear teaching how we can go about in being faithful to Christ's message. St. Paul teaches Timothy to adhere to what he had been taught for him to carry on the task he had been entrusted. Steadfastness enables him to entrust his life in the hands of the Lord.

As the dynamics of faith entails, which is, God calls, and we respond, faithfulness brings about our steadfastness even amid difficulties and challenges that life may bring. Often we are beset with so many burdens that pull us down and drives us away from our relationship with God. We search for other ways to give meaning to our lives, and we find that from what the world can offer. The ways of the Lord are far different from the ways of the world. At times, we choose the latter and question the former. It is because we falter, and it seems that remaining in that position can bring contentment in our lives. Is this so?

Once again, we ask ourselves, have we been faithful to what the Lord is teaching us? Have we remained steadfast to live up to our Christian and Catholic principles that promote life, our adherence to the sacraments, and living up as witnesses of Christ? The Lord calls us today to an examination of faith, and may we respond accordingly to what is expected from us, that is, being sons and daughters of God, faithful disciples of Christ and, temples of the Holy Spirit.

Yours in the Lord,
Fr. Pascual