

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, October 27

### **30<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, October 28

#### **Feasts of Ss. Simon and Jude, *Apostles***

Tuesday, October 29

#### **Tuesday of the 30<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, October 30

#### **Wednesday of the 30<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, October 31

#### **Thursday of the 30<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

Friday, November 1

### **Solemnity of All Saints**

Saturday, November 2

### **The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls)**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Mass for All Souls Day at 12:00pm

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

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, November 3

### **31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

## Ministry Meeting

Fr. Pascual have scheduled a mandatory meeting for all Lectors on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm and a meeting for all Eucharistic Ministers on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. Please call the office for more information.

## Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 7,242.88
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,548.03
Coffers	\$ 582.12
Holy Day Collection	\$ 20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,393.03</b>



## Sharing Faith

- What happens internally when we compare ourselves to others?
- When have you felt like Paul, that you have “competed well,” “finished the race,” and “kept the faith” (2 Timothy 4:7)? What advice would you pass on because of that experience?
- How does a follower of Christ, develop humility? What does it look like?

## Sacred Environment

### *The Family Under Siege*

Family is one of the most sacred of God's gifts. The family which begins as a marriage between one man and one woman is the very foundation from which ALL HUMAN LIFE flows. As people of faith, we believe that a strong family is the core of all fundamental freedoms enjoyed by the human family. Come to this symposium and learn how you can protect the sacred family as designed by God. Happening on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am – 4:00pm (Mass included.) To register for this event, please visit [www.catholicahawaii.org/respectlife](http://www.catholicahawaii.org/respectlife) no later than October 28<sup>th</sup> or call (808) 203-6722.

## 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.divinemercuryhawaii.org](http://www.divinemercuryhawaii.org) or call 389-5764.

## October 27, 2019 – 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

*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*

Psalm 34 begins “I will bless the Lord at all times” (Psalm 34:2). We often hear the phrase but what does it mean to bless God? The English word *bless* is not as obvious as languages like Spanish, which derive from Latin. In Spanish, *bendecir*, based on Latin roots, literally means to speak favorably about someone. To bless God is to praise and give thanks. Those who bless God give public witness of a relationship with God.

This story, unique to Luke's account of the Gospel, offers a portrayal of prayer. The Pharisee prays to himself and about himself, and is aware of others only as his comparison to them raises his self-esteem. In contrast, the tax collector focuses on God, the source of all blessing and mercy. In the end, only the tax collector is justified, because justification or salvation is a gift of God. Only the tax collector, in his humility, recognizes God as the source of grace to be praised and thanked. His prayer for mercy gives public witness to the relationship he seeks with God.

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### **Next Sunday's Readings: “Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time”**

*Wisdom 11:22-12:2 | Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14 | 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2 | Luke 19:1-10*

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

Dear Cathedral Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

*“O God, be merciful to me a sinner...”*

Do you ever wonder why, at the beginning of Mass, we have the Penitential Rite? Why we say, Lord Have Mercy, Christ Have Mercy, Lord Have Mercy? Have we reflected the impact of this rite deeply before proceeding to the other parts of the celebration? Take a moment to ask these questions to yourself and find answers to them. Because, if you can answer these questions, it will help you understand and celebrate the Holy Mass meaningfully.

We live in a world where humbling ourselves is not famous. We take pride in many things, our achievements, our families, and the status of our lives. In as much as we can be all these with anyone or everyone else, we can never be the way who we are in the presence of our God. God sees what is inside our minds and hearts. He knows every desire and longing we have. He knows what we have done right, but at the same time He knows what we have done wrong. Why does He know all these? It is because He is God and we are humans.

Although we recognize that our humanity is prone to weakness and sinfulness, we cannot always be that way. God has given us all the power and spirit to be better and even best in our ways. To do this, the key virtue of starting to become what God intends us to be is no other than the virtue of humility. Humility empowers us to recognize our faults, our weaknesses and, our vulnerabilities. When we come to realize as such, then, we recognize our need for God and beg for forgiveness and grace. And, when we are forgiven, we are justified like the man in the parable this Sunday. When we are justified, then we are ready to offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, which is the Mass itself.

As we then offer any prayer or prayers to God, be it private or public, it is essential to humble oneself first in His presence and recognize Him as He is. In this way, once your prayers are offered, then you would know who you are first before God and others. Authentic prayer demands an authentic way of praying.

Yours in the Lord,  
Fr. Pascual