

## The Church's Calendar This Week

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

Monday, November 4

### **Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo, *bishop***

Tuesday, November 5

### **Tuesday of the 31<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 6

### **Wednesday of the 31<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Adult Bible Study at 6:00pm

Thursday, November 7

### **Thursday of the 31<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

Friday, November 8

### **Friday of the 31<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

Saturday, November 9

### **Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, November 10

### **32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Military Services

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

Lector's Meeting at 1:00pm

## Adult Faith Formation

Join the Adult Faith Formation next Sunday, November 10, for a talk by Pauline Cooperator David Suzuki on "Soul of Christ," a traditional prayer for after reception of Holy Communion.

## 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	\$ 7,304.28
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,654.50
Coffers	\$ 460.70
Holy Day Collection	\$ 145.14
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,564.62</b>



## Archdiocese for Military Services

Next weekend our parish will take up the collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS). Established by St. John Paul II in 1985, the AMS is the only US Diocese responsible for providing pastoral care to men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled at a U.S. Military Academy, being treated as a patient at any of the 153 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers or working for the federal government beyond U.S. borders – including those from our own parish and diocese. Including families, AMS priests and deacons serve approximately 1.8 million Catholics who hail from 50 states and U.S. territories. While the salaries and retirement of Catholic military chaplains are paid for by the U.S. Government, the AMS does not receive any funding from the government or military for programs and administrative costs. Learn more about the Archdiocese for Military Services, go to [www.milarch.org/nationalcollection](http://www.milarch.org/nationalcollection). Please give generously.

## 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.

# November 3, 2019 – 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

*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*

The account of Zacchaeus, told only in Luke's account of the Gospel, is the last event in Jesus' journey as he travels to Jerusalem, where his death will bring salvation to the world. Some see this as a conversion story, but it has other possibilities. Zacchaeus may have been a faithful tax collector who followed the law in practices and almsgiving, but tax collectors had reputations for swindling money from others. The people were disgruntled with him, or perhaps even with Jesus for going to his house. They grumbled about the Teacher going to one they considered a sinner!

Jesus, who probably realized his actions were placing him more and more at risk with the authorities, offers God's generous grace and compassion to one who is loathed. Zacchaeus is one of God's chosen, a marvelous work of his creative power. God comes with salvation for such a one as this who is loved by God and welcomed by Jesus into God's kingdom. Zacchaeus's generous response is one we might imitate, faced with the overwhelming power of God's love for us.

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### **Next Sunday's Readings: "Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time"**

*2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14 | Psalm 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 | 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5 | Luke 20:27-38*

## From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

*"Today, salvation has come to this house."*

These words of Jesus from the Gospel this Sunday is drawn from the story of Zacchaeus. He was recognized by Jesus on His way while in Jericho. Zacchaeus climbed a sycamore tree to see Jesus passing by. He climbed because he was short in stature, and the crowd was blocking his view. At this, Jesus noticed him and invited Himself to go to his house. While seated in the home, people grumble about the Lord's actions because He invited Himself to stay at a sinner's house. Tax collectors during Jesus' time were considered to be sinners because of the business they do. Tax collectors extort money from the people, especially the poor. They conduct unjustly and dishonestly. And also, being with sinners can make one a sinner also.

Zacchaeus felt so honored by Jesus' presence in his home that he said something that the Lord admired. That is, to reform his life and make amends of his wrongdoings. With Zacchaeus' reparation of his past, Jesus blessed him with abundance that is salvation.

If Zacchaeus had been in the pit of darkness because of his sinfulness, Jesus' action lifts him to see the light in his life. Through Jesus, everything can become grace and life because of the abundance of His mercy, love, and forgiveness. The Lord's presence in his home and more so in his life, gave him hope to become a true descendant of Abraham, actually, a son of the Heavenly Father. By his turning away from sinfulness and living a new life made him be what God wanted him to be.

We all go through the same experience in small or big ways. We wander in life and lose our focus as being sons and daughters of God. We sin, and sometimes we remain there as if there is no more hope to get back. Often, we become like those people who grumble about others as well. But when we see what God does for all, it can all become a life-changing moment for everybody, sinners, and grumblers. Let Jesus' love, mercy, and forgiveness give us hope to see God's grace working tremendously and miraculously into our lives.

Yours in the Lord,  
Fr. Pascual