

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, November 8

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection for Diocesan Retirement Fund

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00a/12:00/4:00/6:00p

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, November 9

Monday of the 32nd Week in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:30 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 10

Tuesday of the 32nd Week in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:30 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 11

Veteran's Day Holiday

Wednesday of the 32nd Week in Ordinary Time

No Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 12

Thursday of the 32nd Week in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:30 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

Friday, November 13

Friday of the 32nd Week in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:30 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 14

Saturday of the 32nd Week in Ordinary Time

Mass at 7:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by Appointments' only

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 15

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00a/12:00/4:00/6:00p

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Prayers

- List of Traditional Prayers
- Set Prayer Reminders
- Submit Prayer Requests to the parish

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Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory Collection

10/26 – 11/02

Sunday Offering	\$ 8,317.10
Weekday	\$ 628.20
Online Giving	\$ 745.07
Other Feast & Solemnities	\$ 221.00
Total Offertory	\$ 9,911.37

Other Collection

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 195.50
Holy Day (All Souls)	\$ 959.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 30.00
Mass Intention	\$ 20.00
Others (Candles, Gallery, etc.)	\$ 281.00

Total \$ **11,367.17**

Living the Liturgy

- Make a contemplative space at home with a candle and a Bible. Model using this space yourself and mention that it is available to your family members.
- With your family or faith sharing group, talk about the expectations of a bridesmaid. How are these responsibilities similar to the responsibilities of the Christian awaiting the kingdom?
- With your family or faith sharing group, get out markers and paper and have each person draw a symbol or write a parable of the kingdom of God. When you are finished, share your work with one another. How do you envision the kingdom differently? What different aspects of the kingdom were brought out in different people's work?

Sharing the Faith

- Today's readings describe the quieter side of faithful living. How often do you take time for silent contemplation or meditation in your life?
- How can you fill this Advent with a contemplative mood, rather than giving in to the secular Christmas rush?
- The bridesmaids in today's Gospel ignore the panic of their companions because they know that they need to stay focused on the bridegroom. With so much need in the world and so many people clamoring for help, is there a point at which it is okay to say no? How do you identify that point?

Saints of the Week

If we wish to make any progress in the service of God, we Prayer is powerful! It fills the earth with mercy, it makes the Divine clemency pass from generation to generation; right along the course of the centuries wonderful works have been achieved through prayer. - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850-1917), Patron of Immigrants, Feast Day November 13

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Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Wisdom 6:12-16 / Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 / 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 4:13-14 / Matthew 25:1-13

Today's readings speak to our inherent need to seek the presence of God. The First Reading personifies divine Wisdom. The passage not only promises that Wisdom can be found by those who seek her, but that she actually goes out in search of those who love her. Psalm 63 compares the longing for God with physical thirst — the most fundamental need of living creatures. In the Gospel, Matthew describes the kingdom of God with the parable of the ten bridesmaids awaiting the bridegroom whose arrival, while later than expected, is assured.

We do not just wait passively for the arrival of the kingdom, though. We are to live our lives as those who long for and love the kingdom. This Sunday's readings describe how we are to wait even in our passive moments. In the First Reading, we are told that Wisdom comes to those who demonstrate their love for her by watching at dawn, thinking of her, and keeping vigil. And, of course, that is just what the wise bridesmaids do in this Sunday's Gospel. They prepare themselves for a long time of keeping vigil so that the arrival of the bridegroom, however late it may be, will be joyful and bright.

Take these readings into your heart as you prepare for the time of Advent, when we keep the lamps burning bright as we await the coming of Christ our Light into the world.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time"

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 / Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 / 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 / Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." (Mt. 25: 13)

After next Sunday, we will end our liturgical cycle soon, with the celebration of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe. How time flies that we are once again embracing a new year in our life and faith journey. It is also very interesting that this past weekend, we celebrated the Solemnity of All Saints. And, on Monday, the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. These celebrations make us ponder on God's precious gift to all of us, LIFE. A life not to be wasted but a life to be treasured and nourished so that when that day and time will come that the Lord will call us, we join Him in His eternal banquet.

The verse quoted above may seem to be alarming to hear or read. It may create some fear and anxiety. And it may indeed be if we do not ponder the profound message of what the Lord is trying to teach us.

The Word of God for us this Sunday allows us to realize wisdom. As defined, wisdom is the ability to discern or judge what is true, right, or lasting. It is insight, good judgment, or even put, common sense. Also, it allows us to prepare what may come or may not come. A friend told me a very wise statement whenever I travel, "expect the unexpected and hurry-up and wait." Certainly, many unexpected things can happen with travels and in the general course of life. A wise person makes good judgments and prepares one to embrace any unforeseen circumstances.

In our faith journey, there are things that we need to make good judgments on. Christ has revealed to us the truths that we need to live by every single day. He has taught us how to live our lives to be faithful as sons and daughters of a loving and merciful Father. He has shown us the way how we can conduct ourselves with God and with one another.

The sad reality is that we do not practice this gift of wisdom that we keep on choosing to live the world's ways rather than living the ways of God. When Jesus Christ will come again for the day nor the hour we do not know, will we be ready to face Him? Will we be ready to meet Him so we may enter into His eternal banquet?

But, if we do our part, NOW, and make use of wisdom to guide us through life, then there is nothing to fear nor be anxious. If we live our lives accordingly as His disciples, we can be certain that there is no other path to tread but the path to eternal life and be joyful with Him forever.

God has always equipped our life with gifts necessary to use during our lifetime here on earth. It is a matter to use them and find our way on the path of life .

Your friend in Jesus,
Fr. Pascual