

The Church's Calendar This Week

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.

Monday, November 16

Monday of the 33rd Week in Ordinary Time

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

Tuesday, November 17

Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, *religious*

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

Wednesday, November 18

Wednesday of the 33rd Week in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation by Appointment

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 19

Thursday of the 33rd Week in Ordinary Time

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

Friday, November 20

Friday of the 33rd Week in Ordinary Time

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

Saturday, November 21

Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass at 7:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by Appointment

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 22

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus

Christ, King of the Universe

2nd Collection for Campaign Human Development

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



Reflections

- Scott Hahn commentary
- Reflections on Sunday Mass readings
- Weekly updates

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Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory Collection

10/26 – 11/02

Sunday Offering	\$ 7,618.94
Weekday (with Latin Mass)	\$ 957.45
Online Giving	\$ 2,981.95
Other Feast & Solemnities	\$ 30.00
Total Offertory	\$ 11,588.34

Other Collection

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 165.00
Holy Day (All Souls)	\$ 1,535.00
Diocesan Religious Retirement	\$ 405.02
Campaign Human Development	\$ 20.00
Mass Intention	\$ 160.00
Others (Candles, Gallery, etc.)	\$ 624.10
Total	\$ 14,497.46

Living the Liturgy

- This liturgical year is drawing to a close. Recall the readings from the past few weeks and make a list of the messages from the Gospel that speak to your everyday life.
- As Advent approaches, begin to brainstorm ways in which you can help others in your community turn their focus to preparing to celebrate Christ's coming. Begin to watch for opportunities to serve others or help with a project in your faith community.
- Play a board game that involves making a profit, like Monopoly. After the game, discuss the strategies and skills that you used in order to gain the most profit. Decide how you can use the same strategies in living out your faith.

Sharing the Faith

- Where are your best efforts directed? What areas could use more work?
- If you could be awarded a "lifetime achievement award," what award would you choose and why?
- What talents or possessions do you have that you would not want to share with others? Why would you not want to share them? Choose one of these talents or possessions and try to share it.

Saints of the Week

We ought to speak, shout out against injustices, with confidence and without fear. We proclaim the principles of the Church, the reign of love, without forgetting that it is also a reign of justice. - Blessed Miguel Pro (1891-1927), Jesuit Priest, Martyr, Beatified November 25

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Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

In everything that we do, we are encouraged to excel. For most of us, surpassing or achieving high standards takes effort and involves risks. In some cases, we choose to take an easier path and, in doing so, don't get the satisfaction of knowing we gave our all.

The readings this week spotlight people who, through vigilance, went beyond the requirements of the job to excel. Proverbs tells us about a wife who, despite a heavy load of domestic chores, went beyond the call of duty to serve others in her community. In Jesus' parable, the man with one talent did nothing wrong because it was the custom of the day to bury money. He was not vigilant, however. The master was gone for a lengthy time, requiring his servants to be mindful of how they took care of their talents. Paul also emphasizes the quality of vigilance to his communities who are discouraged that Jesus has not yet returned.

This week's readings compel us to look at our lives for sins of omission. We are asked to find talents in us that we have buried and must now uncover so that profit can be made. Uncovering our talents might mean we clear away unimportant tasks and, like the woman in Proverbs, get to the heart of the tasks that have the most impact on the people around us. Ultimately, God calls us to turn to him and be patient while we await the glorious return of his Son. During this time, we are to put our talents to good use.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe"

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 | Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 | 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 | Matthew 25:31-46

From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

"Well done, good and faithful servant" (Mt. 25: 23)

With the coming end of our current liturgical year to culminate it with the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe, this Sunday we hear or read in our Sunday Gospel, the Parable of the Talents. The master entrusted his possessions to his servants. To one, he gave five talents, to another, two and the third, one talent. A talent is a huge amount, worth fifteen years' worth of wages in today's currency. Just imagine how huge the amount is even only to have one talent. Although we may consider the amount as an essential part of the story, what matters more was the trust that the master had for his servants and how they used it.

On the one hand, to be trusted, either five, two, or one talent was the story's core. On the other hand, it was how the servants used these talents. Two of them made use of it responsibly, but one did not.

Every human being has been entrusted with tremendous gifts from God. Gifts that are not wrapped inside a box. Such gifts are time, talent, and treasure. We all have been given these gifts, whoever we are. Often, as we may see, other people have more riches than us, it does not mean that they are more blessed. We are all blessed uniquely. It is a matter of how we use these gifts for our benefit and other people's good. We can observe that a person may have all the things they need in life but are not happy and do not live a peaceful life. One may only have enough for him or her and family but lives a peaceful life because they live in a home and not just a house. Anyone who can see the value of God's gifts in his or her life does not have room for envy or jealousy but rather a life of selflessness and generosity. In a simple but profound word, this is what we call, Stewardship or Discipleship. A life that is dedicated to God and neighbor. And the action that is required for a good steward or a faithful disciple is Service.

Reflecting on our responsibilities to God and Neighbor, how accountable are we making use of God's gift to us? Have we made use well of what was entrusted to us since the beginning of our life? Or have we become like the last servant who just kept it for himself? Our role in this life depends on the responsibilities we are entrusted with. What matters is not how big, or small these may be but how we can keep our tasks or roles fruitfully and effectively. In the end, we are all accountable to God. And when that day and time come, will we hear Him say, "Well done, good and faithful servant"?

Your friend in Jesus,
Fr. Pascual