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**FEBRUARY 12, 2023**  
**6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



## MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 6:30 a.m.  
& 12:00 p.m.

Saturday: 7:00 a.m.  
& 12:00 p.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.  
(Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Sunday: 6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m.,  
10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.  
& 6:00 p.m.

## RECONCILIATION

Wednesday & Saturday  
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
(unless noted in bulletin)

## Devotions

First Friday

Adoration/Benediction  
at 6:30 a.m.

First Saturday

Adoration after 7:00 a.m. Mass  
(unless noted in bulletin)

## PARISH OFFICE

MONDAY through FRIDAY  
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
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**This week's Readings:** Sirach 15:15-20; Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34;  
1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37

**Next week's Readings:** Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

## **“BLESSED ARE THEY WHO FOLLOW THE LAW OF THE LORD” (PSALM 119:1)**

Beloved Disciples of Christ,,

Greeting of peace, love and joy!

This weekend's Liturgical Readings are filled with words reminding us to live our lives for God. It is centered on the theme of following the commands of the Lord. And to follow or abide by the laws of the Lord, we receive blessings from Him. As such, we become blessed and share in the goodness of God.

Experience tells us that many in our world today do not live their lives for God. They move away from Him and contend to live their lives in their way. Though this is possible, we need God's commands or laws to live righteously and devoutly as sons and daughters of a loving Father.

Imagine ourselves without our basic traffic laws. Can we do whatever we want to do while we drive? Do you think we will be safe throughout driving if we do things independently? I do not think so. Along the way, accidents can happen and may cause our lives or someone else's life because of our own doing. But if we know that these laws can guide us to safety and the assurance of reaching our destination, we need to abide. These laws are being taught to us through the Church, whom Jesus entrusted His mission to guide and serve for the salvation of all. It goes the same thing with our lives for God. He has put laws for us to follow. These laws guide us to reach our destination and the fullness of life God offers to all.

We may not know it well, but one of God's greatest gifts to humanity is free will. Man can choose between doing good or evil, or knowing right from wrong. It could have been easier that God created us to control us, but that is not His nature. He wants all of us to exercise this great gift, but in reality, our choices are geared more toward what I desire, what I want, what I do even when it becomes detrimental to others' freedom, rights, and

more to lives of others. As such, we live a life of selfishness and pride that it is so dangerous that we cannot see God's goodness.

May these Readings call us back to realize that God's laws are spirit and life. Abiding in them makes our lives worthy of living in this world in peace and joy. But we also need to work on making His laws present in our world. By living faithfully to God's commands, people can experience through us that following His laws can bear goodness and a sense of direction in life. God's laws are directives that make lives meaningful and fruitful. God calls us to live His commands. May we have an open heart and right mind to be faithful and abide in Him.

Your friend in Jesus,



**Reverend Pascual Abaya IV**  
**Rector**

**CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK**

Sunday, February 12  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
2nd Collection for Augustine Educational Fdn.  
Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm  
Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, February 13  
Monday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, February 14  
Memorial of Ss. Cyril and Methodius  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, February 15  
Wednesday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time  
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, February 16  
Thursday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, February 17  
Friday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, February 18  
Saturday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time  
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am  
Masses at 7:00am & 12:00pm  
Adoration/Benediction following 7:00am  
Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, February 19  
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
2nd Collection for Repairs & Maintenance  
Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm  
Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

**SCRIPTURE**

*February 12, 2023*

We face choices every day. Each day, we have opportunities to act in ways reflecting God's grace and mercy in the world. Every day, we can choose to shine light among our sisters and brothers. Do we treat our coworkers fairly? Do we lie to avoid taking responsibility? Do we help those in need? Do we forgive those who have hurt us? God's commandments and Jesus' witness give us guidance and wisdom on making the right choice, but it is our choice to act rightly. Sirach tells his listeners that same lesson in today's reading: "If you choose you can keep the commandments" (15:15).

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives his followers an image of what a community could look like and what its members would act like if the commandments are followed. Jesus helps his listeners understand what is at the heart of evil. The sin of murder has its roots in anger and disrespect; his followers are called to choose reconciliation. Those who are called have the freedom to choose obedience to fulfill the life that God offers.

**SHARING FAITH**

Use Psalm 119 to meditate on the blessings God offers to those who follow his way with their hearts.

What does it mean to drop everything to go be reconciled to someone we have hurt or wronged? Is it easier or harder to be reconciled to someone who has hurt us?

Where do you need to offer reconciliation?

**LIVING THE LITURGY**

Read Psalm 119. You might read the verses aloud in a group. It is a loving meditation on the blessings offered to those who set their hearts on God's way, seeking, loving, and following the law. What phrases touch your imagination as you listen to them? You may want to create a poster or drawing. What does the psalm help you learn about God's relationship to us?

God has given human beings the gift of free will. Each of us, therefore, has the freedom to choose our actions and because of that, there are consequences to our choices. Talk about some situations where there are choices that can be made. Jesus tells his disciples what they need to choose to remain faithful. What would Christian followers choose to do in the situations you named?

**REFLECTION**

If you choose you can keep the commandments (Sirach 15:15).



**MISSION STATEMENT**

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**ICSC STEWARDSHIP PRAYER**

Heavenly Father,

You made the light to shine out of darkness, a light that reveals the goodness of all you have created.

Your Son tells us we are the light of the world. It is a dark world in desperate need of your infinite love and mercy.

Help us to be good stewards of the light you shine in our hearts so that through this precious gift, we too may reveal your handiwork.

And by the power of Your Spirit, show us how to shine our light before others, that they may see our good deeds and glorify you.

We pray this in the name of Christ Jesus, your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Amen.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

January 30 - February 5, 2023

**Offertory Collection**

Sunday Offering	\$ 6,530.61
Weekday + Coffe Offering	\$ 2,256.43
Other Feast & Solemnities	\$ 248.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,124.51
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 12,159.55</b>

**Other Collection**

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 26.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 50.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 1,861.35
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 394.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 14,490.90</b>



Give the Gift of Catholic Education. Second Collection this weekend! We kindly ask for you to support the Augustine Education Foundation's Second Collection - Make a Student Smile - Give the Gift of Catholic Education Campaign. Your gift enables Catholic Education to be affordable for families in Hawaii. Every dollar raised in the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace will go to the families within our parish and vicariate community. A priority to those with the highest level of need.

For the 2022 - 2023 school year, the Augustine Educational Foundation has funded \$820,480 in tuition scholarships and \$28,350 in grants for school programs.

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**SAINT OF THE WEEK**

God is in the midst of us, or rather we are in the midst of him; wherever we are he sees us and touches us: at prayer, at work, at table, at recreation.

St. Claude de Columbiere (1641 - 1682), Feast Day, February 15.