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JANUARY 14, 2024 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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#### **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.

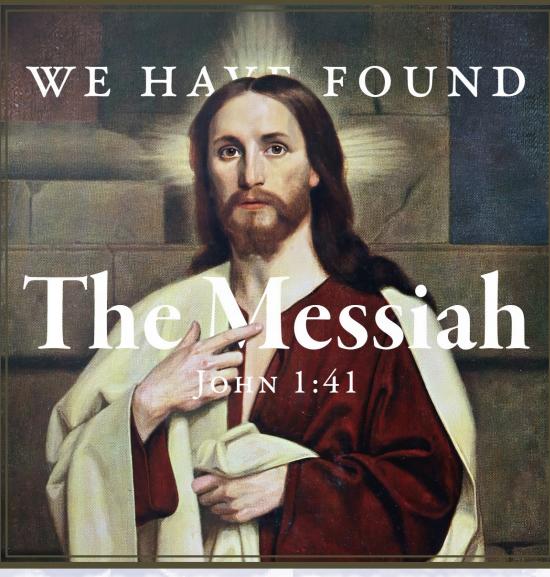
#### RECONCILIATION

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

**Devotions First Friday** Adoration/Benediction at 10:00 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. Closed on holidays

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This week's Readings: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 35-42

Next week's Readings: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

#### "LISTENING TO THE VOICE OF THE LORD"

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

Our First Reading on this Second Sunday in Ordinary Time narrates the calling of Samuel. Samuel, so young and innocent, was living at the temple of the Lord with the High Priest, Eli. One night, Samuel woke up because a voice called out to him. He thought it was Eli calling out, so he approached him and said, "Here I am, you called me." Eli was unaware of the voice calling out to Samuel; not until it happened the third time that he realized that it was God calling out to Samuel. Eli sent Samuel to go back to sleep, and if he ever heard the voice again, he said to respond this way, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Indeed, the voice of God called out Samuel, and this time, he responded with the words that Eli told him to say. And the Lord made His presence revealed. From then on, Samuel lived and grew up and became a man of God and served Him with faithfulness and zeal.

What a way to grow when someone listens to the Word of God. What a life that could become when someone responds to God's call? We have become more unaware in our current culture and world that God constantly calls each of us. A call to live like His Son, our Lord, whose great mysteries of His birth we celebrated with great jubilation days ago. Our world has become noisier with overwhelming situations that we can no longer hear or see God's presence as much as He makes His presence every time.

God's invitation to listen to His Son, Jesus Christ, is more pressing now as we observe what is happening around us. We draw our thoughts from our call as Christians. We are called to carry out the task of giving testimony to Christ to all people. By virtue of our Baptism, we carry the name of Christ. In Christ Jesus, we lead and bring people to Him. We can start fulfilling this call by leading our children to the Lord, especially on Sundays. Parents testify to Christ by leading good and holy lives and becoming examples to their children. In so doing, children see Christ in them. In the larger context of the community, our vocation can be realized by our concern for truth, justice, peace, and life, just as Jesus did. By doing this, we lead people to realize the true Messiah. God has called us to be His heralds today. May we indeed fulfill our vocation in life? Our vocation starts if we start listening to the Voice of the Lord. Where? In Sacred Scriptures, in the celebration of the Sacraments especially at the Holy Mass, and even in our prayers where God speaks to our inner consciences!

Your friend in the Jesus,

Fr. Pascual Abaya IV Rector



# SPEAK FOR YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING 1 Samuel 3:10

#### **CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK**

Sunday, Jan. 14 **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 15 - **Holiday** Monday of the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time Mass at 12:00pm

Tuesday, Jan. 16 Tuesday of the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00pm

Wednesday, Jan. 17 Memorial of St. Anthony Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm Thursday, Jan. 18 Thursday of the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, Jan. 19 Friday of the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, Jan. 20 Saturday of the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time Mass & Adoration at 7:00am Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am Mass at 12:00pm Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, Jan. 21 **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Repair & Maintenance Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

#### **SCRIPTURE**

We found \_\_\_\_\_! Fill in the blank: sunken treasure, a Picasso in the attic, a UFO, a gold mine. Even if Andrew had said as much to Peter, he would not have elicited any more excitement than he did by finishing the sentence with "the Messiah." But the same words spoken to another might elicit little more than disbelief. Try announcing your find of sunken treasure or the Picasso in the attic and you might be answered, "Yeah, right." Only a seeker, someone longing, can be stopped in his tracks and caught up in a dream that's too good to be true. It didn't take Eli and Samuel long to realize it was the Lord calling. Eli could say, "Your servant is listening" because he had been practicing listening to the Lord during all his days in the Temple with Eli. Much of life is rehearsal. We don't know it at the time, we just do what we do. We make choices and follow patterns, and one day something really big happens and we're ready. Whether it's an emergency or an opportunity, we're ready, we understand, we know what to do, and we do it while others panic or let the chance slip by. Andrew and Peter were ready for the coming of the Messiah. They had been rehearsing all their lives as they caught fish, mended nets, and went home for supper. Their hearts were ready for the miracle, and so they went to see.

#### **SHARING FAITH**

What things have you spent your life "rehearsing" for? Have there been opportunities that came along that you knew you were ready to embrace because somehow, you'd prepared for them your whole life?

When did you first start hearing the voice of God calling you into closer relationship with him? Did you recognize it right away, or did it take a few tries?

In today's readings, Eli, John the Baptist, and the Apostle Andrew each help others recognize and respond to God's call. Are you struggling with anything God is calling you to do? Is there someone who might help you discern and answer God's call?

### LIVING THE LITURGY

We can all help others find their destiny the way Andrew introduced Peter to his. As you go through the coming week, look for someone you can encourage to pursue a dream, project, trip, or adventure that you think would impact their future.

Complete this sentence: "The first time I felt really confident that I was doing what I was meant to be doing was ... "

Invite a priest, deacon, or religious sister or brother to have dinner with you one evening and to tell your family about his or her vocational call. Invite him or her to tell how he or she recognized it as a call from God, who may have helped him or her discern or heed the call, how he or she has felt the presence of the Holy Spirit in living out this vocation. Keep your guest in your family prayers.

#### REFLECTION

"They said to him, 'Rabbi . . . where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come, and you will see' " (John 1:38 – 39).

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#### **STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

January 1 - 7, 2023

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	Sunday	\$ 8,701.18
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<b>STEWARDSHIP</b>	Other Collection	
STER AN ENVI-	Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 20.00
CH STEWARD-	Diocesan Collection	\$ 520.00
OD ACCEPTED	Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 2,795.24
THROUGHOUT	Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 462.00
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#### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

Are you ready for Ordinary Time? Please join Dcn. Joe and Easter Almuena every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 9:00am. Resources are available at **Formed.org**. On your browser, go to **www.formed. org**. Sign up as a "Parishioner", choose "RCCHAWAII" and create an account. Please see Dcn. Joe & Easter for more information.



#### **MARCH FOR LIFE**

Please join our Respect Life office as we are called to Love One Another. Our prayers and presence in the public square can change policies to promote a Culture of Life! Mass and Adoration with Bishop Larry on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Co- Cathedral of St. Theresa. March for Life on Friday, January 19, 2024 from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the State Capitol. For more information, please call the Repspect Life Office at 808-203-6722. Aloha Kekahi i Kekahi - Love One Another!

## **OHANA IN CHRIST ANNUAL APPEAL**

Please support the Cathedral Basilica and our many Catholic ministries and services by contributing to the 2023-2024 Appeal. Mahalo for your generous Stewardship of Treasure. All gifts are important and appreciated. Give online at CatholicHawaii.org.

### SAINT FOR THE WEEK

The privilege of our Church is such that it is never stronger than when it is attacked, never better known than when it is accused, never more powerful than when it appears forsaken.

St. Hilary of Poitiers (310 - 367), Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Feast Day January 13

ICSC STEWARDSHIF PRAYER MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF THE INTERNA-TIONAL CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL IS TO FOSTER AN ENVI-RONMENT IN WHICH STEWARD-SHIP IS UNDERSTOOD, ACCEPTED AND PRACTICED THROUGHOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the gift of the new year. You have entrusted us with the coming days, weeks and months as stewards of your divine plan; to live in gratitude, joy, and an ever growing confidence in your Kingdom to come.

> We ask for humility to reform our lives; the courage to commit ourselves to you no matter the cost; and the wisdom to shine the light of faith on others.

Open our hearts, give us your Spirit and show us how to share your love so that we may bring hope to a world in need of your justice and peace.

We pray to be a sign of your grace in this new year through your son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, onr God, Forever and ever.

Amen!