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14TH 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 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.
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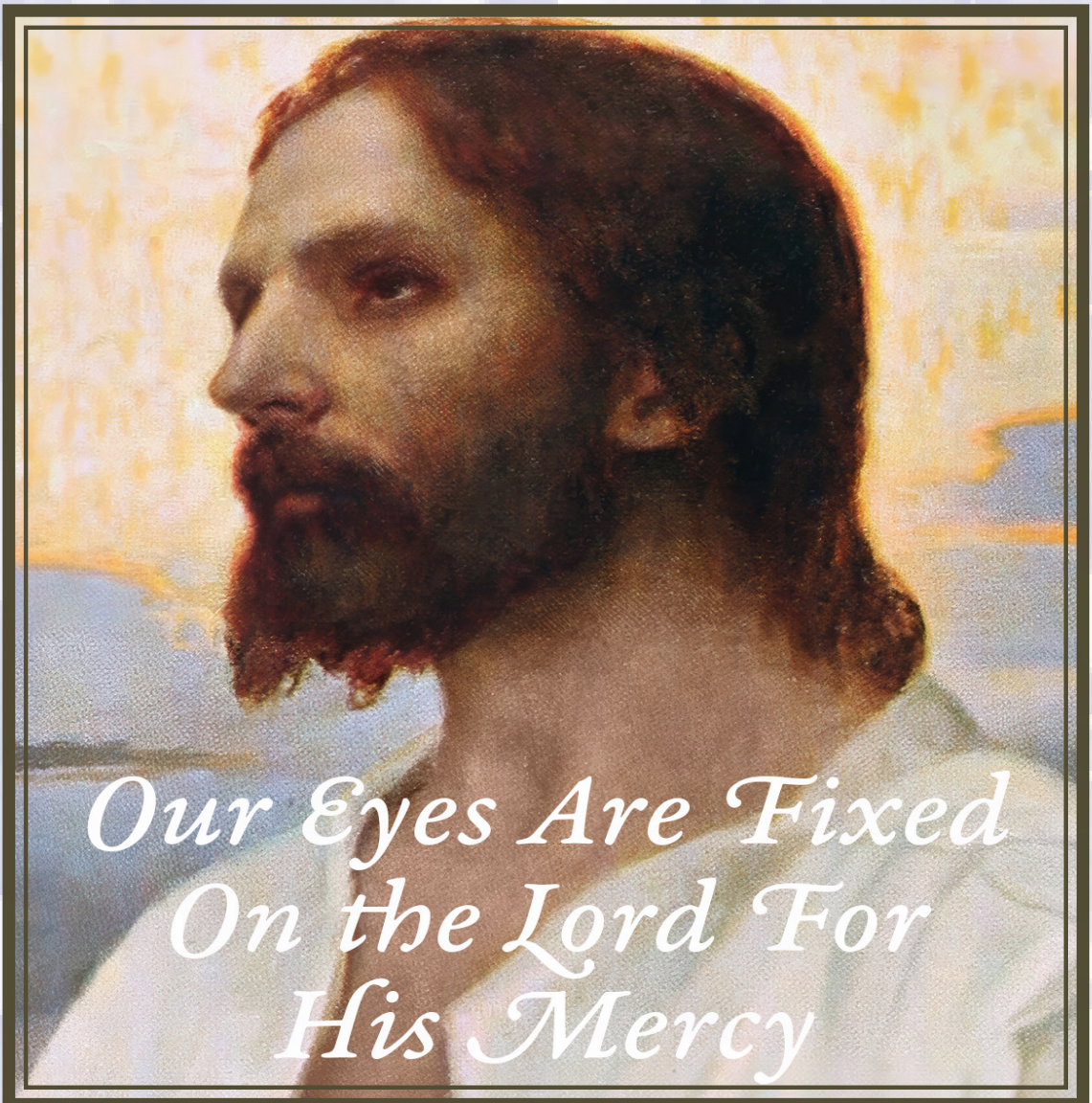


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This week's Readings: Ezekiel 2:2-5; Psalm 123:1-2, 2, 3-4;
2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Alleluia Luke 4:18; Mark 6:1-6

Next week's Readings: Amos 7:12-15; Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14;
Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10; Alleluia Ephesians 1:17-18; Mark 6:7-13

"NURTURING OUR FAITH IN JESUS"

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

We are familiar with the expression, "Familiarity breeds contempt." It means that the more acquainted one becomes with a person, the more one knows about his or her shortcomings and, hence, the easier it is to dislike that person. In our Gospel Reading this Sunday, Jesus experienced the truth. Thus, He said, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." People around him were talking about His family, trade, and whereabouts; more so, they took offense at Him. Just imagine how difficult it must have been for Jesus to experience such resistance and rejection. The words "took offense at him" are so strong to express that "even though we are astonished at your words, we just don't care about it because we know who you are." Consequently, He could not perform any mighty deed there apart from curing a few sick people. Jesus could have done nothing at all. But He is who He is. He cares, and He persists in doing the will of His Father. He must have felt sorry for them but was amazed by their lack of faith.

Lack of faith brings about nothing at all. The lack of faith in Jesus results in not recognizing the truth about Him, His works, and His teachings. Also, if there is a lack of faith in Him, minds are redirected to accepting and even believing relative truths of the world. Rejection and resistance of Jesus come in the form of laws and principles relative to everyone's whims and caprices. Often, these are regulated so everyone can accept them no matter what. It will result in not having a firm relationship with Jesus and not being convinced of the truths in Sacred Scripture. As such, we can become like atheists, not believing in God at all.

Last weekend, I reflected on my article about the healing power of God with you. Having faith in God enables us to see things that keep our journey going. However, oftentimes, we are controlled by our fear, which stifles us from taking that leap to see what God has in store for us. We bind our hands and just do not do anything at all, which eventually results in nothing.

Like Jesus, though He may have experienced such resistance and rejection from His people, kin, and family, His mission will never be stopped. He continued doing what He was called to do, even to the point of being crucified, which was the ultimate way of rejection by those who did not believe in Him. He entrusted this mission to the Church. Through the Church, we can nurture our faith in Jesus.

The Church will always be a herald of God's message of salvation. The difference now is how open we are to receive the message of Christ and live it. Is our faith in Him motivating us to a life of conversion and action to participate in His mission? Or is our faith in Him limited to simply knowing Him and waiting for things to happen? Are we lacking in faith? If we say Yes or Maybe, we must do something about it. If we say No, then let us continue nurturing it.

Your friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual Abaya IV
Rector



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MARK 6:4

CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 7
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2nd Collection for Holy Father (Peter's Pence)
 Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm
 Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, July 8
 Monday of the 14th Week in Ordinary Time
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, July 9 - **Our Lady of Peace Feast Day**
 Tuesday of the 14th Week in Ordinary Time
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, July 10
 Wednesday of the 14th Week in Ordinary Time
 Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, July 11
 Memorial of St. Benedict
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, July 12
 Friday of the 14th Week in Ordinary Time
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, July 13
 Saturday of the 14th 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, July 14
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm
 Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

SCRIPTURE

Jesus was not the prophet that the people were expecting. He was Mary's boy, the son of the carpenter who built their dinner tables. What did he know? Who was he to preach? The citizens of Nazareth start off "astonished" at his words, his "wisdom" and his "mighty deeds" (Mark 6:2). But soon they put all that aside and remind themselves he's just a local boy. In the end, it's Jesus who's astonished, and their lack of faith so clogs the channels of grace within him that he can't bless them as he has blessed so many others.

God's people — that is, all people — have been a rebellious, stubborn lot from the beginning. God knows us well. And so, God tells Ezekiel to go to the rebels and say to them, "Thus says the Lord God!" (Ezekiel 2:4). The rest is up to them. Then God speaks one of scripture's most memorable lines, one that should haunt us every time we plug our ears and choose not to listen. "Whether they heed or resist," says the Lord, "for they are a rebellious house — they shall know that a prophet has been among them" (Ezekiel 2:5). Give your heart a name and call it Nazareth. Now consider: will Christ find honor in the "home" of your heart or will he, in horror, have to move on to another place?

SHARING FAITH

What parts of you are most resistant to God's transforming Word and grace?

Much speculation surrounds the identity of Paul's "thorn in the flesh" (2 Corinthians 12:7) — a physical or psychological ailment, another disciple, a temptation? What would you name as your "thorn in the flesh"?

Prophets of old admonished the people to recognize and heed the presence of God's wisdom or suffer the inevitable effects of choices contrary to truth and order. Where do you see modern prophets calling us back to God's wisdom?

LIVING THE LITURGY

In your group, reflect quietly on one or two things you would consider a "weakness." Then share about the times that the "weakness" proved to be "strength" in your life.

Create a small poster you can frame that says, "A Prophet Has Been among Them." Award it to someone in your community who has boldly or quietly proclaimed God's truth.

Like the people of Jesus' hometown, many people look for God to do what is outside the laws of nature to prove himself, failing to see that the laws of nature themselves are God's order in what would otherwise be chaos. Look together at what surrounds you today with new eyes, recognizing all of it for the miracle it is. Allow wonder and awe to fill you, and savor and celebrate it.

REFLECTION

"They shall know that a prophet has been among them" (Ezekiel 2:5).



ICSC STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Gracious and Loving God,

When your Spirit descended upon the apostles at Pentecost, they spoke the languages of those who came to hear their testimony.

They proclaimed a new covenant in Christ Jesus, sanctified by his blood, bound by the Holy Spirit, and sealed in the waters of Baptism.

We give you thanks and praise for releasing your Spirit upon us; and in these anxious times pray that it will break through the many barriers that divide people.

Let your Spirit open our eyes as a communion of faith to your ongoing presence among us, so we can recognize you when we serve one another.

Let your Spirit open our minds so that we may gain the wisdom to work together to show love for our neighbors, and unite our talents to build a better, safer world.

And let your Spirit open our hearts so that together we can live more fully in Christ, shine his light of mercy and hope and prepare for the day of his glorious return.

We pray this through your son, Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

June 24 - 30, 2024

Offertory Collection

Sunday	\$ 6,773.37
Weekday	\$ 960.00
Other Feasts, Solemnities	\$ 257.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,715.95
Total Offertory	\$ 9,711.32

Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 100.50
Diocesan Collection	\$ 160.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 2,486.22
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 841.00
Total	\$ 13,308.04

HOLY FATHER (PETER'S PENCE)

Thank you for supporting the works of the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection. Be a sign of MERCY! Please give generously to this collection the weekend of July 6/7 as a sign of mercy to those who suffer around the globe and of your support for the ongoing work of the Holy See. By doing so, you help build up the Church so that it can minister to all for generations to come.



We are at 34% from reaching our goal! Please support the Cathedral Basilica and our many Catholic ministries and services by contributing to the 2023-2024 'Ohana In Christ Appeal. Our Catholic Church in Hawaii has many dimensions and continues to make significant impact in the communities we serve. Your generous gift will especially help support numerous ministries and services at our parishes, schools and beyond - as well as our Parish Priests and Deacons, Youth and Young Adult Ministry and those most in need. Mahalo for your generous Stewardship of Treasure. All gifts are important and appreciated. Please give online at CatholicHawaii.org.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Please join Dcn. Joe and Easter Almuena every 3rd Sunday of the month at 9:45am. Resources are available at **FORMED**. On your browser, go to www.formed.org. Sign up as a "Parishioner", choose "RCCHAWAII" and create an account.

SAINT FOR THE WEEK

"Almighty God, give me wisdom to perceive You, intelligence to understand You, diligence to seek You, patience to wait for You, eyes to behold You, a heart to meditate upon You and life to proclaim You, through the power of the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

Benedict of Nursia (480 - 547), Monk, Patron of Europe, Feast Day, July 11th