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JULY 28, 2024
17TH 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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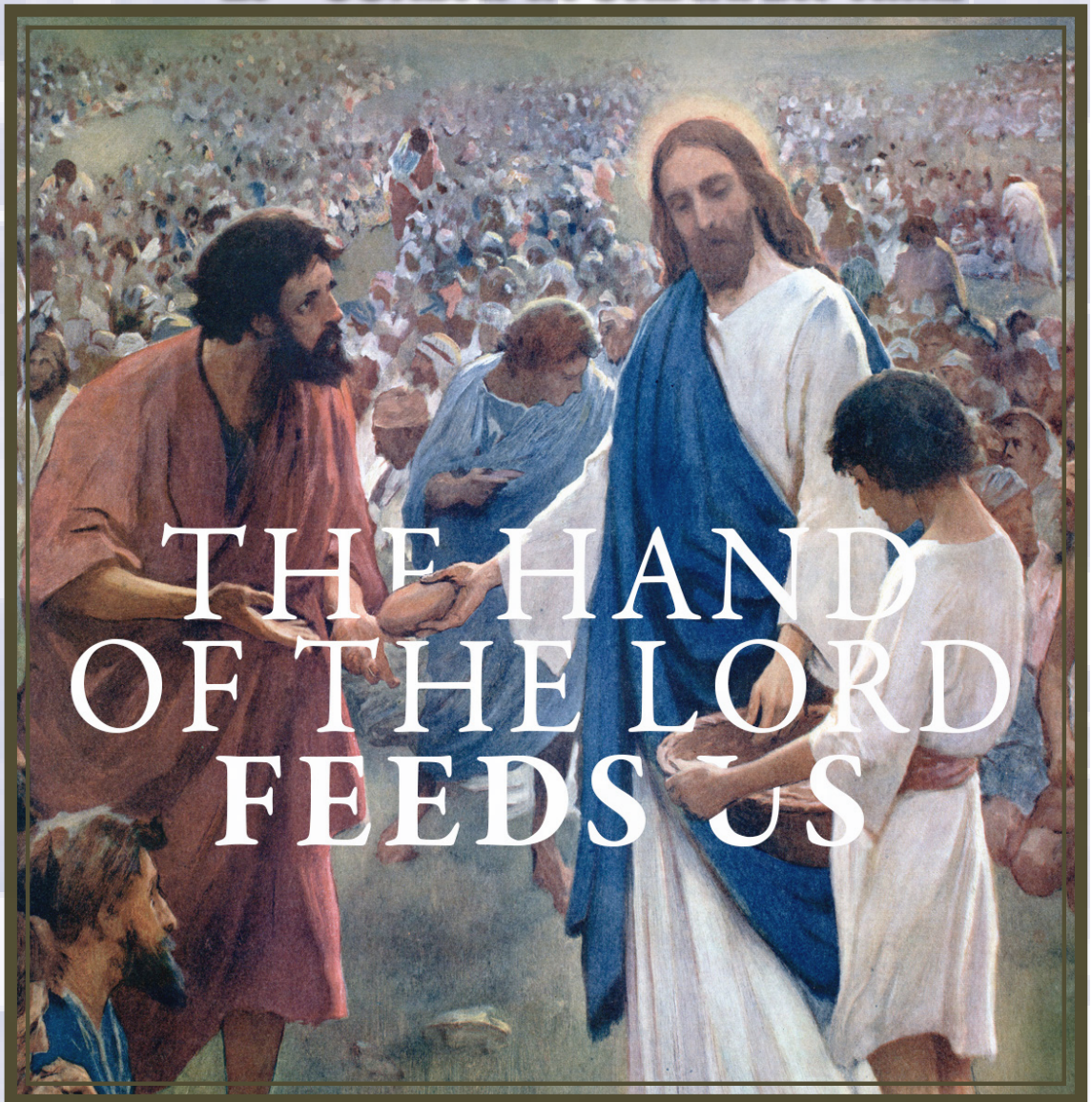


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This week's Readings: 2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18;
Ephesians 4:1-6; Alleluia Luke 7:16; John 6:1-15

Next week's Readings: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Psalm 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54;
Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; Alleluia Matthew 4:4b; John 6:24-35

"FOOD FOR THOSE WHO HUNGER!"

Beloved Disciples of Christ,
Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

The First Reading from the Second Book of Kings tells us about the miracle of the multiplication of loaves performed by Elisha. A man from Baal-shalishah brings twenty barley loaves made from the first fruits and fresh grain in the ear to Elisha. He commands his servant to give the food to the people to eat. The servant objects to the command because he questions how twenty barley loaves can feed a hundred people. Elisha insists on giving the loaves, and the people have their fill.

This Sunday from the Gospel of John tells us about the miracle of the multiplication of loaves. A large crowd gathers around Jesus and His disciples. Jesus, sensitive to the needs of the people, asks Philip where they can buy enough food for all of them to eat. Philip remarks that two hundred days' wages for food are insufficient to feed the crowd. Andrew, another disciple and the brother of Simon Peter tells Jesus about a boy who has five barley loaves and two fish. Jesus commanded His disciples to let the people recline, and the large crowd had their fill.

One precise detail about the miracles is about the servant and the boy bringing barley loaves. The two accounts of the multiplication of the loaves are clear enough to understand that God does not multiply the loaves instantly. It is not like a downpour of rain. Instead, there is first the generous deed of the person who offers and brings the food. After this, the food is shared with those who are in need.

The miracles we hear this Sunday may lead us to the theme of the Eucharist. It will be more precise as we hear the succeeding Sunday Gospels. This Sunday, it is evident that the Lord calls us to understand and reflect on how we can make the miracle happen again today. Many people are in dire need of food locally, nationally, and globally. Many have lost jobs and could hardly find ways to make ends meet. As we also notice, the poor are those who hunger for food. They roam around our streets, homeless and abandoned. Through our spirit of generosity, willingness to serve, and selflessly keeping the goods we have to dispose of, all are means to make the miracle happen again. We can join many institutions around our State or serve in the Outreach Ministry of our Churches to make the miracle happen again. Only what it takes is to have an open heart, be generous, and extend a helping hand to feed them with material food and, more so, love and care.

We are called to open ourselves to others as we look up to Jesus' selfless sacrifice. Our call to discipleship is a call to a life-giving service to others, materially and spiritually. Through Jesus' ways and teachings, we form one body in Him, tending to the needs of our brothers and sisters.

Your friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual Abaya IV
Rector



*Then Jesus
took the loaves,
gave thanks, &
distributed them*

JOHN 6:11

CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 28

17th 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, July 29

Memorial of Ss. Martha, Mary, & Lazarus
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, July 30

Tuesday of the 17th Week in Ordinary Time
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, July 31

Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, August 1

Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, August 2 - First Friday

Friday of the 17th Week in Ordinary Time
Adoration/Benediction at 10:00am
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, August 3

Saturday of the 17th 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, August 4

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection for Catholic Charities Hawaii
Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm
Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

SCRIPTURE

People are hungry and there's not enough to share. There are just a few options: send them home, let them go hungry, or pray for a miracle. Some commentators say that this passage demonstrates that while people are hungry, there's plenty to share if everyone is willing to share what they have, thinking that the miracle of human goodness is ignited by the divine spark of Jesus. Others point out that sometimes, no matter how generous people are, there is simply not enough to go around. To suggest this manifestation of God's abundance was really an instance of human sharing not only robs the story of its beauty but of its power and truth, as well. Let others argue where the food came from. The message of the stories is clear: God supplies our need, and we have only to add our small share. Are you sharing more than you can afford, given your family responsibilities? If so, why do you think that is?

First you have to believe miracles can happen. Given that, miracles have a life of their own. They're God's doing, not ours. We do what we can, but that's not enough. Only when God's merciful love intervenes can miracles happen. These miracles demonstrate the free and overwhelming grace of God, who gives when we have nothing left. The crowd was touched not by each other's generosity, but by God's abundance. Jesus' crowd will want to make him king, not because he got them to share but because he did what none of them could do — become a conduit of God's miraculous love.

SHARING FAITH

You've attended "potluck" events where everyone brought something and there were leftovers for everyone. Do you think that's the point of the Gospel story?

Have you ever followed a hunch and done something totally counter-intuitive, akin to putting a few loaves before a large crowd of people?

Do you have all you really need? Do you have more than you need? Are you sharing as much time, talent, and treasure as you can afford with others? If not, why do you think that is?

LIVING THE LITURGY

Jesus orders the leftovers to be collected so nothing is wasted. Make sure during this week to let no food go to waste. As you store the leftovers, remember the Gospel and give thanks for the Eucharist.

With a partner, find the words (verbs) in the Gospel story that parallel those used by the priest at Mass.

Make bread or rolls from scratch. Many children today have never kneaded dough or seen it rise. Give your family members the hands-on experience of working the dough, patiently waiting for it to rise, smelling it bake, and tasting it, warm from the oven. Praise God with your family for these simple, nourishing pleasures.

REFLECTION

"They shall eat and there shall be some left over" (2 Kings 43).



ICSC STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Good and Gracious God,

We thank You for this gift of summer; of being able to pause, relax and enjoy the abundant gifts You have given us.

At this time of year, our thoughts may turn to vacations and outings. We may experience seashores, mountains or lakesides.

We may enjoy fishing, swimming and barbecues.

But whatever our summer opportunities, we realize they are ultimately gifts from You and these gifts, Lord, are ultimately meant to be shared.

Show us the joys of generosity, keep us mindful of others and open our hearts to our parish, neighborhood and world. They need the generous spirit of good stewards.

As we enjoy the leisure that summer brings, we thank You for Your many gifts, and ask that You make us a gift to others as well.

In Jesus name we pray.

Amen.

Do not forfeit what divine authority confers on you. Put on the garment of holiness, gird yourself with the belt of chastity.

St. Peter Chrysologus (400 - 450), Doctor of the Church, Feast Day, July 30th

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

July 15 -21, 2024

Offertory Collection

Sunday	\$ 5,236.71
Weekday	\$ 925.91
Other Feasts, Solemnities	\$ 135.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,642.64
Total Offertory	\$ 8,416.46

Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 2,561.68
Diocesan Collection	\$ 210.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 1,330.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 410.00
Total	\$ 12,928.14

CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII COLLECTION

Please support Catholic Charities Hawaii and its mission "Love in Action" the weekend of August 3rd & 4th. Catholic Charities Hawaii was officially established more than 75 years ago and needs your help once again. Please be generous on their upcoming 2nd Collection. Your donation and prayers are deeply appreciated.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Please join the Catholic Men's Fellowship of Hawaii for the 2024 Annual Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday August 24, 2024 from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at St. John Vianney Church located at 920 Keolu Drive in Kailua. Guest Speakers are John Leonetti and Gil Alerete. The cost is \$40.00. This event is free for men under age 25. For more information, please call Ron Gochenouer at 808-206-4420.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

All are invited to attend our next Young Adult meeting on Saturday, August 10th at 3:00 p.m. Please reserve to Dcn. Joe Almuena at jalmuena@rcchawaii.org



Knights of Columbus

OUR LADY OF PEACE COUNCIL 5000

The 2024 Knights of Columbus - Coats for Kids drive is happening this fall. This program aims to provide coats for every needy child in North America so no child goes without a coat during winter. Here in Hawaii, even though we do not experience a mainland winter, we do have a rainy season which last from November thru March. If you know of a child in need of a free - brand new rain resistant jacket for this upcoming school year, please notify the KOC. Please send your request to coats@kofchawaii.org. Be sure to include: number of jackets needed, size and if it's for a girl or boy. Your KOC members across the state of Hawaii will be fund raising for these jackets, and they will be free to for our keiki in need. Please help them if you can with your generous donations. Again, please send your request to help our keiki in need, with a rain resistant jacket to: coats@kofchawaii.org.

SAINT FOR THE WEEK