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SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 22ND 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.
Closed on holidays

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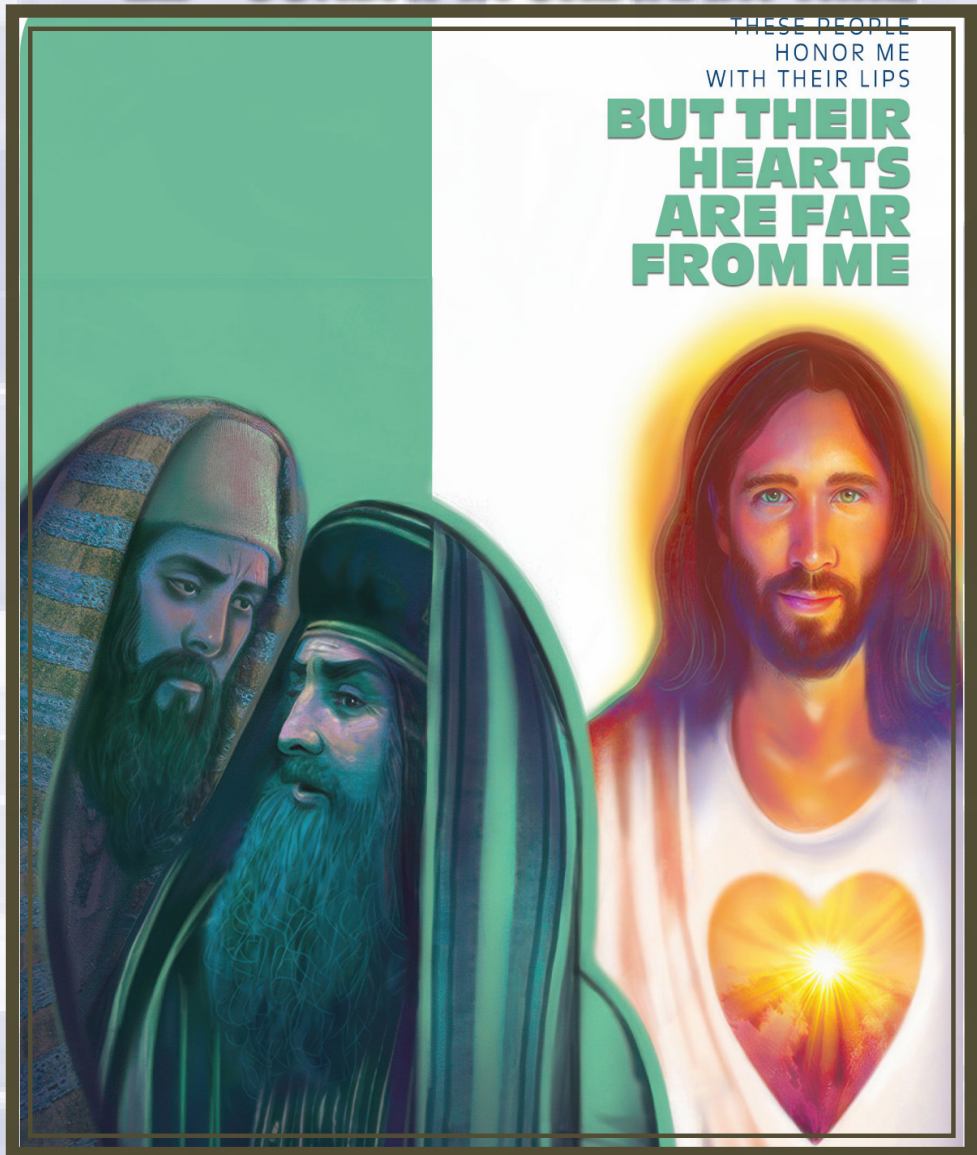


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This week's Readings: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5;
James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Alleluia - James 1:18; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Next week's Readings: Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10;
James 2:1-5; Alleluia - Matthew 4:23; Mark 7:31-37

"WORSHIPPING THE LORD WITH SINCERITY!"

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

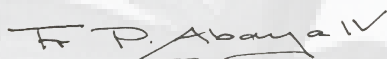
After reflecting for five Sundays on the Bread of Life Discourse of Jesus, we are back to the Gospel of Mark. I hope that the Discourses on the Bread of Life of Jesus bring us to a deeper appreciation of our Catholic Faith as it is celebrated in the Eucharist and Jesus' presence in the Blessed Sacrament.

Eating the Body of Christ and drinking His blood in the Eucharist are acts of receiving the Lord in our lives. To indeed receive Him, we also need to reflect our disposition. Our disposition entails how we carry our faith, religion, commitment, and love for the Lord. Whenever we receive Christ, do we intend that Christ will clean our soul, or should we not make ourselves clean first to receive the Lord wholeheartedly? Purification of the soul makes us appreciate the wonder and power of the Eucharist. To realize how to purify our minds and hearts, we need to observe the precepts of the Lord.

The Gospel that we read and hear this Sunday tells us that the teachers of the law in Israel had twisted the commandments of God. They severely regard the law on external purification to be observed. But merely observing these external purification laws makes a person defiled, corrupt, and unworthy of eternal life. Jesus rebuked the Pharisees and Scribes about their sense of purification. The observance of purification that Jesus admonished His adversaries and their complete understanding of what gives honor and worship to God. Jesus clarified to them that what defiles is from within and not from the outside.

Jesus calls us to understand that what we have to do is purify our hearts. We need to amend our wrongdoings and live rightly and justly. We need to set our relationships right. We need to respond to His teachings. It helps us guide our ways to be true to whatever we do, say, and think. Abiding by it will truly honor God. Jesus teaches us to watch our inner dispositions, especially if we receive Him in our lives and the Eucharist. This is why He instituted the Sacrament of Confession so that our souls are washed clean through sorrow, confession, and remuneration of our sins. Through God's grace, we can live righteously and give authentic and meaningful worship.

Your friend in Jesus,



Fr. Pascual Abaya IV
Rector



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CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 1
22nd 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, September 2 - **Labor Day Holiday**
 Monday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time
 Mass at 12:00pm
Offices closed

Tuesday, September 3
 Memorial of St. Gregory the Great
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, September 4
 Wednesday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time
 Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, September 5
 Thursday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, September 6
 Friday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, September 7
 Saturday of the 22nd 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, September 8
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
2nd Collection for Catholic University
 Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm
 Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

SCRIPTURE

We take it for granted that life is governed by laws, but we can't take for granted the rightness of the laws that rule us. Moses reminds the Israelites that the law God gave them stands out from among the laws of the nations. He boasts of the law because he understands its freeing power. Law enables us to live in harmony. It doesn't limit possibilities, it opens them up. When you don't have to worry about someone speeding through an intersection or stealing your wallet, you are free to think about other things that you wouldn't have the luxury to think about in a chaotic world void of laws. But if this is true, why does Jesus box the ears of the Pharisees, calling them hypocrites and ridiculing aspects of the law they hold sacred?

This is because Jesus, too, knows the true purpose of law. He respects the law and even says in Matthew 5:18 that no part of the law will pass away. Then what is he doing here? He is delineating the difference between human law and God's law. God's law, being perfectly just, won't pass away, but oppressive laws invented by narrow-minded humans make no real claim on us. Jesus doesn't abide the hypocrisy of the Pharisees who pay God lip service but withhold their hearts. They worry about what people eat and how often they wash their hands — saying God requires it — but ignore the more urgent matter of keeping their hearts open to God's love. Jesus leaves no room for hypocrisy, and neither should we.

SHARING FAITH

In what direction does your spirituality lean: personal piety or social action? Do you recognize the need for both in your life?

What is your relationship with laws? Do you find yourself resisting and resenting some laws, or do you find them more a source of comfort and security?

It's easy to criticize the behavior of others — the way they drive or dress, their work habits, parenting skills, faith practices, and so on. How critical are you of others? How hard is it for you to look at yourself honestly?

LIVING THE LITURGY

Discuss the notion of law with a young person. Ask them what value they find in laws and what constitutes a "just" law.

Brainstorm with family members some of the "traditions of the elders" observed in your family and see if you can discover the origins and meaning of those traditions. If you have no traditions in your family, start one.

Purchase a small sturdy gift bag or help your family to decorate a small canvas bag. Help your family members write or draw reminders of prayers and loving actions throughout the week, and place these in the gift bag. Any token that represents a spiritual offering may be placed in the bag. Remind your family members to take the bag to Mass as a physical reminder of the connection between how we pray our liturgy and how we live our lives.

REFLECTION

"This people honors me with their lips, / but their hearts are far from me" (Mark 7:6).



ICSC STEWARDSHIP

PRAYER

Lord God,

As we prepare for the transitions of August; of routines becoming regular, signs of schools beginning to emerge, and traffic patterns getting heavier, help us to appreciate the sacred rhythms in our lives.

Give us the wisdom to make our hearts be still, much as the August wind is still, so that we may listen to the gentle words you speak to us.

Help us understand that you alone are the source of every good gift, of the vast array of our universe, and the mystery of each human life.

And help us see that we are called to be good stewards of all that you have entrusted to us; tending them faithfully and responsibly so they may ultimately be returned to you with increase.

In this month of August while a measure of summer's stillness remains, speak to our hearts, guide us in your Son's ways, and through your Spirit, give us the strength to proclaim your justice and peace in our everyday words and deeds.

We ask this through Christ,
Our Lord.

Amen

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

August 19 - 25, 2024

Offertory Collection

Sunday	\$ 5,063.70
Weekday	\$ 866.14
Other Feasts, Solemnities	\$ 40.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,640.97
Total Offertory	\$ 8,610.81

Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 50.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 73.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 1,030.15
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 168.00
Total	\$ 9,931.96

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

All are invited to attend our next Young Adult meeting on Saturday, September 7th at 3:00 p.m. Please reserve to Dcn. Joe Almuena at jalmuena@rcchawaii.org

SUNSET ROSARY ON THE BEACH

Join the Catholic Men's Fellowship of Hawaii, Outreach Ministry, and the Knights of Columbus on Friday, September 20th for their Sunset Rosary and Potluck at Ala Moana Beach Park at the Ewa side. Dinner at 6:30PM, Rosary at 7:10PM, and Fireworks at 7:45PM. For more information, please contact Ron Gochenouer at 808-206-4420.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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.

'OHANA IN CHRIST ANNUAL APPEAL

We are at 45% 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.

SAINT FOR THE WEEK

There are truth three states of the converted: the beginning, the middle, and the perfection. In the beginning they experience the charms of sweetness; in the middle the contests of temptation; and in the end the fullness of perfection.

St. Gregory the Great (540 - 604), Doctor of the Church, Feast Day September 3rd