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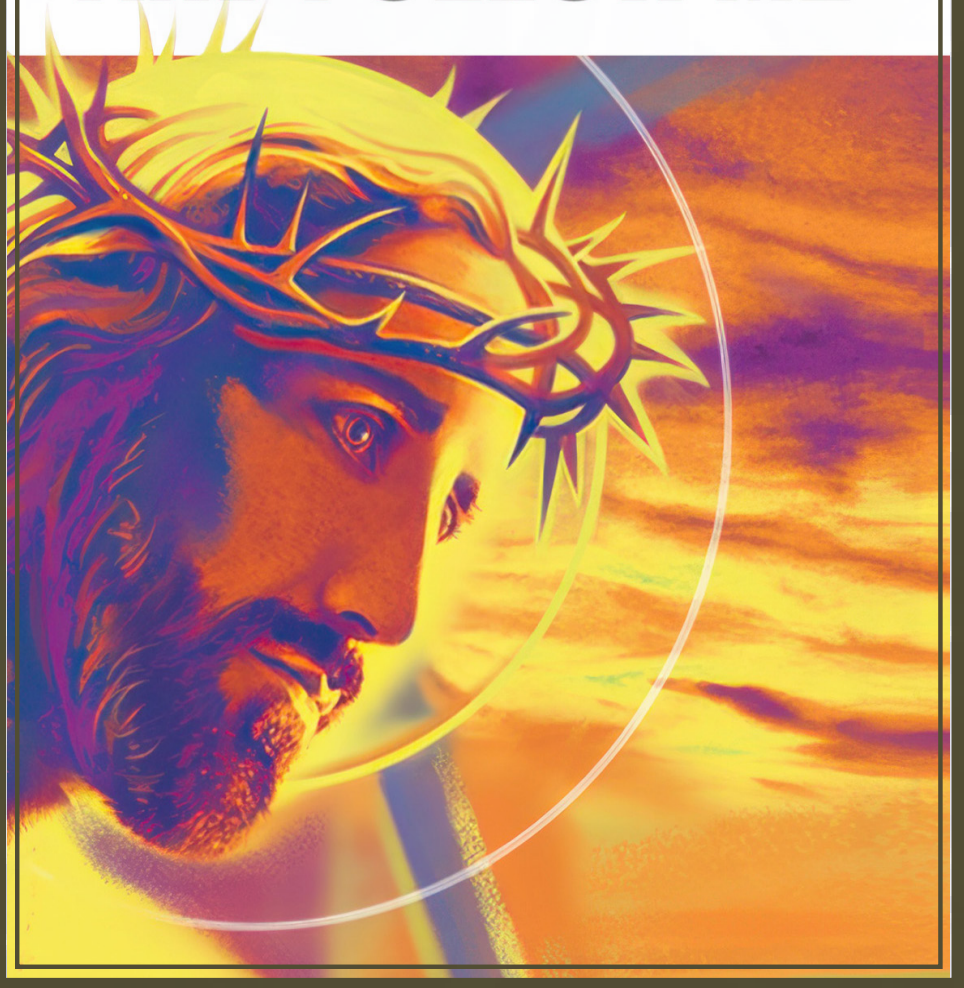
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SEPTEMBER 15, 2024
24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS
AND FOLLOW ME



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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This week's Readings: Isaiah 50:5-9a; Psalm 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9;
James 2:14-18; Alleluia - Galatians 6:14; Mark 8:27-35

Next week's Readings: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; Psalm 54:3-4, 5, 6 and 8;
James 3:16-4:3; Alleluia - 2 Thessalonians 2:14; Mark 9:30-37

"BE STRONG, BE FIRM, AND BE PERSEVERING IN LIFE"

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

From a human perspective, we desire wellness, avoid pain and suffering, delight everyone, and enjoy life with wealth, health, and all the good things. Suffering is unacceptable, especially in a culture that exhilarates much of riches and fame. Who wants to endure suffering or be mocked? None of us would say, "Me!" Our humanity, overwhelmed with pride and selfishness, makes it so.

For Jesus, it is different. He embraces the Father's will to sacrifice His life for us. Peter recognizes Jesus as the Christ, the Messiah, with power and might. He never expected Jesus, the Son of Man, to suffer greatly, be rejected by the elders, die, and rise after three days. Peter rebukes Jesus for saying such things, but Jesus rebukes him in turn, telling Peter that he thinks as humans do, not as God does.

Peter's confession of faith deepens our understanding of Christ's mission. Jesus, the Son of God, came to bring salvation, not in a lofty or admirable way, but through suffering, dying, and resurrection. This is why Jesus rebukes Peter.

Pope Francis' words guide us to cling to Jesus' teachings rather than the world. The call to suffering is to turn away from sinfulness, giving up our lives for Christ. The good things in this world are temporary. Knowing Jesus by heart allows us to profess our faith truthfully. Giving up our lives for the Lord brings true riches and happiness, testifying that Christ is indeed the Savior, the Messiah of the world.

Reflecting deeply, we recognize how to endure pain as Jesus did, trusting His grace and mercy to lift us as the Heavenly Father did. He gave Jesus strength, embracing it with love and care for our salvation.

Professing faith in Jesus means embracing all that life offers. Amid pain and suffering, it is crucial to remember what Jesus endured. We cannot only have faith when things go smoothly but also doubt when they go wrong. We may not see the wisdom yet, as Peter did not initially. But witnessing Jesus' journey, Peter became a staunch witness, even giving up his life for Him.

Let us be strong, firm, and persevering. Jesus is with us and always will be.

Your friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual Abaya IV
Rector



**Son of Man
must suffer
greatly
Mark 8:31**

CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 15
24th 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.

Monday, September 16
 Memorial of Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, September 17
 Tuesday of the 24th Week in Ordinary Time
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, September 18
 Wednesday of the 24th Week in Ordinary Time
 Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, September 19
 Thursday of the 24th Week in Ordinary Time
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, September 20
 Memorial of Ss. Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang,
 and Companions
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, September 21
 Feast of St. Matthew
 Mass & Adoration at 7:00am
 Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
 Mass at 12:00pm
 Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, September 22
25th 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

Speaking of war, a 1970's rock song asks, "What is it good for?" and then insistently proclaims, "Absolutely nothing!" James says the same about faith that lacks good works. What we speak on our lips we must enact with our hands, otherwise our words are empty and have no power to change or heal or save. According to James, when love is just a feeling and not an action, it simply cannot do all that needs to be done. Lacking concrete action, words, however sincere, become hollow and impotent. Isaiah's Suffering Servant attests to that: his is a faith of action, not just words. He has been put to the test and passed. He has heard the word of God, and lived it both in good times and in bad.

When Jesus puts the question of the ages before the disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:29). Peter offers the "right" answer. But then he quickly stumbles. He doesn't understand (and does not want to understand) that being love incarnate makes terrible demands on Jesus. Jesus is not just the love of God spoken into the world, he is God's love enacted in the world. He will not turn back or shirk from his brutal fate. That's why Jesus is so strong in his response. Don't tempt me, he tells Peter. I will accept love's demands. And if you love me, he says, you will, too.

SHARING FAITH

Setting your face "like flint" (Isaiah 50:7) means people may strike and spark a fire. Do you live your faith in a way that could cause sparks?

Denominations have argued about the relative importance of faith and works, which we see discussed in today's Second Reading. Have you considered that debate? Where do you stand on this important issue?

Who is Jesus? Once you've given all the standard answers, ask the question again.

LIVING THE LITURGY

Ponder Jesus' central question — "Who do you that say I am?" (Mark 8:29) — and depict with images your reply to that question.

Log the temptations you experience that compromise your faith. Each time you are tempted to take a shortcut or run the other way, write about it in a journal. After a week or two, take note of which temptations recur most often.

Spend time this week in family meditation on the cross. Share stories about people you know who have taken up their crosses without sadness or self pity: those who care lovingly and patiently for sick relatives, who make sacrifices to provide for the needs of disabled children, who forgive those who have injured them, and so forth. Help your family see these actions as demonstrations of faithfulness to God in the manner of Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

"Then will the eyes of the blind be opened" (Isaiah 35:5).



ICSC STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Loving and Gracious God,

We ask You to open our hearts to your Son's life and ministry and to answer the call to be his disciples.

May our response be rooted in the Gospel;

may we be ever mindful of the needs of our communities;

and may our stewardship flow from a profound sense of gratitude for Your many blessings.

By the gift of the Holy Spirit, empower and inspire us to respond in a way that brings hope to others and reveals the love that comes to us through Jesus Christ.

We ask this in His Name, who is Lord forever and ever.

Amen

By Monsignor Anthony J. Marcaccio, (May 5, 1963 - July 19, 2024) Beloved pastor of Saint Pius X Catholic Church, Greensboro, North Carolina and friend of ICSC.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

September 2 - 8, 2024

Offertory Collection

Sunday	\$ 6,376.74
Weekday	\$ 1,300.54
Other Feasts, Solemnities	\$ 65.00
Online Giving	\$ 941.62
Total Offertory	\$ 8,683.90

Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 80.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 2,108.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 1,268.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 272.00
Total	\$ 12,411.90

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Please note, no Adult faith Formation in September. Please see resources that are available at **FORMED**. On your browser, go to www.formed.org. Sign up as a "Parishioner", choose "RCCHAWAII" and create an account.

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.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Join Fr. Kurk Meyer as he celebrates a Mass of Thanksgiving today, September 15th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please continue to pray for him and his ministry to the Catholic Community.



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 on-line at CatholicHawaii.org.

SAINT FOR THE WEEK

I see paradise has no gate, but whoever desires may enter there, for God is all mercy and stands with open arms to admit us to His glory.

St. Catherine of Genoa (1447 - 1510), Patron of Widows, Feast Day September 15th