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SEPTEMBER 22, 2024
25TH 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

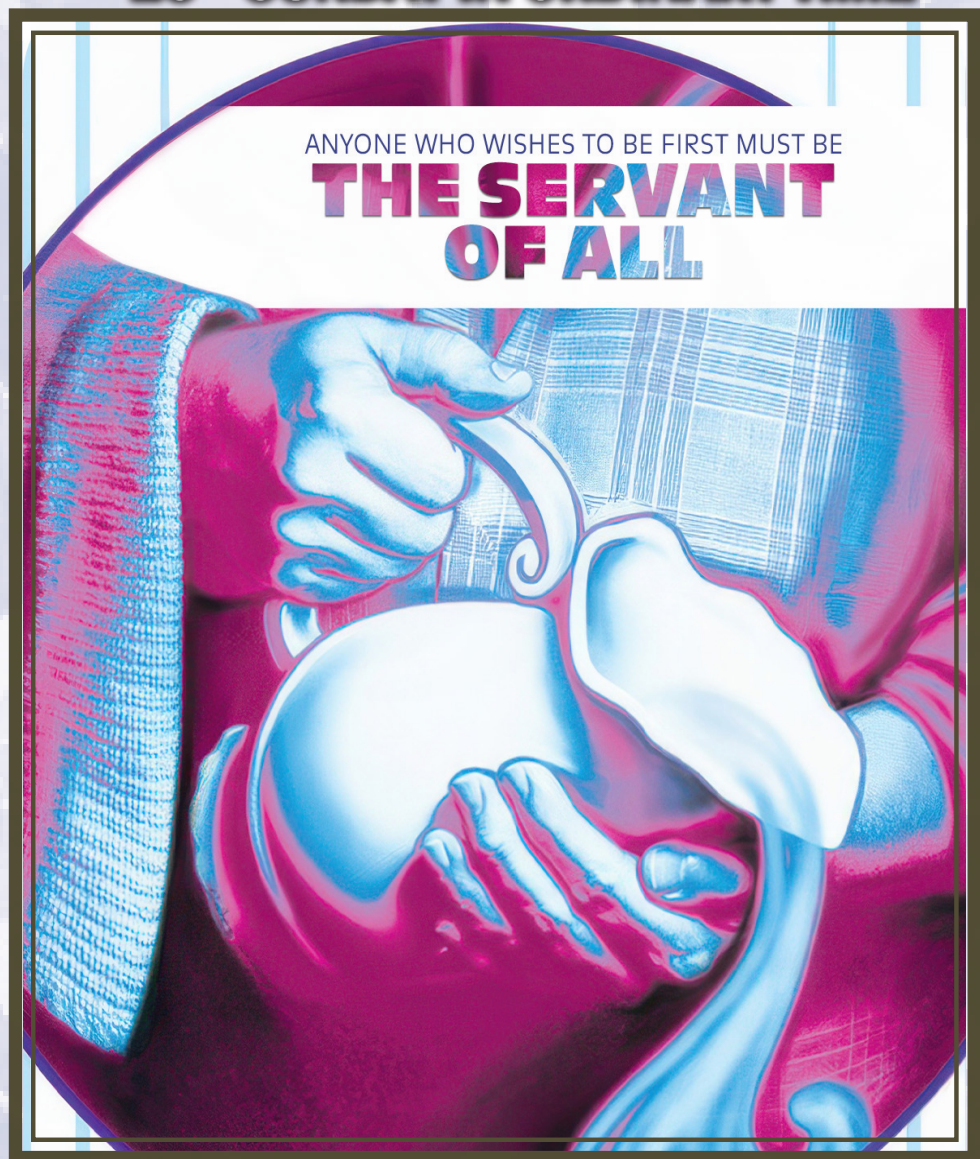
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ANYONE WHO WISHES TO BE FIRST MUST BE
**THE SERVANT
OF ALL**

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This 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

Next week's Readings: Numbers 11:25-29; Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14;
James 5:1-6; Alleluia - John 17:17b, 17a; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

"TO BE GREAT AND TO BE FIRST IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD"

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

In our society wherein prestige and honor are of high ranks, Jesus' words contradict what He says in our Gospel: "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

His words present to us another opportunity for reflection. We hear or read these words on this Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Jesus and His disciples are on their way to Galilee. He once again describes His forthcoming passion, death, and resurrection to them while they are on the road. On the one hand, as He continues to reveal to them this coming event in His life, the disciples, on the other hand, are so much concerned about who is the greatest among them. They argue about what status they will have when Christ reigns as King. Their selfish interest so immerses them. Instead of looking into the truth about their Master, His identity, His life, His death, and His resurrection, they are more concerned with their interests. They are afraid of asking Jesus about it. Their perplexity brings them to address their concerns rather than the concerns of the Lord. Thus, Jesus teaches and corrects them about who can be the greatest in God's eyes.

Like Peter in last Sunday's Gospel, the other disciples cannot accept the reality of their Master's words that He would suffer greatly, be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, be killed, and rise after three days. Like Peter, the other disciples are not intently listening to Jesus but only listening to themselves and serving their interests.

Our Gospel this Sunday challenges us to think of how we can be great or even the greatest for the Lord. His words clearly answer that question, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." It may be challenging for us to understand this, but it would be much more difficult to live or practice it daily. To be last is not what we want. To be first is. Arrogance enables us to be ahead of others, be knowledgeable in all things, and even look down on others. This arrogance is the danger of pride. When controlled by this, there is no room for humility nor openness to the will of God. It is because what matters is what "I" want, this and that. But this is not what Jesus wants. He wants us to be humble just as He humbled Himself, even sacrificing His life on the cross. Let us be inspired by His humility and service, and strive to follow His example in our daily lives.

Also, to be the greatest for Him is to be a servant. A servant extends their help to others. One who would dedicate their life to the goodness and happiness of family, community, and nation. For the Lord Himself did not come to be served but to serve. This Sunday would be another day for us to continue our journey of life and faith and deepen our commitment to become Jesus' disciples today, in word and action, faithful and faith-filled servants of Jesus. Let us take this call to heart and find strength and support in our community as we deepen our commitment to our faith and discipleship.

Fr. Pascual Abaya IV

Rector



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MARK 9:35

CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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.

Monday, September 23
 Memorial of St. Pius (Padre Pio) of Pietrelcina
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, September 24
 Tuesday of the 25th Week in Ordinary Time
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, September 25
 Wednesday of the 25th Week in Ordinary Time
 Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, September 26
 Thursday of the 25th Week in Ordinary Time
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, September 27
 Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, September 28
 Saturday of the 25th 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 29
26th 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

Oftentimes, the best workers don't win popularity contests. They're more productive than the rest, so eventually someone says, "Slow down, you're making us look bad!" When they keep going, we justify our anger. "Let's see how good he is," we say. "Let's put her to the test and see if she holds up!" We play lots of games to delude ourselves.

Those who moved against Jesus played the same game: "If he is who he claims to be, we can play our tricks and God will rescue him. If God doesn't, then we were right to aim our slings and arrows at him." Their false premise, of course, is thinking God will spare a chosen one from suffering. In fact, it's usually the opposite. Those who yield to God's enticement do so at their own peril. Their ultimate reward is eternal life, but rewards in this life are not assured, though resistance, misunderstanding, and accusations are. The disciples are speechless before this reality, and speechless when confronted with their own shallowness. But what else can ignorance and fear do in the presence of wisdom and truth? Wickedness recognizes goodness and ignorance knows the face of truth, and they tremble in the presence of their opposite. Even trembling, they might prevail for a while, but ultimately, victory goes to righteousness and truth.

SHARING FAITH

Do you ever find yourself resenting those who shine because of the good work they do?

James says the Wisdom of God is all good seeds that yield the "fruit of righteousness" (3:18). Which of those seeds is most firmly planted in the field of your life?

Today's reading from the Book of Wisdom reminds us that our response to suffering gives witness to what we genuinely believe. How do you respond to suffering?

LIVING THE LITURGY

Go out of your way to receive someone in Christ's name, not just because you want to, but because it's the right thing to do. In Jewish spirituality, doing something simply because it's right is considered more virtuous than doing something we are drawn to do.

Find a photo of yourself as a child. Tape it to your bathroom mirror and when you see it each morning, recall Jesus' saying, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me" (Mark 9:37).

Make a book of intentions, using a small photo album or binder containing paper and plastic sheet protectors to hold photographs, holy cards, newspaper clippings, and so forth. Add the intentions of those who need your prayers. When you pray, you may name everyone or mention some by name and then ask God's blessing on all in the book. He knows who they are.

REFLECTION

"For if the just one be the son of God, God will defend him . . ." (Wisdom 2:18).



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 9 - 15, 2024

Offertory Collection

Sunday	\$ 5,402.68
Weekday	\$ 924.06
Other Feasts, Solemnities	\$ 5.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,870.11
Total Offertory	\$ 8,593.95

Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 3,260.18
Diocesan Collection	\$ 111.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 1,174.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 327.00
Total	\$ 13,466.03

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Priesthood Sunday, September 29th, is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priest as central to the life of the Church. Priesthood Sunday offers an opportunity for priests and parishioners to build a stronger working relationship. Together, they can take an honest look at the challenges of the future and how they can collaborate to meet those challenges as a united force. This nationwide event is coordinated and sponsored by the US Council of Serra International. Let us all offer our prayers for Fr. Pascual, Fr. Lazarus and all the Diocesan Priests in the Diocese of Honolulu.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

All are invited to attend our next Young Adult meeting on Saturday, October 5th at 3:00 p.m. Please reserve to Dcn. Joe Almuena at jalmuena@rcchawaii.org



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

Don't allow the sad sight of human injustice to sadden your soul; someday you will see the unflinching justice of God triumph over it.

St. Pius of Pietrelcina (1887 - 1968), Priest, Stigmatic, Feast Day September 23rd