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**OCTOBER 6, 2024**  
**27<sup>TH</sup> 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

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**This week's Readings:** Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6;  
Hebrews 9-11; Alleluia - 1 John 4:12; Mark 10:10:2-16 or 10:2-12

**Next week's Readings:** Wisdom 7:7-11; Psalm 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17;  
Hebrews 4:12-13; Alleluia - Matther 5:3; Mark 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

**"AND THE TWO OF THEM SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH"**

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

The verse quoted above from our First Reading this 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time presents the original plan of God about the union of man and woman, indeed called Marriage. The teachings of Jesus validate it in the Gospel. He clarifies the indissolubility of Marriage when He says that no human being must separate what God has joined together. In Marriage, God unites man and woman in an unbreakable bond of loving intimacy and togetherness.

One of the highlights of Pope Francis' apostolic journey to the United States in 2015 was the World Meeting of Families. He recognized the value of families and inspired us as a nation and the world to bring up a family. He had this to say,

*"Before He created the world, God was in love because God is love. The love He had within himself, the love between the Father and the Son, in the Holy Spirit, was so great, so overflowing – I'm not sure if this is theologically precise, but you will get what I am saying – that love was so great that God could not be selfish. He had to go out from himself in order to have someone to love outside of Himself. So, God created the world. God made this wonderful world in which we live and which, since we are not too smart, we are now in the process of destroying. But the most beautiful thing God made – so the Bible tells us – was the family. He created man and woman. And He gave them everything. He entrusted the world to them: "Grow, multiply, cultivate the earth, make it bear fruit, let it grow." All the love He put into that marvelous creation, He entrusted to a family." (Address of the Holy Father at the B. Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, on September 26, 2015)*

Marriage has to be seen in the light of what God intended to be at the beginning and the light of the dignity of the human person. It entails commitment, fidelity, truthfulness, respect, and unity. It is knitted in love, strengthened, and nourished by it.

It is also worth noting that this month is called Respect Life Month. Every aspect of human life starts from a beautiful, loving relationship between spouses knit by God's blessings, that is, in the Sacrament of Matrimony. At the moment that spouses make their vows expressing themselves to be faithful to one another in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, to love and cherish until death do them part, it empowers them to journey in life and faith with God, with one another and with their children.

There are many attempts today to change the view on Marriage. But Christian tradition maintains its position based on Christ's teachings and not on human understanding and acceptance of Marriage. This Sunday's readings invite us to ask ourselves and our society for ways to strengthen and value Marriage and the Christian family. It is also a call for spouses to continue the loving relationship despite all the challenges and situations that might hinder its growth. It reminds those engaged to start envisioning a life worth being called husband and wife and knit it in Matrimony!

Your friend in Jesus,

**Fr. Pascual Abaya IV**

**Rector**



*Therefore what God  
has joined together,  
no human being  
must separate*  
**MARK 10: 9**

**CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK**

Sunday, October 6  
**27<sup>th</sup> 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, October 7  
 Memorial of Our Lady of Rosary  
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, October 8  
 Tuesday of the 27<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, October 9  
 Wednesday of the 27<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am  
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, October 10  
 Thursday of the 27<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, October 11  
 Friday of the 27<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, October 12  
 Saturday of the 27<sup>th</sup> 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, October 13  
**28<sup>th</sup> 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**

Loneliness is, perhaps, the greatest of modern afflictions. Despite e-mails and cell phones, it's difficult to feel like, in the words of the poet John Donne, "a piece of the continent, a part of the main." Millions surround us, but we can still feel like "islands" in the vast ocean of life. In the beginning, we were meant for oneness. Man and woman, scripture says, were made for each other. No other partner was fitting for the man. Woman alone, made not from the clay of the ground as was Adam but from the man's own rib, was suitable.

Once, this was a simple and readily accepted concept. But today, the waters are murkier. Some say anything that reduces the loneliness of modern life should be praised as good and godly, so and view marriage between a man and a woman as just one option among other options. Maybe that's why Mark follows Jesus' citation of the Genesis text and his hard teaching on divorce with the episode in which Jesus calls us to be childlike. Children are not necessarily nice or sweet. In fact, they can be downright cruel. But children readily trust and depend on others. Those are the child-like qualities Jesus wants us to emulate. Maturity and wisdom can help us avoid cruelty, but when our brains and hearts head out in opposite directions, only childlike trust can enable us to embrace the hard teachings of the Gospel.

**SHARING FAITH**

Do you see evidence of loneliness in modern culture? How about in your own life? What are viable antidotes to loneliness?

The almighty, eternal Word of God became "lower than the angels," that he "might taste death for everyone" (Hebrews 2:9). When you reflect on that humility and generosity, how does it impact your willingness to give of yourself for others?

God is love in a community of persons. How does your family fit this same description? Your parish? How can you encourage loving community around you?

**LIVING THE LITURGY**

Observe a child for an extended period. Try to discern the childlike qualities Jesus was (and was not!) asking us to emulate if we would possess the kingdom.

Take a poll of at least ten people. Ask them if Roman Catholic teaching on divorce and remarriage is a biblical principle that comes from Jesus, or a law created by the Church.

Reach out to someone who is alone. Invite a lonely neighbor to join you monthly or weekly for supper, a movie night, or some other treat. Volunteer to read aloud to someone who is sight impaired. Offer to lead a craft activity at an assisted living facility.

**REFLECTION**

"... a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh" (Genesis 2:24).



**ICSC STEWARDSHIP PRAYER**

On October 11, 1962, Saint Pope JohnXXIII prayed the following prayer to open the Second Vatican Council. Thereafter, the bishops at the Council continued to pray this prayer together before every session.

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, conscious of our sinfulness, but aware that we gather in your name.

Come to us, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts. Give us light and strength to know your will, to make it our own, and to live it in our lives.

Guide us by your wisdom, support us by your power, for you are God, sharing the glory of Father and Son.

You desire justice for all: enable us to uphold the rights of others; do not allow us to be misled by ignorance; or corrupted by fear or favor.

Unite us to yourself in the bond of love and keep us faithful to all that is true.

As we gather in your name may we temper justice with love, so that all our decisions may be pleasing to you, and earn the reward promised to good and faithful servants.

You live and reign with the Father and the Son, God, forever and ever.

Amen.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

September 23 - 29, 2024

**Offertory Collection**

Sunday	\$ 6,452.22
Weekday	\$ 1,068.31
Other Feasts, Solemnities	\$ 10.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,332.54
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 9,863.07</b>

**Other Collection**

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 50.50
Diocesan Collection	\$ 106.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 1,474.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 207.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,700.57</b>

**CATHEDRAL'S BOOK OF MEMORIES**

Submit stories about your memories of the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace. The book will be dedicated to Bishop Larry. All proceeds of sales of this book will go to the completion of the restoration of our Cathedral. Send stories of about 500 words to Easter Almuena at Easter.Almuena@gmail.com no later than December 31st.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

Please join Dcn. Joe and Easter for Adult Faith Formation every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. Please see resources that are available at **FORMED**. On your browser, go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org). Sign up as a "Parishioner", choose "RCCHAWAII" and create an account.



**We are at 47% 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](http://CatholicHawaii.org).

**SAINT FOR THE WEEK**

Every Christian must be convinced of his fundamental and sital duty of bearing witness to the truth in which he believes and the grace that has transformed him.

**Pope St. John XXIII (1881- 1963), Pope of Second Vatican, Feast Day October 11<sup>th</sup>**