

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, January 12

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm

Monday, January 13

Monday of the First Week in Ordinary Time

Tuesday, January 14

Tuesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time

Red Mass at 9:00am

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 15

Wednesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, January 16

Thursday of the First Week in Ordinary Time

Friday, January 19

Memorial of St. Anthony, Abbott

Saturday, January 18

Saturday of the First Week in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Ss. Damien/Marianne Prayer Group at 12:30pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, January 12

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm

Young Adult Meeting at 12:00pm

Senior Ministry

The Senior Ministry will hold a ROSARY MAKING CLASS on Sunday, January 12, 2020 from 9:00am to 11:30am at the Kamiano Center. Materials will be provided. Anyone and everyone interested are more than welcome to attend.

Infant Baptism

On Sunday, January 26th, we will celebrate infant baptisms. All parents who would like to celebrate their child's baptism here at the Cathedral must schedule a brief interview with one of our priests prior to attending the required class on the 17th of January. Please call the office at (808) 536-7036 and speak with Fr. Pascual or Dcn. Joe for more information.

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory Collection	12/30-1/5
Sunday Offering	\$ 9,779.70
Weekday Offering	\$ 3,847.58
Coffers	\$ 1,012.56
Holy Day Offering	\$ 735.00
Total Offertory	\$ 15,374.84

Other Collection	
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 200.00
Wedding	\$ 200.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 392.00
Devotional Candles	\$ 976.00
HI Catholic Herald	\$ 540.00
Others (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 178.00
Total	\$ 17,860.84



March for Life

Raise your Voice! Come join Bishop Larry and Other Faith Leaders at the 47th Annual March for Life on Thursday, January 16, 2020, from 4:00 – 6:00 pm in the Hawaii State Capitol Rotunda. Show your support for life because Ohana begins at conception. For parking, visit: <https://www.cochawaii.org/downtown-honolulu-parking-guide> for a list of where to park. Please note: Century Square charges \$3.50 for ½ hour, \$30.00 max.

Sharing Faith

- What does it mean to be God's chosen servant? How do you imagine a servant is called to practice obedience to God?
- Recall a Baptism that you have witnessed. What images or prayers do you remember from the ritual?
- How do you think God's Spirit helps one to be a servant of God?

Living the Liturgy

- Discuss the symbols and rituals that are used for a Baptism: water, oil, candles, new white garment, Sign of the Cross, anointing, pouring or immersing, blessing. Does anyone in the group remember their Baptism? Perhaps they could tell their experience.
- Read the story of Peter and Cornelius, who was a Gentile, in the reading of Acts. What did Peter learn about God? How do you imagine that Peter acted differently after this experience with a Gentile, who many Jews despised? How do you think this experience influence Peter's work in the early Church?
- What does it mean for you to be called by God? Share your story of God's call with someone else.

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Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 / Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10. / Acts 10:34-38 / Matthew 3:13-17

Isaiah's images of what the Lord does for his servant are commanding: "I, the Lord, have called you . . . / I have grasped you . . . / I formed you, and set you as . . . / a light for the nations" (Isaiah 42:6). It is with God's Spirit within that God's servant can teach and bring justice to the earth, fulfill the command to be light, give sight to the blind, release prisoners, and set free those who are in darkness. It seems a fitting passage for the Church to link with Matthew's account of Jesus' Baptism.

John preached baptism in acknowledgement of sin. Jesus, being without sin, had no need for repentance. So why does Jesus approach John for Baptism? In Matthew, Jesus tells John to allow it to fulfill God's plan. Matthew's account invites his community to recognize Jesus' obedience and readiness to submit to God and become his chosen servant. This beloved servant is God's own Son. We, the baptized members of Christ's body, are called, as disciples, to also become obedient servants of God.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time"

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 / Psalm 40:2, 4, 3, 7-8, 8-9, 10 / 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 / John 1:29-34

From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

This Sunday marks the end of the Christmas season with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Celebrating His birth on Christmas Day and that of the Solemnity of the Epiphany, Christ is made known through the voice from heaven, "this is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." He is known to all people. And, this marks the beginning of His public ministry. With the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we begin the Season of Ordinary Time in our liturgical calendar.

As we celebrate this Feast of the Lord, we are reminded of our baptism and our inner calling of becoming sons and daughters of the Father. Jesus sets an example for us to follow to be pleasing to the Father. The mystery of the Incarnation enables us to understand that God became one of us through His Son, Jesus Christ. He lived among us and died for us. He did His mission out of love and out of this love, we have the gift of salvation. Becoming one of us makes us clearly see what needs to be done in our day-to-day lives. His presence with us makes us embrace what it means to go through our human weaknesses and to overcome sin. As Jesus is known as our Lord, may we come to understand that our baptism in the faith calls us to do the same as He did? The time ahead of us is a time given to listen to His word and live his Word every day. He calls us and through Him, we, in turn, become pleasing to the Father.

In all aspects of our lives, as we set to follow Jesus, we need to focus on His ways and teachings. We need to understand and embrace who He is in our lives for us not to become mere followers but intentional disciples.

With the upcoming celebration on a Sunday on the Word of God, on January 26, may we go back to reading and learning Sacred Scripture. His words are all words of wisdom and truth that guides everyone to live lives worthy of the Father. May we journey with Jesus this year and be ourselves living witness of Jesus.

Your friend in the Lord,
Fr. Pascual