

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, January 17

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00a/12:00/4:00/6:00p

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Monday, January 18

Monday of 2nd Week in Ordinary Time

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Cathedral on holiday schedule

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed after Mass

Tuesday, January 19

Tuesday of 2nd Week in Ordinary Time

Mass at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Wednesday, January 20

Wednesday of 2nd Week in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation by Appointment

Mass at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Thursday, January 21

Memorial of St. Agnes, virgin, martyr

6:30am & 12:00pm

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Friday, January 22

Day for Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Babies

6:30am & 12:00pm

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Saturday, January 23

Saturday of 1st Week in Ordinary Time

Mass at 7:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by Appointment

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Sunday, January 24

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00a/12:00/4:00/6:00p

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory Collection

1/4 – 1/13

Sunday Offering	\$ 4,443.51
Weekday	\$ 789.00
Online Giving	\$ 9,108.72
Feasts & Solemnities	\$ 109.00
Coffers	\$ 507.79
Total Offertory	\$ 14,958.02

Other Collection

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 51.00
Religious Retirement Fund	\$ 200.00
Black and Indian Mission	\$ 30.00
Seminarian Educational Fund	\$ 20.00
Hawaii Catholic Herald	\$ 120.00
Others (Mass Intentions, Candles, etc.)	\$ 376.00
Total	\$ 15,755.02

Living the Liturgy

- We can all help others find their destiny the way Andrew introduced Peter to his. As you go through the coming week, look for someone you can encourage to pursue a dream, project, trip, or adventure that you think would impact their future.
- Complete this sentence: "The first time I felt really confident that I was doing what I was meant to be doing was..."
- Invite a priest, deacon, or religious sister or brother to have dinner with you one evening and to tell your family about his or her vocational call. Invite him or her to tell how he or she recognized it as a call from God, who may have helped him or her discern or heed the call, how he or she has felt the presence of the Holy Spirit in living out this vocation. Keep your guest in your family prayers.

Sharing the Faith

- What things have you spent your life "rehearsing" for? Have there been opportunities that came along that you knew you were ready to embrace because somehow you'd prepared for them your whole life?
- When did you first start hearing the voice of God calling you into closer relationship with him? Did you recognize it right away, or did it take a few tries?
- In today's readings, Eli, John the Baptist, and the Apostle Andrew each help others recognize and respond to God's call. Are you struggling with anything God is calling you to do? Is there someone who might help you discern and answer God's call?

Quote of the Week

"They said to him, 'Rabbi . . . where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come, and you will see' "
(John 1:38 – 39).

January 17, 2021 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 | Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 | 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 | John 1:35-42

We found _____! Fill in the blank: sunken treasure, a Picasso in the attic, a UFO, a gold mine. Even if Andrew had said as much to Peter, he would not have elicited any more excitement than he did by finishing the sentence with “the Messiah.” But the same words spoken to another might elicit little more than disbelief. Try announcing your find of sunken treasure or the Picasso in the attic and you might be answered, “Yeah, right.” Only a seeker, someone longing, can be stopped in his tracks and caught up in a dream that’s too good to be true. It didn’t take Eli and Samuel long to realize it was the Lord calling. Eli could say, “Your servant is listening” because he had been practicing listening to the Lord during all his days in the Temple with Eli. Much of life is rehearsal. We don’t know it at the time, we just do what we do. We make choices and follow patterns, and one day something really big happens and we’re ready. Whether it’s an emergency or an opportunity, we’re ready, we understand, we know what to do, and we do it while others panic or let the chance slip by. Andrew and Peter were ready for the coming of the Messiah. They had been rehearsing all their lives as they caught fish, mended nets, and went home for supper. Their hearts were ready for the miracle, and so they went to see.

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Next Sunday's Readings: “Third Sunday in Ordinary Time”

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 | Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 | 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 | Mark 1:14-20

From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

“Come, and you will see.” (John 1: 39)

There are many occasions that we had been invited to. Whether to a party, a meeting, a family get-together, or just a simple gathering. On any of these occasions, there is always an invitation. The invitation helps us understand and know the purpose of what and where we are invited. Once we receive the invitation, we respond to it. It could either a Yes or No. Or even, when not certain, our response could be, “I will see.”

When the two disciples decided to leave John the Baptist after he pointed out to them Jesus, the Lamb of God, they followed Him. Jesus noticed that He was being followed. He turned around and asked them what they were looking for. The two disciples asked the Lord where He was staying. Thus, Jesus said, “Come, and you will see.” As the Gospel narrates, they saw where He was staying, and they stayed with Him that day.

As we see, there is an element of mystery in the place where Jesus is staying. It does not give us a specific description of Jesus’ place. No address, no direction, nor even a structural picture of that place. What amazed me was that the two disciples heeded the invitation of Jesus and stayed with Him not just on that day but until the end of their lives. Their response to the invitation of Jesus made them His followers and continued on His mission in giving witness to their Master.

The place where Jesus lived may not be explicitly described. But one thing is very sure. When the disciples were with the Lord, His presence with them would be the best place ever. Jesus’ invitation “Come, and you will see” has always been an invitation to all of us. Often, we cannot respond because we do not exactly know and how we would live with Him. But if we become like the disciples and say Yes and follow Him faithfully and trustingly, what wonders will that bring to us in our daily lives? What beauty of life we may have if and only if we heed His invitation.

Jesus has invited us into a new life with Him. A life filled with mystery, grace, and beauty. It could also be painful, challenging, and daunting at times, but He does not leave us alone. He shares in our joys and sorrows, pain, and suffering. But He also gives us His comfort and joy. Our response at times is NO or I WILL SEE. We ignore him totally or be comfortable where we are. Come to think of it and realize that when we say Yes, life becomes more meaningful, peaceful, graceful, and joyful when we say Yes. If Jesus tells you, “Come, and you will see,” what will you say?

Your friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual