

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, January 19

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Repairs & Maintenance**

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

Young Adult Meeting at 12:00pm

Monday, January 20

### **Monday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time**

## **Martin Luther King Day Holiday**

Mass at 12:00pm

**Cathedral Basilica closed after Mass**

Tuesday, January 21

### **Memorial of St. Agnes, virgin and martyr**

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 22

### **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, January 23

### **Thursday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time**

Friday, January 24

### **Memorial of St. Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor of the Church**

Saturday, January 25

### **Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, January 26

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Latin American and**

#### **Black & Indian Mission**

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

## Infant Baptism

On Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup> of January. Please call the office at (808) 536-7036 and speak with Fr. Pascual or Dcn. Joe for more information.

## Stewardship of Treasure

<b>Offertory Collection</b>	<b>1/6 – 1/12</b>
Sunday Offering	\$ 7,645.79
Weekday Offering	\$ 1,676.30
Coffers	\$ 349.40
Holy Day Offering	\$ 50.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 9,721.49</b>

<b>Other Collection</b>	
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 30.00
Wedding	\$ 250.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 187.00
Devotional Candles	\$ 798.75
HI Catholic Herald	\$ 160.00
Others (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 517.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,664.24</b>



## Collection for Latin America

This weekend, we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous to the special collection! To learn more, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

## Collection for Black & Indian Mission

This weekend, we take up a collection for the Black and Indian Mission! The Black and Indian Mission Collection (BIMC) exists to help diocesan communities to build up the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaska Native people of God. Every year, it is the amazing generosity of Catholic faithful just like you who enable the Black and Indian Mission Office to support the following important priorities: Enlivening Parish Life & Catechesis, Empowering Evangelizers, Helping Educators Reach Kids, and Encouraging Vocations. Please be generous! To learn more, please visit [www.blackandindiamission.org](http://www.blackandindiamission.org)

## Sharing Faith

- Read today's Baptism Story and the one we heard last week (Matthew 3:13-17.) How did Jesus live as a servant of God? How are you called to do the same?
- What does it mean to be willing to do God's will?

# January 19, 2020 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

Today we hear John's account of Jesus' Baptism by John the Baptist coupled with Isaiah's words about God's call to his servant. It seems appropriate for the Church to link these readings in order for us to reflect on Jesus Christ as a servant.

The first verse we hear in Isaiah sounds like a commissioning, as the servant is called and sent. The following verses seem to indicate an even greater trust: "I will make you a light to the nations that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6). The servant is called to go among the Gentiles and offer God's welcome, grace, salvation, and justice. The servant has a role in history to live and offer the reign of God to all.

Spreading the Good News of salvation to all is the mission Jesus Christ accepted completely by obediently submitting to the Father's will as God's servant. The psalm today reminds us that God wants more than offerings, he wants our obedient hearts. Jesus gave his to God. Let us hope we can be as clear in our witness.

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### **Next Sunday's Readings: "3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time"**

*Isaiah 8:23-9:3 | Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 | 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 | Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17*

## From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

*"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.*

*John 1: 29*

How well do we know Jesus? How deep is our knowledge and understanding of Him whose nativity we just celebrated on December 25<sup>th</sup>? Can we truly identify Him as John the Baptist had identified Him?

Such questions are posed for our reflection this Sunday as we now journey in this Ordinary Time. The questions asked can be a stepping board for us not only to know Jesus but also to establish a deep relationship with Him. After all the many festivities we had, with all the singing and parties and sharing of gifts, our focus on the whole celebration may be forgotten. Our constant search in finding answers to these questions can establish a deeper connection of our life with Him.

In this so-called journey of life, we have lots of encounters along the way. We meet new friends, connect with members of our family and colleagues, and belonging to a certain group or associations whom we think can spice up our life. But we see that these are not the be-all and end-all of life. Our lives are made up of a journey not only physically but also spiritually. Thus, knowing Jesus and encountering Him can bring much more difference in living out this one life we have.

John the Baptist's testimony of Jesus, saying, "*Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,*" is a profound statement of the truth about Him. He is not only the Son of God, as revealed in the Jordan river at His baptism, but He is the Lamb of sacrifice offered to cleanse us of ALL our sins. Note, I capitalize ALL because it is indeed true. When we come to our self-awareness, realizing how sinful we are, humbling ourselves before Him and embracing His truth that will direct our lives, we come to the point that we do not only KNOW Him but we ENCOUNTER Him. We feel His presence. We experience His love and mercy. And when we experience these, it will certainly make a lot of difference when we relate with Him, with one another and with ourselves.

When we come to know Christ, we open up ourselves to Him and respond to His call for us. Like the Psalmist says, "*here I am Lord, I come to do your will.*"

Your friend in the Lord,  
Fr. Pascual