

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, January 26

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection for Latin American and Black & Indian Mission

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

Monday, January 27

Monday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time

Tuesday, January 28

Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor of the Church

No Scheduled Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 29

Wednesday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, January 30

Thursday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time

Friday, January 31

Friday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 1 – *First Saturday*

Saturday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Mass & Holy Hour at 12:00pm

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

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, February 2

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

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

Young Adult Ministry

Young Adult Ministry (ages 18-39) meets on the first and third Sundays of the month from noon to 2 p.m. for many activities. Text CBYAM to 84576 to sign up for updates."

Calling all Ministries

Calling all Ministry Coordinators! Get ready for the Ministry Fair scheduled on Sunday, March 22 from 8am-2pm at the Kamiano Center. Plan the details with your team. Include on your booth the following: presentation board and/or digital tools to show ministry info, photos and videos, flyers, registration forms, pens, and giveaways. To reserve a booth, contact Deacon Joe and Easter at jalmuena@rcchawaii.org or call the office."

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory Collection	1/13 – 1/19
Sunday Offering	\$ 9,832.84
Weekday Offering	\$ 1,654.39
Coffers	\$ 840.00
Holy Day Offering	\$ 25.00
Total Offertory	\$ 12,352.23

Other Collection

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 3,024.10
Mass Stipends	\$ 292.00
Devotional Candles	\$ 854.00
HI Catholic Herald	\$ 60.00
Others (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 412.50
Ttl Other Collection	\$ 4,642.60
Total	\$ 16,994.83



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.

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

Sharing Faith

- Where do you see darkness in the world? What is needed for God's light to shine?
- What makes you hesitate when you experience or feel God calling you, especially to a new path or direction?

January 26, 2020 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

Today we hear about Jesus' ministry and what he does after many weeks of hearing about who he is: Emmanuel, an obedient servant, beloved Son, Lamb of God. The readings are filled with images of light and darkness. Matthew quotes Isaiah, saying that great light will conquer the darkness, and the Church links this Gospel with the closely aligned Isaiah passage. Jesus brings light and dispels darkness in what he does and how he acts.

We hear about the lands of Zebulun and Naphtali. This northern territory was considered a backward and troubled region so far from Jerusalem, the center of worship, it wasn't worth counting. Jesus' ministry began in a land that was literally and figuratively full of darkness and gloom. There he taught, proclaimed the kingdom and cured every disease. Jesus begins his mission by calling two sets of brothers. All four immediately left their boat and came after him. A disciple's response to God's call is to obediently follow Christ, who is the Lord of light and salvation.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "Feast of the Presentation of the Lord"

Malachi 3:1-4 | Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10 | Hebrew 2:14-18 | Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

"The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen."

Almost a month ago, our streets, houses, church, and everywhere we go, radiant lights were lit all around. Some even have a synchronized tune with the sounds of Christmas music. I want to make a good guess that every time we see the glimmering lights and hear the happy tunes, our minds and hearts felt joy and enthusiasm. Our eyes may, at times, be fixed on it and wonder the beauty of it.

Time has passed, and those days are gone. Our world is not as bright as what we experienced in the past. Our minds are set once again to the usual things we do, at home, work and church. Although these days may look to be ordinary, I hope that our lives may have become different because we had seen the Light of Life. Not the physical light that shines around us but the spiritual light that shines our soul, Jesus Christ.

If we look around us, our world is darkened by sin and so much evil. Many around us are affected by it as we see the number of deaths even of innocent children and the unborn. The truth of Jesus Christ has been compromised with the principles of mediocrity and relativism. Freedom has been compromised through individualism and selfishness. Many, especially leaders of nations, think that peace can only be restored through arms and violence. And, the alarming situations of many families have broken apart.

When all seem lost and dark, there is a glimmering hope that we who sit in darkness have seen a great light, Jesus Christ. We, like the disciples who were called by Him, are now empowered to continue brightening this world. This can only happen if we allow ourselves to be infused by the Holy Spirit to do our part in the name of the Lord.

Light has dawned upon us. Let this light shine through us so we can live our lives not only for our good but for the good of the world and our families. Let us continue to bring Jesus wherever we go, so the path of everyone's life will be brightened.

Your friend in the Lord,
Fr. Pascual