

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, February 14

### **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Augustine Educational Foundation**

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, February 15 – **Presidents' Day**

#### **Monday of the 6<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

**Cathedral closed after Mass**

Tuesday, February 16

#### **Tuesday of the 6<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

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

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Wednesday, February 17

### **Ash Wednesday**

*Day of Fast and Abstinence*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

**Masses at 6:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m.**

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Thursday, February 18

#### **Thursday after Ash Wednesday**

Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Friday, February 19

#### **Friday after Ash Wednesday**

*Day of Abstinence*

**Stations of the Cross at 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.**

Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Saturday, February 20

#### **Saturday after Ash Wednesday**

Mass at 7:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Sunday, February 21

### **First Sunday of Lent**

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

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**

2/1 – 2/7

Sunday Offering	\$ 5,016.42
Weekday	\$ 669.15
Online Giving	\$ 1,664.41
Feasts & Solemnities, Christmas	\$ 238.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 7,587.98</b>

### **Other Collection**

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 130.00
Black and Indian Mission	\$ 20.00
Hawaii Catholic Herald	\$ 40.00
Augustine Educational Foundation	\$ 35.00
Others (Gallery, Candles, Intention etc.)	\$ 2,112.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,924.98</b>

## Living the Liturgy

- List what you've observed from your own experience as the most common reasons for the experience of "exile" among teens, family members, and coworkers.
- If Jesus looked into your heart, what clutter would he need to remove in order for you to feel loved and lovable? Every time you sign your name this week, take a moment to pray this verse: "God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good" (Genesis 1:31).
- Raise awareness of the isolated people around us by playing a board game or card game with your family. Have a kitchen timer on hand. Set the timer at five minutes for each round. During each round, one person is ignored until the timer sounds. No one looks at or speaks to the ignored person, and he or she gets no turn in the game you're playing. Make sure that everyone is ignored once. Afterward, talk about how it felt to be the one ignored.

## Sharing the Faith

- Have you ever prayed with earnest faith for God to remove some affliction from your life? How was your prayer answered?
- Doing everything for the "glory of God" is easier said than done. If you tried to glorify God in everything you do, what activities might you need to curtail?
- Like the leper in today's Gospel, each of us is changed when we ask Jesus to touch our lives. How has the touch of Christ given you more abundant life?

## Quote of the Week

*"Whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31).*

# February 14, 2021 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

*Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 | Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11 | 1 Corinthians 10:32-11:1 | Mark 1:40-45*

By healing the man with leprosy, Jesus did much more than rid him of a dreaded disease. He reopened for the man the door to his own home and a door into the life of the community. Till then, the man was an outcast, required to shout a warning to anyone who dared come near: "Unclean!" With his cry, he had to tell people to stay away from him, not to touch him, not even to breathe the air that he breathed. It was a necessary discipline for the safety of the community, but a dire, dreary life for anyone afflicted with the curse of leprosy. Many, even in our day, are sent to live apart because something about them has severed their connection with their community. Perhaps it's a teen announcing he is gay, a woman who says that she must leave her abusive husband, or anyone who is shunned by friends or family because of a position they hold or an action they have taken. Who among us has not known that kind of banishment at some time or other?

Jesus comes to end the exile of our hearts. When the leper, with profound faith, says, "If you wish, you can make me clean" (1:40), Jesus doesn't hesitate to say, "I do will it" (1:41). We have no problem imagining Jesus laying hands on the man and curing him. But can we visualize the same thing for ourselves? Can we muster the faith of the leper and tell Jesus, "You can make *me* clean." Do we trust that if we ask, God will heal and forgive us?

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### **Next Sunday's Readings: "First Sunday of Lent"**

*Genesis 9:8-15 | Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 | 1 Peter 3:18-22 | Mark 1:12-15*

## From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

*"I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation."*

We heard from last Sunday's Gospel how people who were ill searched for Jesus. In all circumstances of their lives, they needed the Lord so that they will be healed. Jesus did not hesitate to heal them, for that is who He is, filled with love, compassion, and mercy. Once again, we hear another healing story of a man inflicted with leprosy. He approached Jesus and asked, "if you wish, you can make me clean." Jesus moved with pity, stretched out His hand, and said, "I do will it, be made clean."

How fitting it is for us to reflect on the goodness of the Lord. We are about to enter into the Season of Lent this Ash Wednesday. In as much as we need to be healed from our physical ailments, much more we long to be healed from our spiritual sickness brought about by sin. There is no one we can turn to in such a situation in our lives other than the Lord, who forgives and restores us with His grace and goodness. Like the man inflicted with the disease, we approach the Lord with the firmness of faith and trust in His power. But to do this, we need to realize our faults and transgressions. We need to look deeply into our soul what we need to be cleansed from.

Often or most times, it is difficult to admit our sinfulness. It is so hard to humble ourselves and face our reality of who we are. We hide and wear our masks, pretending that we are upright and just. We tend to be righteous in many ways, but deep inside us, we are like the man needing God's grace and forgiveness. Jesus readily extends His love and mercy for those who seek it. He restores us and gives us more opportunities to enrich our lives through His powerful grace.

With the Lenten Season at hand, this would be a grace-filled opportunity to reflect, pray, and be renewed. It is a moment of self-realization that we cannot do without God's love and mercy. It is a precious time given to deepen our faith and trust in His goodness. And when we experience His love, mercy, and forgiveness, we cannot but rejoice and share the good news to all around us. Like the man who was healed, although Jesus told him not to tell anyone about what happened except to the priest, he instead started to share such goodness that had come upon him.

Let us exclaim with sincere hearts our response to the Psalm be, "I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation."

Your friend in Jesus,  
Fr. Pascual