

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, February 23

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

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

Monday, February 24

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

Tuesday, February 25

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No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 26

### **Ash Wednesday**

*Day of Fast & Abstinence*

**Masses at 6:30am, 12:00 noon & 6:00pm**

*Imposition of Ashes at Masses only*

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, February 27

### **Thursday after Ash Wednesday**

Friday, February 28

### **Friday after Ash Wednesday**

*Day of Abstinence*

**Stations of the Cross at 10:00am & 5:30pm**

Saturday, February 29

### **Saturday after Ash Wednesday**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, March 1

### **First Sunday of Lent**

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

## Sharing Faith

- What kind of announcement might you make to your neighborhood about God's message and commandment to love? How would you teach them about God's love?
- Paul says we are a temple of God and that the Spirit dwells in us. What does this mean to you?
- Read Psalm 103. How is God kind and merciful to you?

## Young Adult Ministry

All are welcome to join the Young Adult Ministry (ages 18-39.) They meet on the first and third Sundays of the month from noon to 2 p.m. Please call the office for information. Text CBYAM to 84576 to sign up for updates.

## Stewardship of Treasure

<b>Offertory Collection</b>	<b>2/10 – 2/16</b>
Sunday Offering	\$ 8,067.64
Weekday Offering	\$ 1,384.91
Coffers	\$ 1,054.45
Holy Day Offering	\$ 72.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 10,579.00</b>

<b>Other Collection</b>	
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 2,956.23
Mass Stipends	\$ 72.00
Devotional Candles	\$ 886.00
Augustine Foundation	\$ 42.00
Others (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 809.00

**Total** **\$ 14,156.93**



## 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](mailto:jalmuena@rcchawaii.org) or call the office."

## Commitment through Christ, Living in Gratitude

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. If you still have your Commitment Card, all commitments need to be submitted to the church in order to be accounted for in the final Summary Report. Please complete and submit your card to the church even if you are unable to make a change to your current level of giving. For those registered parishioners not currently supporting the church with regular offertory gifts, please consider a monthly gift to support the needs of our parish.

## Parking

Due to a change in parking arrangements, we are no longer offering validated parking for the Century Square Parking Garage, located at 1188 Bishop Street for Ash Wednesday. There are several options for parking near the Cathedral Basilica: Kukui Plaza located at 1155 Nuuanu Avenue, offers parking at \$0.75 per half hour and Capital Place, located at 1200 Queen Emma Street, offers parking at \$0.75 per half hour. Please call Parish Office for further information.

# February 23, 2020 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

*Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 / Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 / 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 / Matthew 5:38-48*

Today's readings pose tremendous challenges for people of faith. In the First Reading, the Lord tells Moses to inform the whole Israelite community they are to be holy as God is holy. We might imagine making such an announcement in our town or parish church. Would our listeners believe such a message from God? The commandments that follow the Lord's announcement to the Israelites reveal how God's holy people are to act.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples concrete ways they are to act in the world, including the command to love their enemies and pray for those who persecute them. These are very specific instructions that, if followed by the disciples, will reflect the love and holiness God offers to his people. By offering such witness, Jesus' followers will not only reflect God's light in the world, they will sing praise as heard in the psalm for the goodness of God already given to us.

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

*Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 / Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 / Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19 / Matthew 4:1-11*

## From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

***"Be holy, for, I the Lord, your God, am holy."***

When I became an altar server on my second grade, every month, we had a meeting with our coordinator. Since I knew my way inside the church, I would always walk inside, go to the sacristy, and passing by statues of saints. In one of our formation programs, we got the information that these statues were men and women who were very holy. With their palms together, or hands lifting to the heavens and having a halo, I thought these were enough for me to say that they were holy indeed. Also, knowing that they were very prayerful would make one holy. But when I started to hear or read about how they lived their lives, it made me realized why they were holy. They had all their pain and sacrifices and even their sinfulness but remained committed to Jesus. In as much as many of them were forced to recant their faith, they didn't and offered their lives for being true to it. Their faithfulness, their love, and living the truth in Jesus were pieces of evidence of their holiness that we regard them as saints.

Our Readings on this Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time sum up to God's call for us to be holy. The Book of Leviticus points out to us that call because the one who is calling is holy indeed. But holiness does not mean to be not doing anything wrong. Though this is true, there should be something more and deeper about God's call for us to be holy. Jesus in our Gospel teaches us to love, to care, to forgive not only to those who can share the same. He makes it clear that loving our enemies, going the extra mile, handing over the other cloak offers a radical change of human values. That holiness is realizing as well how loving and merciful God is and that we are called to do the same to everyone and anyone.

Hearing or reading God's Word today makes us reflect again on how we can live our lives for God and be holy. Living a holy life does not only affect us but also creates a wonderful relationship with God and others no matter what. It can bring peace and harmony to a very broken world. It can bring joy and gladness to a world of anxiety and fear. And to a family, it can build a home and become a haven of love and refuge in a divided world. Maybe it is good to read the lives of saints. In this way, we can see where we can grow as God has called us to be holy just as He is holy.

Your friend in the Lord,  
Fr. Pascual