

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, July 19

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00am

Monday, July 20

Monday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time

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

Tuesday, July 21

Tuesday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time

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

Wednesday, July 22

Feast of Mary Magdalene

Mass at 6:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation 10:00 – 11:00am

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 23

Thursday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time

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

Friday, July 24

Friday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time

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

Saturday, July 25

Feast of St. James, Apostle

Mass at 7:00 a.m.

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

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, July 26

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00am

Outreach Ministry

Our Outreach Coordinator, Ron Gochenouer have started a food pantry to go along with their clothes closet and is open to Cathedral's parishioners. Located at Cathedral Catholic Academy school grounds. They're open Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. If any parishioners are in need of canned goods or non-perishable food, they are welcome to come by. If they are unable to make it to the site, please call (808) 306-7502 and he could arrange to have it delivered.

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory Collection

7/6 – 7/12

Sunday Offering	\$ 5,149.54
Weekday	\$ 801.70
Coffers	\$ 1,479.39
Feasts & Solemnities	\$ 127.50
Total Offertory	\$ 7,558.13

Other Collection

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 158.00
Mass Intention	\$ 7.00
Holy Land	\$ 4.00
Holy Father (Peter's Pence)	\$ 5.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$ 33.00
Others (Funeral, Outreach, etc.)	\$ 1,000.00
Total	\$ 8,765.13

Sharing the Faith

- What are the weeds that grow around you that could threaten your relationship with God or your neighbor?
- Where can you ask for the help and guidance of the Spirit?
- How does God ask you to be yeast to help something grow in your parish, neighborhood, or family?

Living the Liturgy

- In his letter to the Romans, Paul tells us that God searches our hearts even as the Spirit helps us. We so often want to do God's will, but we sometimes stumble and fail. Paul promises the intercession of the Spirit. Can you emphasize addressing your prayers this week to the Spirit? If you help children pray with bedtime or meal prayers, how can you introduce prayer to the Holy Spirit?
- In a group, read Jesus' three parables about the kingdom of heaven. Create a story together, building an image of the kingdom of heaven.
- Make several posters of the psalm response: "Lord, you are good and forgiving" (Psalm 86:5). Hang it in your home, car, or office. When has God forgiven you? Who is God calling you to forgive? Is there a way to express that forgiveness?

Limited Seating

There is limited seating in the church to allow social distancing. Please call the office Monday through Friday at (808) 536-7036 or go to our website: www.cathedralofourladyofpeace.com to reserve a space at Sunday Mass for your household.

You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, / abounding in kindness to all who call upon you. / Hearken, O Lord, to my prayer / and attend to the sound of my pleading
(Psalm 86:5 – 6).

July 19, 2020 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 | Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 | Romans 8:26-27 | Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

In the Gospel according to Matthew, Jesus teaches his disciples about the mysteries of heaven using a variety of parables and images wheat next to weeds, a small mustard seed, a woman mixing yeast into bread dough. Matthew's community's was struggling to accept that some Jews accepted Jesus' preaching and others did not. The first parable centers on the reaction of those who had accepted Jesus' message toward those who had not. Their solution seems to be a radical removal of the weeds, but Jesus counsels patience and tolerance until the end. At the final judgment, God will determine their fate. The parables of the mustard seed and yeast speak of small beginnings ending in great outcomes. Our dedication as Jesus' disciples will attract others, even sinners. We are challenged to focus on our witness and discipleship, letting God worry about others who might not fit our categories. We are reminded that God is merciful, gracious, and just to all sinners who call upon his name.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time"

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 | Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 | Romans 8:28-30 | Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

Harvest, Growth and Transformation

We focus once more our thoughts on the parables about the Kingdom of God. Last Sunday, we reflected on the Parable of the Sower who went out to sow the seeds that landed on different grounds. This Sunday, Jesus used three images how the kingdom of God is likened too. These images are, the good seed mixed with the bad seed, the mustard seed and the yeast mixed with wheat flour. As we ponder on these stories, we reflect on God's reign, presence and action into our lives and most especially our response to it. As such, they raise in us thoughts about harvest, growth and transformation.

In as much as we have heard Jesus, who is God's Word, we oftentimes delay our response of being fully committed to His call as His disciples or followers especially in this modern-day world we live in. This results in a very slow growth in deepening our faith and putting into action Gospel values. Also, the transformation needed to change our lives; our nation and our world would be difficult to be realized. Although we know that God is patient with us and maybe we could say tolerant, His call is imminent and needing response. We cannot just stay idle and wait till the last minute.

With the pandemic at hand, mixed with social unrest brought about by political division, discrimination, and personal interests, our world today is getting darker and darker. And we can only allow this to happen if we do not do anything about it. We cannot just be quiet and see what tomorrow may bring. And if we stay this way, then our direction in life will be absurd and meaningless.

It is for this reason that we, men and women of faith, need to allow the Lord to take hold of us. That we accept His abundant graces in our lives and allow to grow. For if these graces are carried out, we can transform our lives and live in unity, peace, and joy.

Let us always remember that God cares for everybody. He wants us all to be one with Him when not only when that day and time will come but even now. And there is nothing to fear because if we allow that seed of faith to grow in our lives, bear fruit and transformed by it, God opens the door to His Kingdom.

Let us continue to seek His ways, be molded by His Son Jesus and truly inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Your friend in the Lord,
Fr. Pascual