

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, July 25

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Monday, July 26

Memorial of Ss. Joachim & Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed after Mass

Tuesday, July 27

Tuesday of the 17th Week in Ordinary Time

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

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Wednesday, July 28

Wednesday of the 17th Week in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 a.m.

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

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Thursday, July 29

Memorial of Ss. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

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

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Friday, July 30

Friday of the 17th Week in Ordinary Time

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

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Saturday, July 31

Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola

Mass at 7:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 a.m.

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Live-Streamed Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Sunday, August 1

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Scripture Reflection

“They shall eat and there shall be some left over” (2 Kings 43).

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory Collection

7/12 – 7/19

Sunday Offering	\$ 4,820.04
Weekday Mass	\$ 725.32
Online Giving	\$ 1,304.98
Feasts, Solemnities & Coffers	\$ 1,834.38
Total Offertory	\$ 8,684.72

Other Collection

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 30.00
Diocesan Seminarian Education Fund	\$ 1,244.00
Others (Gallery, Candles, Outreach, etc.)	\$ 729.00
Total	\$ 10,684.72

Living the Liturgy

- Jesus orders the leftovers to be collected so nothing is wasted. Make sure during this week to let no food go to waste. As you store the leftovers, remember the Gospel and give thanks for the Eucharist.
- With a partner, find the words (verbs) in the Gospel story that parallel those used by the priest at Mass.
- Make bread or rolls from scratch. Many children today have never kneaded dough or seen it rise. Give your family members the hands-on experience of working the dough, patiently waiting for it to rise, smelling it bake, and tasting it, warm from the oven. Praise God with your family for these simple, nourishing pleasures.

Sharing the Faith

- You've attended “pot-luck” events where everyone brought something and there were leftovers for everyone. Do you think that's the point of the Gospel story?
- Have you ever followed a hunch and done something totally counter-intuitive, akin to putting a few loaves before a large crowd of people?
- Do you have all you really need? Do you have more than you need? Are you sharing as much time, talent, and treasure as you can afford with others? If not, why do you think that is? Are you sharing more than you can afford, given your family responsibilities? If so, why do you think that is?

Saint of the Week

We must speak to God as a friend speaks to his friend, servant to his master; now asking some favor, now acknowledging our faults, and communicating to Him all that concerns us, our thoughts, our fears, our projects, our desires, and in all things seeking His counsel. - St. Ignatius (1491-1556), Jesuit, Patron of Soldiers, Educators, Feast Day July 31

July 25, 2021 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

2 Kings 4:42-44 / Psalm 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 / Ephesian 4:1-6 / Alleluia: Cf. Luke 7:16 / John 6:1-15

People are hungry and there's not enough to share. There are just a few options: send them home, let them go hungry, or pray for a miracle. Some commentators say that this passage demonstrates that while people are hungry, there's plenty to share if everyone is willing to share what they have, thinking that the miracle of human goodness is ignited by the divine spark of Jesus. Others point out that sometimes, no matter how generous people are, there is simply not enough to go around. To suggest this manifestation of God's abundance was really an instance of human sharing not only robs the story of its beauty but of its power and truth, as well. Let others argue where the food came from. The message of the stories is clear: God supplies our need, and we have only to add our small share.

First you have to believe miracles can happen. Given that, miracles have a life of their own. They're God's doing, not ours. We do what we can, but that's not enough. Only when God's merciful love intervenes can miracles happen. These miracles demonstrate the free and overwhelming grace of God, who gives when we have nothing left. The crowd was touched not by each other's generosity, but by God's abundance. Jesus' crowd will want to make him king, not because he got them to share but because he did what none of them could do—become a conduit of God's miraculous love.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "18th Sunday in Ordinary"

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 / Psalm 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 / Ephesian 4:17, 20-24 / Alleluia: Cf. Matthew 4:4b / John 6:24-35

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

Food For Those Who Hunger!

The First Reading from the Second Book of Kings tells us about the miracle of the multiplication of loaves performed by Elisha. A man from Baal-shalishah brings twenty barley loaves made from the first fruits and fresh grain in the ear to Elisha. He commands his servant to give the food to the people to eat. The servant objects to the command because he questions how twenty barley loaves can feed a hundred people. Elisha insists on giving the loaves, and the people had their fill.

This Sunday from the Gospel of John tells us about the miracle of the multiplication of loaves. A large crowd gathers around Jesus and His disciples. Jesus, sensitive to the needs of the people, asks Philip where they can buy enough food for all of them to eat. Philip remarks that two hundred days' wages worth of food is not enough to feed the crowd. Andrew, another disciple and the brother of Simon Peter, says to Jesus about a boy who has five barley loaves and two fish. Jesus commands His disciples to let the people recline, and the large crowd had their fill.

One clear detail about the miracles is about the servant and the boy both bringing barley loaves. The two accounts of the multiplication of the loaves are clear enough to understand that God does not multiply the loaves instantly. It is not like a downpour of rain. Rather, there is first the generous deed of the person who offers and brings the food. After which, the food is then shared with those who are in need.

The miracles that we hear this Sunday may lead us to the theme of the Eucharist. It will be clearer for us as we hear the succeeding Sunday Gospels. This Sunday, it is evident that what the Lord calls us to understand and reflect on is how we can make the miracle happen again today. Many people are in dire need of food during these difficult days brought about by the Pandemic. Many have lost their jobs and could hardly find ways to make ends meet. As we also notice around us, the poor are those who hunger for food. They roam around our streets, homeless and abandoned. Through our spirit of generosity, willingness to serve, and selflessly keeping the goods we have to dispose of, all are means to make the miracle happen again. We can either join many institutions around our State or serve in the Outreach Ministry of our Churches to make the miracle happen again. Only what it takes is to have an open heart to be generous and extend a helping hand to feed them with material food and, more so, with love and care.

As we always look up to Jesus' act of selflessly giving up His life, we call to open up ourselves for others. In Him, we form one body tending the needs of our brothers and sisters.

Your friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual