

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, July 26

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

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

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

Monday, July 27

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

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

Tuesday, July 28

### **Tuesday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time**

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

Wednesday, July 29

### **Memorial of St. Martha**

Mass at 6:30 a.m.

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

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 30

### **Thursday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time**

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

Friday, July 31

### **Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola, priest**

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

Saturday, August 1

### **Memorial of St. Alphonsus Ligouri, bishop, doctor of the Church**

Mass at 7:00 a.m.

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

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 2

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

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

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

## 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**

7/13 – 7/19

Sunday Offering	\$ 4,360.00
Weekday	\$ 580.76
Online Giving	\$ 921.83
Feasts & Solemnities	\$ 174.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 6,036.59</b>

### **Other Collection**

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 190.00
Mass Intention	\$ 7.00
Holy Land, Rice Bowl, CRC	\$ 30.00
Holy Father (Peter's Pence)	\$ 20.00
Seminarian Education Fund	\$ 260.00
Others (Funeral, Outreach, etc.)	\$ 10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,533.59</b>

## Sharing the Faith

- Reflect on what you would ask for if God would give you anything. Then, reread the First Reading from 1 Kings.
- The psalmist in Psalm 119 expresses love for the Lord's decrees and commands. What does the Lord command you to do?
- How would you express your longing or yearning for God's wisdom in prayer?

## Living the Liturgy

- Psalm 119 is the Bible's longest psalm. Read all of it this week for prayer (approximately 25 verses each day). What images from the psalm speak to you about God? How do they help your reflection?
- The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says that hope is the virtue by which humans desire the kingdom of heaven (1817). Discuss with a friend how that virtue is seen in the parables about the kingdom that Jesus told today.
- Jesus often reminded his followers that God would be the judge of people's actions at the end of the world. Read the stories about the last judgment in Matthew 25. The last verses (31– 46) are used on the solemnity of Christ the King, the final feast of this liturgical year. What do these images say to you? How does God ask you to recognize the least of your brothers or sisters? How are you called to respond?

## 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](http://www.cathedralofourladyofpeace.com) to reserve a space at Sunday Mass for your household.

*Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong.  
For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?  
(1 Kings 3:9).*

# July 26, 2020 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

*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*

Remember all the fairy tales that offered people their heart's desire or the fulfillment of three wishes? In today's First Reading from Wisdom, we hear a story about King Solomon. Offered the chance to ask the Lord for anything, he asks for an understanding heart so that he might better serve God's people. Pleased with his humble request, God not only grants him a wise and understanding heart, but also all the blessings that flow to anyone who yearns for wisdom and understanding.

Psalm 119, the longest psalm in the Psalter, seems a fitting response in its unmistakable praise to God. The verses chosen speak of the human desire to know what is truly precious in life. The psalmist says that the covenant relationship with God is more precious than gold or silver. God's words and presence in the law are the true source of wisdom, expressing God's love, kindness, and compassion toward all. This is the path to a deeper relationship with God and to a more wise and understanding heart.

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### **Next Sunday's Readings: "Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time"**

*Isaiah 55:1-3 | Psalm 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 | Romans 8:35, 37-39 | Matthew 14:13-21*

## From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

Aloha!

We are about to end the month of July. We have passed a month away from the middle of the year, 2020. Here we are, still, at the point of our difficult times with Covid-19 still threatening our lives and all over the world. We continue to pray that this pandemic may now come to an end and hope for the best.

This Sunday, the 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, is also the middle Sunday of our liturgical year. One liturgical cycle has 34 Sundays, beginning on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent and ending on the 34<sup>th</sup> Sunday with the Solemnity of the Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe. Time is of the essence that we continue to deepen our faith and trust in the Lord no matter what situation or circumstance may come upon us. We continue to remain steadfast and strong, knowing that the Lord Jesus is with us always and teaching us things that we need to know and embrace as we journey in this life.

As described in the Gospel of St. Matthew that we read or hear this Sunday, Jesus presents to us a very vivid picture of the Kingdom of God. It is compared to a buried treasure, and a fine pearl searched by those who seek it. The most striking part of the story was the way how they sacrificed everything to get what they desired and longed for, treasure, and pearl worth more than anything.

To sacrifice, everything may not be so pleasing to hear these days. We always want to have more. More money, properties, fame, pleasures, and power are the desire of our souls. But don't we realize that when these things are gone, we are troubled, worried, perplexed, and eventually lose hope and focus in life?

Jesus wants us to learn from these parables. He wants us to re-focus our minds and hearts to the things of heaven and not of the world. His Kingdom is worth more than anything else. We may think that this could hardly be done, but Jesus himself has already revealed everything. Seeking and finding is already made possible in and with Jesus. Like those who sacrificed everything to have the buried treasure and fine pearl, we are to sacrifice our attachments to worldly things to focus our lives to what God is offering us, the gift of salvation.

He also makes us realize that eventually when judgment day comes, we will be hauled into the net like good fish put into the bucket. Doing the right and good things are already a step to finding the buried treasure and fine pearl. Living the way how Jesus lived is an assurance that we will be in God's Kingdom. Let us not delay our response. His call to search and to find Him is already evident. It is a matter of opening up our lives and allow Him to take hold of us and lead us to the Father.

Stay safe, always!

Your friend in the Lord,  
Fr. Pascual