

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, October 17

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection for Repairs & Maintenance

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, October 18

Feast of St. Luke, evangelist

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

Cathedral closed after Mass

Tuesday, October 19

Memorial of Ss. John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues

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

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Wednesday, October 20

Wednesday of the 29th 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, October 21

Thursday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time

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

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Friday, October 22

Friday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time

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

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Saturday, October 23

Saturday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time

Live-Streamed Mass at 7:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 a.m.

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Sunday, October 24

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection for World Mission Sunday

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

“ . . . whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant” (Mark 10:44).

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory Collection

10/4 – 10/10

Sunday Offering	\$ 3,748.50
Weekday Offering	\$ 970.26
Online Giving	\$ 2,140.86
Other Feasts & Solemnities	\$ 1.27
Total Offertory	\$ 6,860.89

Other Collection

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Ohana in Christ	\$ 780.00
Mass Intentions, Baptisms	\$ 130.00
Others (Gallery, Candles, Funerals, etc.)	\$ 754.00
Total	\$ 8,544.89

Living the Liturgy

- Resolve to do what Jesus does and sympathize with the weaknesses of others by showing extra patience or compassion toward them this week. At the end of the week, reflect on the impact the experience has had on you.
- Have you ever been falsely accused and suffered unjust consequences for it? If so, pray for the grace to offer that suffering for the one who wrongly accused you and for all of us in need of God's mercy.
- At home, take turns this week serving each other in ways outside your normal routine. Do one another's chores, and think of extra things you can do to serve one another. Discuss how it feels to choose to serve.

Sharing the Faith

- Do you believe Jesus was tempted the way you and I are? Can you imagine him having to work to resist some temptation?
- If the disciples had known the fate that awaited them after Jesus' Ascension (all but one was martyred), do you think they would have stuck with him? Has there ever been a cause in your life for which you would have been willing to give your life?
- James and John, in today's Gospel, ask for honor, glory, and power as signs of God's favor. Jesus instead offers servitude and lowliness. When have you seen the grace of God manifested in humble service, simplicity, and lowliness?

Saint of the Week

Lord, by the words of consecration the substance of the bread and wine is converted into the substance of your Body and Blood. All powerful Lord, say over me the word which will change me into You. - Anthony Mary Claret (1807-1870), Patron of Technical Educators, Feast Day October 24.

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Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Isaiah 53:10-11 | Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 | Hebrews 4:14-16 | Mark 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

It all boils down to service. Jesus even says a leader must be the “slave of all” (Mark 10:44). It would be easy to dismiss if Jesus had not first lived it. Because hypocrisy is more the norm, we’re really thrown when someone’s mouth and money end up in the same place. Hebrews states it clearly: Jesus was not unacquainted with weaknesses, for he was “tested in every way” (4:15). In being tested and tempted like we are, Jesus struggled and suffered like we do. Being tempted in “every way” means being tempted by power, anger, lust, and desire, and the list just goes on. The only difference is that Jesus fought better than we do and no temptation ever led to sin. But let that second part cancel or obscure the first and you’ve strayed into heresy that would deny Christ’s humanness.

Isaiah sets forth the model Jesus followed. His “Servant of the Lord” oracle sings the praises of one who suffers willingly for the sake of others. Parents and lovers know this kind of service: you give more than you get, you give without counting, you extend yourself for the sake of the other, and you expect back nothing more than the satisfaction of knowing you did what was right. It’s not so easy, of course. We do better some days than others. But we know the goal because Jesus stated it so clearly, and lived it even better.

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Next Sunday's Readings: “30th Sunday in Ordinary Time”

Jeremiah 31:7-9 | Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 | Hebrews 5:1-6 | Mark 10:46-52

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

To Be Great in the Kingdom of God

James and John must have been full of ambition. They are so frank in asking Jesus, their Master, that when He is glorified, one will sit on His left and the other on His right. Jesus reprimands them that it is not His authority to do that but for His Heavenly Father. The two disciples feel they have the right to do since they are followers of their Master. They want to be great, to be first, and to be recognized. With such a demand, the other disciples become indignant. This incident brings Jesus to teach all of His disciples how one can be great. Jesus states whoever wishes to be great among themselves, one has to become a servant; and, whoever wishes to be first among them will be the slave of all.

Jesus' words are very contradictory to human precepts. Many wish to be above anyone else, that is, to be masters, in control, and command. Many wish to be served. Many would like to be first and not the last or least. Jesus clearly illustrated that this is not the way it is if we wish to be great in the kingdom of God. He, though Master, gave witness to this teaching when He offered His life on the cross in service for all people. He bent down on His knees to wash His disciples' feet at the Last Supper; He tended to feed the hungry, served the poor, the lowly, and the outcast. He went from town to town to spread the Good News of Salvation. He cured the sick, the leper, and brought back life to the dead. He came to serve and not to be served.

Servants are very keen on listening and carrying out the command of their Master. They forget themselves and do what their masters tell them to do. They give up their dignity and pride and obey their Master's command. In that way, they give themselves their service and dedication to their masters to be pleased and satisfied.

To embrace ourselves as servants nor slaves is not easy. But if ever, a key virtue is needed to carry it out wherever we are. That virtue is no other than humility. To humble oneself is difficult to do in a culture wherein honor and power are highlighted and decorated. Like James and John, we tend to be in places of honor. As such, pride takes control, and the tendency to feel great with everybody else overwhelms.

To be great in the Kingdom of God, Jesus puts it, be a servant...be a slave! It will be a life-changing moment if we are to reflect on how we are with our Master. No doubt about it, He became a servant, He became a slave of serving those who cling to Him. What an example indeed for us to ponder and follow. True service is manifested by dedication, willingness to listen and do what we are called upon, and sacrifice.

Are we willing to do that just as our Master did?

Your friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual

Ohana in Christ

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