

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, February 7

### **5<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.

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Monday, February 8

### **Monday of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

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

**Cathedral closed after Mass**

Tuesday, February 9

### **Tuesday of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

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

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Wednesday, February 10

### **Wednesday of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

Sacrament of Reconciliation by Appointment

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

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Thursday, February 11

### **Thursday of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Friday, February 12

### **Friday of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Saturday, February 13

### **Saturday of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

Mass at 7:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by Appointment

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

Sunday, February 14

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for**

**Augustine Educational Foundation**

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

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

**Cathedral closed after each Mass**

## Stewardship of Treasure

### **Offertory Collection**

**1/25 – 1/31**

Sunday Offering	\$ 3,968.53
Weekday	\$ 602.10
Online Giving	\$ 698.07
Feasts & Solemnities, Christmas	\$ 96.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 5,364.70</b>

### **Other Collection**

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 224.00
Black and Indian Mission	\$ 2.00
Hawaii Catholic Herald	\$ 20.00
Augustine Educational Foundation	\$ 15.00
Others(Gallery, Candles, Intention etc.)	\$ 1,384.22
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,009.92</b>

## Living the Liturgy

- You probably know someone who has lost hope and is in the grip of despair. Try to reach out to that person by reminding them of who they are, emphasizing their uniqueness and irreplaceability.
- Count the number of times someone does something for you and the number of times you do something for others in the next three days. Which number is higher? Where do you find more satisfaction, in serving or in being served?
- Increase your family's familiarity with the Gospel that we preach by inviting each family member to tell a favorite Gospel story in his or her own words. Provide drawing materials, and invite family members to draw pictures of their favorite Gospel stories. You might also play a game of Gospel or parable charades.

## Sharing the Faith

- Jesus often went off alone to a deserted place. Why do you think he had this need for solitude? Do you need it in your life? Do you make time for it?
- There is a deep restlessness in Job. When have you experienced restlessness in your life? How has restlessness motivated you?
- Paul saw preaching the Gospel not as something to boast about, but as an obligation to fulfill. Jesus wasn't sidetracked by the adulation of those amazed at his miracles, but rather remained faithful to his purpose of building his Father's Kingdom. What motivates your good works?

## Quote of the Week

*"Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come" (Mark 1:38).*

# February 7, 2021 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

*Job 7:1-4, 6-7 | Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 | 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 | Mark 1:29-39*

His words are dismal, but Job never really despairs. Read the whole book and you see that, despite undergoing trials, our hero perseveres, trusting God, knowing he can't question God's ways. Many commentators on today's readings focus on Paul. It is tempting, because his call to be all to all is attractive and easier to dissect than Job's solemn dirge. But there's a reason why the First Reading is paired with the Gospel. Despair gets us in its clutches when we lose hope, and hope is lost when we forget who we are. Circumstances change: we're up one day and down the next. What helps us survive is remembering who we are when we fall. When we remember, despite the circumstances, that we are children of God — unique, beloved, and irreplaceable — we can survive.

Jesus' mission in the Gospel reminds us of our identity. Yes, he heals, but even he can't cure all the sick of Galilee. Jesus is really less about healing the infirm and more about proclaiming the Kingdom that offers us our identity as sons and daughters of God. That's why Jesus came, not to remove all troubles, but to remind us that God's love can and will sustain us through the vicissitudes of life.

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**Next Sunday's Readings: "Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time"**

*Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 | Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11 | 1 Corinthians 10:32-11:1 | Mark 1:40-45*

## From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

*"Everyone is looking for you." (Mark 1: 37)*

After Jesus called His first disciples, preached and performed a miracle in the synagogue, He continued doing wonderful things in the sight of many people. He did more miracles especially healing the sick and casting out demons. The word was out. A miracle worker was present in their midst. Jesus did even have time to rest, moving from one place to another. As the demand for healing increased, Jesus had to help other people wherever He was needed. Everybody was indeed looking for Him. What was remarkable in these events was Jesus' concern for the people. His love for them was so touching and so great to the point of restoring them to their whole being. Their physical needs were addressed and made these people get back to their lives, able to do things that they could not when they were ill. Jesus attended to their needs with love and care.

We may have the same longing for Jesus' presence today. For the main reason that we also need to be healed from any ailments we have. How many of us had been rearing that the Coronavirus is wiped out right away during this pandemic? How many of us want to go back to our normal life course? I have a strong sense that our demand for Him is so great that we focus more on our physical needs and not on our spiritual needs. Life has been very difficult during these times. We are burdened, stressed, filled with anxiety, and pain for losing a friend or a loved one. When things do not happen the way we want things to be, we are blinded by our self-centeredness and even blame things on God. Our lives are being controlled by our desire for things of this world, fame, pride, passion, richness, or addiction. When in such situations, we become unaware that we are already hurting our children, destroying our families and ourselves. We become ill in mind and heart.

As we hear Jesus' stories of miracles of healing and the peoples' desire to seek Him, we may instill our longing for Him in our hearts. Maybe not just to be physically healed but more so to be spiritually healed. To be renewed in spirit to stand firm amid any difficulties and pain. To revive our sense of mission to continue manifesting Jesus' presence and become His instruments of healing in the world.

A few days from now, we will enter into the Season of Lent. It is a time to focus more on our spiritual needs than physical needs. Our current situation with the pandemic can be an eye-opener for all of us if we allow the Holy Spirit to guide us and direct our hearts to whom we can entrust everything. Thus, let us seek Jesus with a sincere heart, and He will be there.

God bless you and your family!

Your friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual