

16th Sunday In Ordinary Time

"A Show of Mercy"

Sts. Peter and Paul Church

July 23, 2017



One of the most important signs of true strength is the ability to show mercy. The Roman emperors understood this and were praised when they showed clemency toward a criminal. The one who has the power to condemn also has power to forgive.

The artist Ippolito Scarsella—in his painting *Virgin and Angels Imploring Christ Not to Punish Lust, Avarice and Pride*—depicts this mercy, as it applies to Jesus, in classic allegorical fashion. Mary and the angels are shown pleading with Jesus to hold back his wrath against lust, avarice, and pride. Jesus is rearing back to launch arrows upon them, yet Mary begs him to withhold his judgment.

The Book of Wisdom praises God, for “he is master of might, but governs with lenience.” The fact is, he would be fully justified to reprimand every vice of his creatures, yet he chooses mercy. What a wonderful lesson for all persons in authority!

It’s enough to just look at the Gospel. The weeds are not immediately torn out or burned out of consideration of the wheat. Both are allowed to grow and develop to maturity to insure the harvest. Permitting the good to struggle with evil allows the good to grow in perfection. It also gives the bad a chance to convert.

God gives every grace to those who love him so that we may not succumb to the challenges around us. His mercy gives the sinner every possible chance to repent and be saved. This is the heart we must have for one another and why we should never gloat about our goodness or despair of our weaknesses. While there is life, there is hope.

-Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Do I more readily imitate God’s judgment, justice, or mercy?
How can I practice all three?

READINGS

First Reading – *Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19*

Written between 150 BC to 100 AD in Alexandria, Egypt, the author reflected on the precarious situation of his fellow Jews in the city. The questions that are raised here are universal. Why does God allow the good to suffer at the hands of the wicked? The writer emphasizes that the people need to have faith in God and His power.

Second Reading – *Romans 8: 26-27*

Though the infirmities of Christians are many, so that they would be overpowered if left to themselves, yet the Holy Spirit supports them. The Spirit teaches us what to pray for and works with us. It comforts us and helps us through all discouragements. The Spirit makes intercession with God so that the enemy will not prevail.

Gospel – *Matthew 13: 24-43*

Jesus’ parables are lessons on how to overcome evil in this world. He explains that God alone is the judge and we are to leave judgment to Him. He also shows how with the example of the most normal of everyday things, God is able to transform even the worst of us.

Next Sunday’s Readings (Cycle A)

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46



STEWARDSHIP

TIME – TALENT – TREASURE

TREASURE

*Mahalo for your generous contributions
and Faithful Stewardship.*

The Collections for **July 15-16, 2017**
are as follows:

Total: \$11,107.79

Envelopes & Loose Collections	\$10,621.79
Mass Intentions	320.00
Baptism	100.00
Weddings	500.00
Electric & Votive Candles	579.11
Total:	\$10,621.79

ENVELOPES

IDENTIFIABLE	39%
UNIDENTIFIABLE	61%

Building Fund	\$ 37.00
Outreach	280.00
Catholic Care	20.00
Subtotal:	\$ 337.00

Special Collections:

Operation Rice Bowl	\$ 45.00
Catholic Communication	3.00
Seminarian Education	101.00
Subtotal:	\$ 149.00



BUILDING FUND COLLECTION

**Our Second Collection this week is for the
Building Fund.**

Your donations help us renovate the Condo
rectory for Father Scott Bush and install
a large fan in the courtyard to help cool it off.
Mahalo to our parishioners for their help.

This Week's Events (July 23 – July 29, 2017)

*M – Main Church, U–Upstairs Parish Conference Room,
R – Reception room, B - Blue room, G - Green Room,
C – Courtyard*

Sunday July 23

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:15 am – Choir Practice (B)
6:15 am – Rosary (M)
5:00 pm – Choir Practice (R)
5:15 pm – Young Adult Rosary (M)

Monday July 24

St. Sharbl Makhluf

6:10 am – Rosary (M)
9:00 am – Packing food bags (Catholic Care Project)
11:15 am – Rosary (M)
6:30 pm – Charismatic Prayer Group (M)

Tuesday July 25

St. James

6:10 am – Rosary (M)
11:15 am – Rosary (M)
6:30 pm – Centering Prayer (M)

Wednesday July 26

St. Joachim & St. Anne

6:10 am – Rosary (M)
7:30 am – Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help (M)
8:00—9:00 Bible Sharing (R)
11:15 am – Rosary (M)
1:00 pm – Legion of Mary, Queen of Peace (C)
6:00 pm – Scripture Study (R)

Thursday July 27

6:10 am – Rosary (M)
11:15 am – Rosary (M)
6:00 pm – Choir Practice (M)
6:00 pm – Friends of Osalon (U)

Friday July 28

6:10 am – Rosary (M)
7:40 am – Eucharistic Adoration/Sacred Heart
Devotion
10:00 – 11:30 am – Confession and Spiritual Direction
10:45 am – Divine Mercy Devotion & Chaplet
11:15 am – Rosary
5:45 pm – Stations of the Cross devotion (M)
7:00 pm – Youth Commissioning Mass (M)

Saturday July 29

St. Martha

8:00 – 11:00 am – Cleaning Church (M)
11:15 am – Rosary
3:30 – 4:30 pm – Confessions (M)
5:00 pm – Saturday Vigil Mass



PARISH COMMUNITY SURVEY TODAY!

Sts. Peter and Paul Pastoral Council will be conducting a parish survey this weekend at all Masses.

This survey is an important tool which the Council will be using in order to hear from as many parishioners as possible concerning our faith community.

The survey will help the Council to evaluate the effectiveness of our parish in providing for spiritual, educational and social needs of our parishioners.

As a valuable member of our faith community – **your answers** will be used as a guide in determining goals and objectives for our parish 5 year Strategic Plan.

The survey will be presented to the parish this weekend by current Pastoral Council Members & Ministry Leaders.

Your thoughts are important to us!
MAHALO FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



THIS WEEKEND
JULY 22-23

Our Parish Monthly Food Collection is this Weekend and is sponsored by our Parish Catholic Care Project: Serving the needs of our parish Kupuna, Ohana and those who come to our door, who are struggling with food insecurity (not knowing where your next meal is coming from). Your generosity will help us help them in their time of need.

Didn't have time to shop?

Your financial contribution can help us help others and we can do the shopping for you!

We apologize that our Virtual Food Basket online donation link is temporarily undergoing construction and is due to be running again in the near future. In the meantime you may drop off your financial donation at our parish office. Please specify Catholic Care Project (CCP) on your donation.

DO YOU WANT TO HELP MORE?

Volunteers are needed for the following Catholic Care Projects:

Food Sorting Monday July 24 @9am

Parish Courtyard – All ages welcome

Volunteers will help sort & bag our food donations to prepare them for delivery

Brown Bag Deliveries to our Homebound Kupuna.

Volunteers deliver at their convenience anytime during July 24 – 26. Please email our Parish Social Mission Volunteer Coordinator at ssppvolunteer@gmail.com to participate or call our parish office at (808) 941-0675

***Do you know someone in our parish** who would benefit from receiving a food bag to help them make ends meet?*

*Please tell them to contact our Catholic Care Helpline
(808) 385- PRAY (7729)*

All information we receive remains confidential.

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

Prayers bring our parish community together and this is true especially when we pray for those parishioners who are ill among us.

We would like to update the list above for the month of **JULY**. We will remove the names at the end of every month and have a new list for the following month. If you wish to have your name or the names of your loved ones included on the list, please fill up the form below. The prayer list will be published for the whole month and will be updated at the end of each month. *(Because of privacy laws, only person themselves or immediate family member may submit a request.)*

Mahalo for your cooperation.

Please complete below so that we may remember you in prayers for the whole month of **JULY**. (**Please print clearly!**) and put it in the collection basket or return it to the office. Mahalo.

NAME: _____

PH #: _____

(Relationship to person) _____

AUGUST 2017 BIRTHDAY and/or ANNIVERSARY CELEBRANTS!

Please complete this form with your pertinent information, so that we may remember you at Mass and with prayers and blessings on your special day in **AUGUST**. Fill in and complete this form (**please print clearly!**) and put it in the collection basket or return it to the Office no later than **July 30, 2017**.

NAME: _____

PHONE# : _____

BIRTHDAY: _____ (please check)

DATE: _____

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: _____ (please check)

DATE: _____

NUMBER OF YEARS

MARRIED: _____

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

Please pray for the sick in our Parish, especially...

Loranzo Alota

Larry Cabrinha

Teresita M. Custodio

Odetta Doublet

Avon Czerwinski

Purita V. Marcaida

Robert Mistysyn

Michael Bartolome

Lolita A. Sutton

Vanessa Alcova

Blanche Hansen

Joannita Pangelinan

Christoph Jucewicz

Ephrem Perez

Lourdes Olis

Patrice Nielsen

Maria Elena Jencks

Janleen Maria Xymoon

Yvonne S. Pangelinan

Yolanda Trejo

Pat Low

Tony Bacani

Wini Chow

Tessie Dungo

Stanley Ho

Regina Czerwinski

Thomas Mistysyn

Betty Ann Nault

Dolores Suredam

Edwin Tagura

Joe Hansen

Shirley Dungo

Jack Jucewicz

Bona M. Macabare

Ray M. Olis

Anella Rabauliman

Myong Soon Sim

Ho Lun Big

Robert K. F. Ho

Ho Shiu Yan

Manzko Brady

Ho Chun Wah

HOLY FATHER'S INTERCESSIONS FOR JULY 2017

For Lapsed Christians: That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.



Did You Know...

Living Catholic in the 808: Baptism, Confirmation and then First Communion

Many Catholic Christians see Confirmation as a rite of passage into adulthood. Yet Confirmation is a sacrament of beginning, of initiation. It is not a sacrament of transition, of becoming an adult.

The Catechism states, "Although Confirmation is sometimes called the 'sacrament of Christian maturity,' one must not confuse adult faith with the adult age of natural growth. ... Age of body does not determine age of soul. Even in childhood one can attain spiritual maturity." (no. 1308)

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In the Eastern Catholic Churches, infants are routinely confirmed ("Chrismation" in the eastern traditions). In the Roman Catholic Church, young children in danger of death are confirmed. At the other end of the age spectrum, if an elderly person is baptized, then he or she is immediately confirmed. The fact that infants, children, teenagers, young adults and the elderly can all be confirmed shows that Confirmation is not about becoming an adult. It is about being sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Soon, seven year-olds who were baptized as infants will complete their sacraments of initiation in this original order. (When this will happen depends on your parish plan.) Specifically, children will be confirmed prior to receiving First Communion. They will not "transition" into adulthood. They will be fully initiated into our faith.

Feast of St. Joachim & St. Anne

July 26

(A Catholic Grandparent's Day)

It was in the home of Joachim and Anne where the Virgin Mary received her training to be the Mother of God. Thus, devotion to Anne and Joachim is an extension of the affection Christians have always professed toward our Blessed Mother. We, too, owe a debt of gratitude to our parents for their help in our Christian formation.

As St. Joachim and St. Anne are the grandparents of Jesus, on their Feast day traditionally we honor our grandparents.

All are invited to our very first

Youth Ministry

Commissioning Mass

Join us as we commission
our Young Ministers
to spread the Gospel Message
of Christ throughout the world!

Mass will be on
Friday, July 28th at 7:00pm.

Please call Yvonne at the parish office
for more information
(808) 941-0675

FAITH FORMATION



Sts. Peter and Paul Vacation Bible School began last Monday, June 10 at 8:30 a.m.

Our children had a great time learning about the Saints.

Here's what they had to say...

- "I had a great experience learning about saints, in particular St. Jude. The Food was delicious!" - Dylan
- "I had a wonderful time making a diorama and other cool projects." - Dinara
- "I had a fantastic time coloring and crafting." - Taylor
- "I learned a lot about the saints while having fun!" - Kyla
- "My favorite part about bible school is that I made new friends!" - Readan
- "Vacation Bible School was fabulous because I learned about the saints' relics and we even got to see them." - Austin

We thank our parents, parish community and catechists for their support in providing a nurturing environment for the 15 children who invested their summer time to be with us to learn about the saints.

Please pray that our children be blessed and inspired by the lives of the saints that they studied and follow their example as missionary disciples of Jesus.



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Matt. 10:34 *Do not think that I have come to bring peace on earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.*

'Ano'ai Kākou,

We created a three question poll (two of which are multiple choice) - so if you're a young adult, please give a minute of your time (literally, it only take a minute) to give your input. The [link to the poll](#) is posted on the facebook page (remember, the facebook page is public, so you don't have to have a facebook account or anything just to see it).

Check out our facebook page (use the link, or scan the QR code below): <https://www.facebook.com/youngadultsministry.honolulu/>

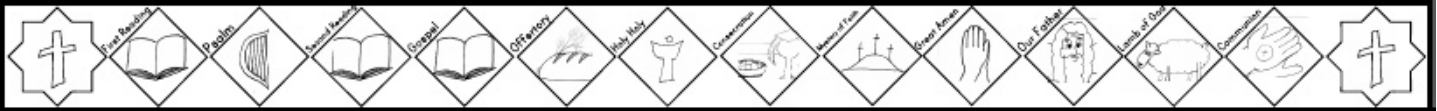


Or scan this QR code:

As the young adults ministry of Sts. Peter & Paul, inspired by St. Don Bosco, we wish to volunteer, learn, reflect, and be happy. *Servite Domine in laetitia* (Serve God cheerfully). Being part of this group, in this phase of our journey in life, will allow us to help each other to grow spiritually, intellectually and physically.

If you have any interest, questions, comments, ideas, etc. please e-mail us at trivialFyr@gmail.com or txt [305-898-0378](tel:305-898-0378). Hope to see everyone soon!

Aloha, Sunu and Amala



Circle the good WHEAT words.
Cross out the bad WEED words.

Friends Love Hate Share
Care Hit Give Selfish
Embarrass Bully
Compliment
Insult Hug Help
Encourage Rude Lie
Truth Happy



Jesus tells a parable about wheat and weeds.
Listen to the priest to hear the story.