

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Lord, You Are Good & Forgiving"

Sts. Peter and Paul Church

September 3, 2017

Good News!

September 3, 2017 *Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time* (A) Jer 20:7–9; Rom 12:1–2; Mt 16:21–27

Once Peter is called "the rock" for his faith, he turns around and dissuades Jesus from the cross. Jesus responds sternly: "Get behind me, Satan!"

Jesus reveals two important things here. First, that Satan exists. Satan is very interested in going unnoticed, yet Jesus calls him out and makes Peter (and us) aware. The Bible is full of references to the devil. Popular culture also has focused on evil spirits—fascinated as it is with the occult, vampires, and the like. It seems to bear evil out more (and protect more from it) than some Catholics in the pews!

The second truth is that Satan can influence our thinking. I'm not referring to diabolical possession, which is a reality, but the more common temptations to lower our aspirations and to conform our thinking to a faithless perspective.

The painting *Satan Before the Lord* by Corrado Giacomini, which depicts Satan asking and receiving permission to tempt Job, focuses on this reality of evil. Satan knows our hearts and finds just the right strategy to lead us away from God. It usually involves one of the vices (lust, gluttony, greed, sloth, wrath, envy, or pride). Just like when Satan tempts Peter, he wants us to reject the demands of the cross, for he knows the cross is the instrument of his demise.

When God permits temptations to assail us or the effects of evil to touch our lives, we should respond humbly, as Job and Peter did. If God permits evil, it is only because he trusts us to love him sincerely—not just for the blessings he sends, but because of the salvation he offers.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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READINGS

First Reading – Jeremiah 20:7-9

In the reading, the desperate reaction of a man who, faced with the absurdity of his life, turns to God a reckless, almost blasphemous, accusation: "*You have betrayed me!*" It is Jeremiah, the prophet who, for being faithful to his mission, faced persecutions, mishaps, and troubles of all kinds.

But, as it happens to one who has experienced an overwhelming affection, Jeremiah fails to free himself of the Lord who has seduced him. The passion burns in his heart like a fire that is impossible to extinguish. Despite the excruciating pain and disappointment that he undergoes, he cannot give up his mission.

Second Reading – Romans 12:1-2

The first words remind us that the solemn liturgies of the temple are replaced by a new way of praising God: the sacrifice of one's own life offered for the brother and sisters (v. 1). If our liturgies do not celebrate a life of love, they are reduced to an empty ceremony, without content, pure exteriority, needless formalism.

Paul continues advising Christians not to comply with the "mentality of this world." One needs to become aware and be vigilant in order not to get sucked in. That's why the Apostle invites all to have a renewed mind to discern at all times, what is the behavior acceptable to God.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 16:21-27

The reaction of Jesus to the attempt to dissuade Peter from his path is hard, almost irritated: "*Get behind me, Satan,*" says our text, but the translation is not exact. Jesus does not intend to dismiss Peter, but to put him on the right path. "*Get behind me*"—he says—"follow my steps, do not try to precede me, as one who claims to lead the way. This is drawn by the Father and you Peter make a proposal that comes from worldly wisdom, from human foolishness that are senseless in God's eyes." After having rebuked Peter, Jesus turns to all (vv. 24-27) and unequivocally puts forward his demands. The Master has chosen to give life and if "*the disciple is not above the master*" (Mt 10:24), the path will have to be the same.

Three imperatives characterize the radicality of a choice: "*Deny yourself, take up your cross, follow me.*" Deny yourself means you stop thinking about yourself. The second imperative, take up your cross, does not refer to the need to patiently endure the small or big tribulations of life, even less, the exaltation of pain as a means to please God. The Christian does not seek to suffer, but to love. The third imperative, follow me, does not mean "take me as a model," but *share my choice, take part in my project, bet your life on love, together with me.*

Next Sunday's Readings (Cycle A) **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

STEWARDSHIP

TIME – TALENT – TREASURE

TREASURE

*Mahalo for your generous contributions
and Faithful Stewardship.*
The Collections for **August 26-27, 2017**
are as follows:

Total: \$14,382.11

Envelopes & Loose Collections	\$6,827.97
Mass Intentions	376.00
Baptism	0.00
Funeral	400.00
Weddings	0.00
Electric & Votive Candles	766.20
Total:	\$8,370.17

ENVELOPES

IDENTIFIABLE	41%
UNIDENTIFIABLE	59%

Building Fund	\$3,926.94
Outreach	50.00
Donation	640.00
Catholic Care	120.00
Subtotal:	\$4,736.94

Special Collections:

Catholic Charities	\$100.00
All Soul's Day	5.00
Catholic University	10.00
Parish Social Mission	150.00
Scholarship Luncheon Tickets	1,010.00
Subtotal:	\$1,275.00

SECOND COLLECTION

A friendly reminder that next weekend,
**September 9-10, we will have our 2nd
Collection for Catholic Charities Hawaii.** Your
donations are greatly appreciated and all
monetary donations stay here in Hawaii. Mahalo.

This Week's Events (September 3 – September 9)

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

Sunday September 3 **22nd 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 September 4 **OFFICE CLOSED – LABOR DAY!**

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

Tuesday September 5

6:10 am – Rosary (M)
11:15 am – Rosary (M)
7:00 pm – Centering Prayer (M)

Wednesday September 6

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

Thursday September 7

6:10 am – Rosary (M)
11:15 am – Rosary (M)
6:00 pm – Choir Practice (M)

Friday September 8 **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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)

Saturday September 9 **St. Peter Claver**

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
6:15 pm - Sunday 9am Choir Practice (B)

STEWARDSHIP

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Stewardship

A Way of Life

To be a steward of service means that we gratefully name and nurture our gifts from God. We then offer them to our Church and to the world. With this in mind, we are called to reflect upon our personal calendars and consider how we can best use our time and our gifts. Our Church offers unique opportunities to serve within our parish. In addition to your financial contribution, you can also sign up to volunteer for these opportunities.

Church Cleaners

Our Church Cleaners clean the Church to maintain a reverent and attractive environment. Church cleaning days are every Saturday 8am -10am

Office Help

On occasion, we need assistance in the Parish Office which handles the day to day business of the parish. These tasks include, but are not limited to: Clerical duties including folding, stapling and collating; Entering data into a computer using various software; Taking photographs or videos at the various parish activities and functions; Calling parishioners for various parish functions; and/or answering the phones and taking messages when our Administrative team is not available.

Interested in Volunteering to support these needs?

This is a great way to give back to our parish. Time commitment is only 1-2 hours per month or week if your time allows. Hours are very flexible and no special skills needed. You will be grouped with others who share your desire to keep our worship space tidy and inviting and help our office staff with clerical support.

Please contact our Parish Office (808) 941-0675 or Email us at stppvolunteer@gmail.com for more information.



Our Brown Bag Food Program: Works to alleviate hunger among our parish Kupuna, Ohana and Keiki who struggle with food insecurity (*not knowing where your next meal is coming from*).

Our parish Catholic Care Project provides supplemental food for our Brown Bag recipients once a month. Food items are non-perishable staples and are often prohibitively expensive for low income individuals and families who are struggling to make ends meet. Last month our CCP Brown Bag program distributed over 1,200 pounds of food to our friends in their time of crisis. All of this food was provided by the generosity of our parishioners, through our monthly food collection. As good stewards of the blessings we have received, our Catholic Care Project seeks to avoid duplication of resources and efforts, by seeking and serving the most vulnerable among us, who have limited or no access to other food resources. All of the food we receive is distributed within 7 days of our monthly food collection to ensure those who need food (especially during the last week of each month, when food stamps typically run out) will receive a supplemental brown bag to keep food on their table.

To qualify for this program you must meet at least (1) of the following criteria:

- A registered parishioner of Sts. Peter and Paul and **struggling with food insecurity**
- A non registered parishioner **must be homebound**, living in our parish service area and unable to get to a food pantry resource due to medical or physical limitations

**Contact our Catholic Care Helpline at (808) 385-8229
All information we receive remains confidential.**

Intentions of Pope Francis for the month
of September 2017



Parishes

That our parishes,
animated by a
missionary spirit, may
be places where faith
is communicated and
charity is seen.

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

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

Loranzo Alota	Tony Bacani
Larry Cabrinha	Wini Chow
Teresita M. Custodio	Tessie Dungo
Odetta Doublet	Stanley Ho
Avon Czerwinski	Regina Czerwinski
Purita V. Marcaida	Thomas Mistysyn
Robert Mistysyn	Betty Ann Nault
Michael Bartolome	Dolores Suredam
Lolita A. Sutton	Edwin Tagura
Vanessa Alcova	Joe Hansen
Blanche Hansen	Shirley Dungo
Joannita Pangelinan	Jack Jucewicz
Christoph Jucewicz	Bona M. Macabare
Ephrem Perez	Ray M. Olis
Lourdes Olis	Anella Rabauliman
Patrice Nielsen	Myong Soon Sim
Maria Elena Jencks	Ho Lun Big
Janleen Maria Xymoon	Robert K. F. Ho
Yvonne S. Pangelinan	Ho Shiu Yan
Yolanda Trejo	Manzko Brady
Pat Low	Ho Chun Wah
Judy Orlando	John M. Masunaga
Duane Reichert	Myrna Vallespin
Oliver Shilling	Nancy Pang

Healing Prayer

*Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay
your healing Hands upon all those who are
sick. We beg You to have compassion on all
those who are suffering so that they may be
delivered from their pitiful circumstances.
In Jesus, we pray.
Amen.*

***Pray for our deceased family and
friends:***

† Wilbert Liu

(who died on July 30, 2017)

and

† Bernanda De Guzman

(who died on August 13, 2017)

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Richard Farina	September 11 th
Janet Goo	September 12 th
Audrey DeCosta	September 12 th
Justin Bautista	September 27 th

**MAY GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR SPECIAL DAY
IN SEPTEMBER!**

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 **SEPTEMBER**. 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 **SEPTEMBER**.
(Please print clearly!) and put it in the collection
basket or return it to the office. Mahalo.

NAME of the Sick: _____

Name of Person Requesting: _____

(Relationship) _____

Phone #: _____



**OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH!
HAVE A FUN, SAFE & RESTFUL DAY!**



Please join us for the **weekly fellowship and gathering on Sunday, September 3, at 4:30 pm and rehearsal at 5 p.m.** to prepare for the 6 pm Mass. This opportunity brings us together to get to know one another, to walk the walk of faith, and to accompany one another on the journey of life.

All are welcome especially the youth and young adults.



Please join us in the
Kick-Off Celebration

**Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic
Education Scholarship**

Sunday, September 10, 2017

11:30 – 12:30 Meet and Greet

12:30 – 2:15 Luncheon



OHANA MASS at Sts. Peter and Paul Church

Second Sunday of the Month,
September 10, at 11:00 am

Ohana mass is an adapted liturgy for and with families with sons and daughters and adults of unique abilities and intellectual disabilities so that they may fully participate and worship where they feel accepted and welcomed.

A special Confirmation Class for our Ohana members who have not been confirmed will be held after the 11:00 Mass. For further information call: Valery at 396-9230.



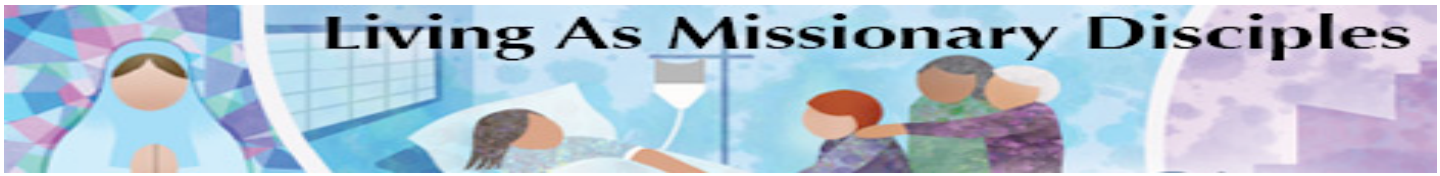
HURRICANE HARVEY EMERGENCY COLLECTION

Our hearts and prayers go out to the families that have lost loved ones and to all who have lost homes and businesses along with their sense of peace and normalcy. Our prayerful and financial support is urgently needed. *Sts. Peter and Paul is taking up an emergency collection for Hurricane Harvey this weekend, September 2 & 3. These funds will be remitted to the Diocesan Finance Office for distribution to the appropriate agency.* This emergency collection will be used both to support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA

and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses through the USCCB.

Please know that we are grateful for your many actions of generosity and prayerful solidarity.

FAITH FORMATION



This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 17, 2017. The 2017 theme will be "Living as Missionary Disciples." Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. Our Faith Formation ministry at Sts. Peter and Paul will accompany all those who journey as missionary disciples.

Bishop Larry Silva will commission our catechists at the 9am mass on Sunday, September 17.

In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples (cf. Mt 28:19)....The new evangelization calls for personal involvement on the part of each of the baptized. Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love. Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say that we are "disciples" and "missionaries", but rather that we are always "missionary disciples". (Evangellii Gaudium, 119)

Archbishop Leonard P. Blair,
Chairman of Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis

Registration forms for our Faith formation classes are at the entrances of the church.
You can also register your children at the Faith Formation registration table
on Saturday, September 2 and Sunday, September 4 before and after mass.
All Faith Formation Classes will begin on Sunday, September 10 at 10:15 am.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

1 Thes. 1:4-5A For we know, brethren beloved by God, that he has chosen you; for our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.


‘Ano‘ai Kākou,

Do you ever think about what drives people? What causes people to choose where they want to go, or who they want to take along? Sometimes it's whatever sense of obligation that they're raised with... or the problems faced day-to-day... or often people don't think about it at all - all the stress from work and life outside is just too tiring... But if we always look for God in both word and spirit, then we can continue to grow in our faith, driven by God. Unfortunately, many people forget, and so our community falls apart. So please pray for our community, both for ourselves and the larger community in which we live, and send us your thoughts to inspire us all as we continually seek to integrate and help everyone.

On the 8th, Friday, there will be a concert at Our Lady Of Good Counsel. Though this is not an official event for St. Don's, the flyer is attached in case anyone is interested... have fun!

Check out our facebook page: www.facebook.com/YoungAdultsMinistry.Honolulu



Gospel 
Bible

Jesus said, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

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