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## JANUARY 7, 2024 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 6:30 a.m.  
& 12:00 p.m.

Saturday: 7:00 a.m.  
& 12:00 p.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.  
(Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Sunday: 6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m.,  
10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.  
& 6:00 p.m.

### RECONCILIATION

Wednesday & Saturday  
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
(unless noted in bulletin)

### Devotions

First Friday

Adoration/Benediction  
at 10:00 a.m.

First Saturday

Adoration after 7:00 a.m. Mass  
(unless noted in bulletin)

### PARISH OFFICE

MONDAY through FRIDAY  
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Closed on holidays

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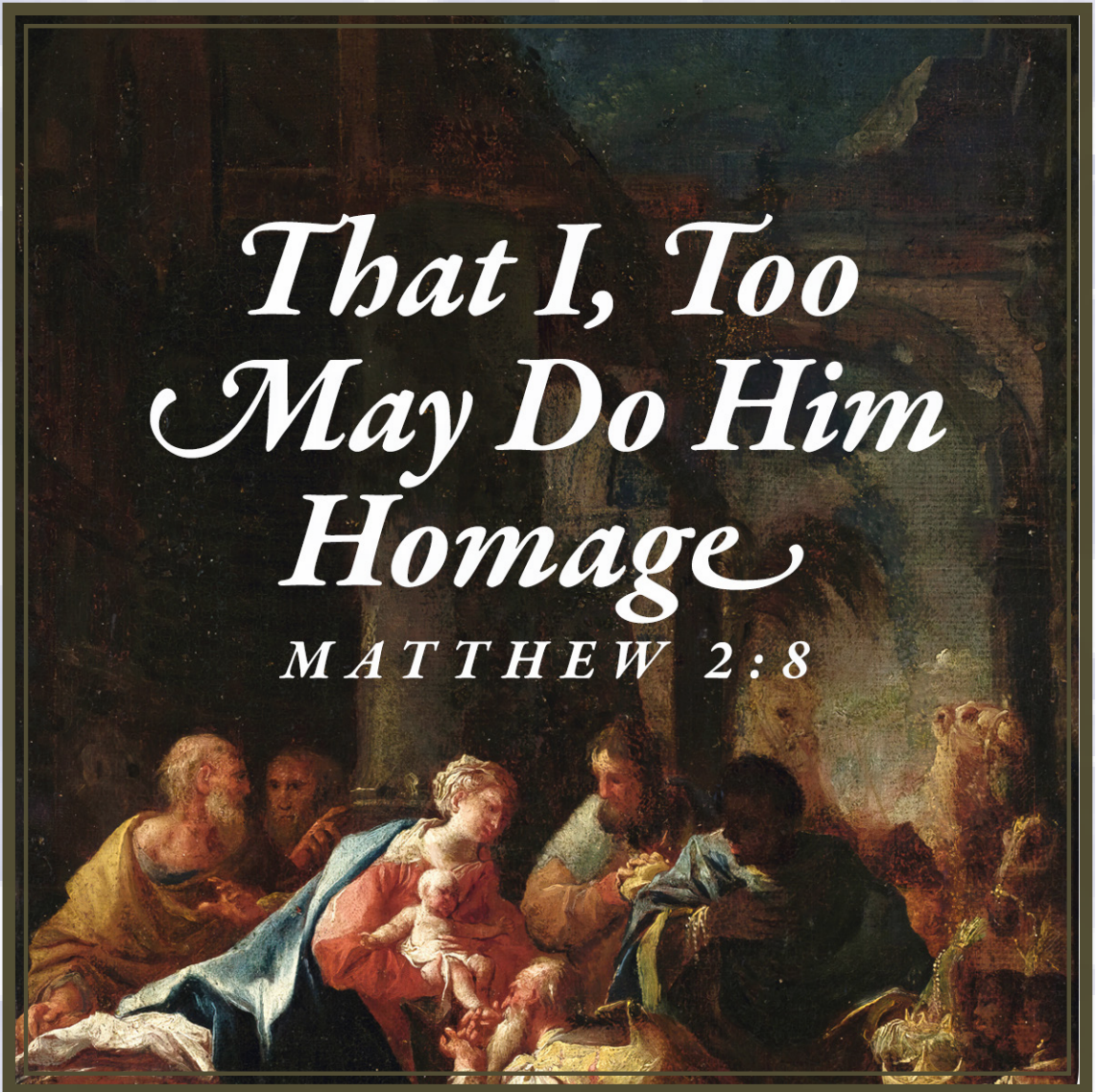
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# That I, Too May Do Him Homage

MATTHEW 2:8



**This week's Readings:** Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;  
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

**Next week's Readings:** 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10;  
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 35-42



"PRECIOUS GIFT TO OFFER"

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

I hope and pray that everyone of you had a great time with family and friends to celebrate the birth of the Christ-Child, Jesus, and to welcome the New Year, 2024, with much hope and wonder. Occasions like these can spark so much joy that we cherish every bit until we get things back to the regular course of our lives. The most wonderful thing we can continue to do is to carry throughout our lives the message of these celebrations that God is with us. He journeys with us and gives us the courage and strength to face life's challenges. The Blessed Mary, the Mother of God and the Mother of us all will embrace us with her mantle of love and care.

As we are to end the Christmas Season with the celebration of Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord, which is taking place on Monday, we can reflect further on what we can offer to the Lord as we embark on this New Year, 2024. The Magi offered their precious gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They journeyed to search for the child, and when they found Him, they presented their gifts. Now, what can we offer as a precious gift to Jesus?

We may have many things to offer, but we know that Jesus does not need our material gifts. Rather than thinking about material ones, why not think of the more spiritual ones? Like a life deepened with faith and love for Him that moves us to continue spreading His message of peace, love, and joy? Or maybe, committing oneself to help those who are poor and needy in our community or getting involved in the mission of the Church, even in our small ways.

Our world truly needs transformation and conversion. I keep saying that our world, families, and nation are troubled. For indeed, it truly is. The only way we can find the answer to restoring this life we live to become better is no other than to find it in Jesus. He is the Savior, the Redeemer of the World. With His message to be received and shared with all, we can transform ourselves and affect the people around us.

Living in this way, we truly understand that Christmas is not only a day to celebrate but a life-long celebration. Not anymore that we lay the Lord Jesus in the manger we set up, but rather to receive Him in our hearts where He can forever stay. When we can do so, we will experience what Jesus brought into the world and our lives.

Wishing you all a Hope-Filled 2024!

Your friend in the Lord,

*Fr. P. Abaya IV*

Fr. Pascual Abaya IV  
Rector



WE HAVE  
COME TO  
DO HIM  
HOMAGE

Matthew 2:2

## CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, Jan. 7

### The Epiphany of the Lord

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm  
Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 8

### The Baptism of the Lord

Masses at 6:30am and 12:00pm

Tuesday, Jan. 9

Tuesday of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00pm

Wednesday, Jan. 10

Wednesday of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, Jan. 11

Thursday of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, Jan. 12

Friday of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, Jan. 13

Saturday of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
Mass & Adoration at 7:00am  
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am  
Mass at 12:00pm  
Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, Jan. 14

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm  
Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

## SCRIPTURE

Make no mistake, there is darkness and there is light. Someday there will be only light, but not yet. Isaiah says darkness covers the world, but over Israel God's light is shining. It shines so brightly that the people will themselves become light for the rest of the world. No one is doomed to darkness. Darkness is a choice. All who seek light will find it. When Herod hears of the starlight followed by the Magi, he wants to know of it. He wants it brought to him, not to bask in its brilliance, but to devour it. The foreign kings bring news of the birth of light and Herod resolves to snuff it out.

Even Paul speaks of light that is seen by some and not others. Knowledge is his light, and it was given to him by God, even though it was withheld from former ages and sages. Now it is made known: the rest of the earth, not just those on whom God's light first shone, are heirs of the light. Gentile as well as Jew can bask in the glow of the Gospel. Some are so eager for that light that they come from afar, seeking its source. They find him, lying in his mother's lap, fragile and helpless. But anyone with eyes to see will recognize him, fall upon their knees, open wide their hearts, and pour forth their greatest treasures. And when they do, they, too, will be light.

## SHARING FAITH

Why is light such a pervasive symbol in the Bible? How does it speak to you of the presence and work of God in your life?

This solemnity celebrates Christ's manifestation to the world. How do you manifest the presence of Christ in your life?

The Magi followed the light of a star to find the Light of the World. Who or what has lit the way for you, guided you toward Jesus, shown you the love and mercy of God, and helped you to see Christ in all people?

## LIVING THE LITURGY

In some countries, gifts are exchanged today instead of on Christmas. Think of someone in need of "light" in their life and give them a gift of a small candle.

The foreign kings needed humility to pay homage to a "king" who was so different from themselves. Find a book or article to read that espouses a position you would have trouble accepting. After reading it, list at least three things you learned and see differently than before.

Together with your family, make a menu for the week, incorporating everyone's favorite foods from other countries. Read a little about each country represented in your menu, learn a word or phrase in the language, listen to the nation's traditional music, and so on. When you say grace, pray for peace and blessings for the people of each land, remembering that Jesus is the Shepherd of all.

## REFLECTION

"... the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel" (Ephesians 3:6).





**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

December 26 - 31, 2023

**Offertory Collection**

Sunday	\$ 7,935.77
Weekday	\$ 797.53
Feast, Solemnities & Christmas	\$ 461.00
Online Giving	\$ 13,682.62
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 22,876.92</b>

**ICSC STEWARDSHIP PRAYER**

MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL IS TO FOSTER AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH STEWARDSHIP IS UNDERSTOOD, ACCEPTED AND PRACTICED THROUGHOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

**Other Collection**

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 36.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 140.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 1,521.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 504.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 25,078.67</b>

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

Are you ready for Ordinary Time? Please join Dcn. Joe and Easter Almuena every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 9:00am. Resources are available at [Formed.org](http://Formed.org). On your browser, go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org). Sign up as a "Parishioner", choose "RCCHAWAII" and create an account. Please see Dcn. Joe & Easter for more information.

**MARCH FOR LIFE**

Please join our Respect Life office as we are called to Love One Another. Our prayers and presence in the public square can change policies to promote a Culture of Life! Mass and Adoration with Bishop Larry on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Co- Cathedral of St. Theresa. March for Life on Friday, January 19, 2024 from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the State Capitol. For more information, please call the Respect Life Office at 808-203-6722. Aloha Kekahi i Kekahi - Love One Another!

Come Lord Jesus!  
Make us good stewards  
of Advent.  
Strengthen our faith;  
calm our fears.

Come Lord Jesus!  
We hear John the Baptist's cry.  
Open our hearts.  
Give us the humility to repent.

Come Lord Jesus!  
Let us walk in your light!  
Show us how we prepare your  
way;  
and make straight your paths.

Come Lord Jesus!  
we give thanks and praise,  
for the shining star and angelic  
host,  
for Mary and Joseph,  
good stewards, both.

Come Lord Jesus!  
we rejoice and are glad!  
For the Good News you bring  
And God's Glory you revealed.

Come Lord Jesus!

Amen!



**OHANA IN CHRIST ANNUAL APPEAL**

Please support the Cathedral Basilica and our many Catholic ministries and services by contributing to the 2023-2024 Appeal. Mahalo for your generous Stewardship of Treasure. All gifts are important and appreciated. Give online at [CatholicHawaii.org](http://CatholicHawaii.org).

**SAINT FOR THE WEEK**

Remember the sufferings of Christ, the storms that were weathered... the crown that came from those sufferings which gave new radiance to the faith... All saints give testimony to the truth that without real effort, no one ever wins the crown.

Thomas Becket(1118 - 1170), Martyr, Bishop, Feast Day December 29