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## JANUARY 28, 2024

## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### 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  
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**This week's Readings:** Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9;  
1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28

**Next week'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

**"LISTENING TO JESUS"**

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

If I am not mistaken, there is always someone in our lives whom we respect to listen to. Growing up as a kid, my grandmother would always remind me that when I was in school, I would do my best to behave, to learn, and to be kind. As simple as her words might be, I must say that I tried to do it even though, at times, I would get in trouble. To this day, every time I remember her, her words would be re-echoed as if throughout my life and mission, her reminders were worth keeping and practicing.

In our journey of life and faith, there is no one whom we can listen to other than Jesus. In the Gospel of John, He clearly spells out these words: I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life! His authority over all of humanity is worth embracing and practicing, for He indeed leads and gives peace, love, and joy.

There is no doubt that our world has become confusing, for we do not know anymore whom we listen to. The authority we adhere to is most likely those in positions of power, and we get swayed listening and supporting them even though we know that they do not adhere to respect life from all its stages. Not only that, but they also even disregard the place of God in public places, and there is no more freedom of religion as one would like to observe.

The people of Israel had Moses to speak for them, and they listened. In Jesus' time, His disciples came to believe and understand that He is the Christ. They lived up to their calling when they went proclaiming His message, except for Judas, who betrayed Him. They listened intently and received His Word that gave them life not only here on earth but in His Kingdom.

When we come to realize that we are falling away from the path of life Jesus traced for us, it is time to go back to Him. When we are getting weak because of overwhelming concerns in life, work, or health, we draw strength from Him. When we think that there is no more opportunity to stand up still because of our sinfulness, we get closer to Him and seek His mercy. When we know that our world is getting darker because we are losing hope, we hold on to Him to instill in our hearts that we are not alone in this journey. Remember last Christmas? He is Emmanuel, God with us.

Now we see why we need to listen to Jesus. Now we know why He is our Savior. Just listen not only with your ears but with your mind and heart. And start to surrender yourself to His will and authority.

Your friend in the Jesus,

**Fr. Pascual Abaya IV**

**Rector**



**I should  
like you  
to be free  
of anxieties**

**1 Corinthians 7:32**

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**CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK**

Sunday, Jan. 28

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Latin America and  
Black & Indian MissionMasses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm  
Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 29

Monday of the 4<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:30am &amp; 12:00pm

Tuesday, Jan. 30

Tuesday of the 4<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:30am &amp; 12:00pm

Wednesday, Jan. 31

Memorial of St. John Bosco

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Masses at 6:30am &amp; 12:00pm

Thursday, Feb. 1

Thursday of the 4<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:30am &amp; 12:00pm

Friday, Feb. 2 - **First Friday**

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Adoration/Benediction at 10:00am

Masses at 6:30am &amp; 12:00pm

Saturday, Feb 3 - **First Saturday**Saturday of the 4<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

Mass &amp; Adoration at 7:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Mass at 12:00pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, Feb. 4

**4<sup>th</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**

Jesus amazes the people with his "authority." His message differs from that of the scribes because he not only backs it up with signs (casting out demons), but its truth penetrates and quickens people's hearts. God had promised Moses to send a prophet and to "put my words into his mouth" (Deuteronomy 18:18). Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of that promise and the people sense it. This man can't be ignored, they realize. Because God's prophet does his bidding and speaks his word, God expects us to listen to him. In fact, God warns, we'll have to answer for ignoring any words the prophet speaks in his name (Deuteronomy 18:19). Moses reminds the people they wanted an intermediary, someone less intimidating than the awesome God who spoke to them in fire and thunder at Sinai. The irony is that God's ultimate intermediary is his own divine Son. Today's crowd understands the need to listen to him. And Paul does, too — that's why he endorses an "undivided" life. Paul isn't denigrating marriage, but emphasizing the need to be attentive to God's Word as spoken in Jesus. Anything that distracts us from that should be eliminated. Single people know it's no easier for them to hear and obey the Lord than married people. They, too, must eliminate distractions from their lives. It takes an open heart to recognize "a new teaching with authority" (Mark 1:27), and a generous heart to make room for it.

**SHARING FAITH**

Do you know anyone who "speaks with authority"? What characterizes someone who possesses such authority?

What do you know about the role of prophets in Israel? Do you think we have prophets today who are sent to speak God's word?

Have you become complacent about or hardened your hearts to some person or situation in your family, community, school, or workplace? If so, what can you do that you aren't doing?

**LIVING THE LITURGY**

Make a listing of all of Israel's prophets (it will be shorter than you think). Which prophet do you know best? Why do you think prophets were often mistreated and seldom heeded in Israel's history?

What do you think it means to be "anxious about the things of the Lord" (1 Corinthians 7:32)? Are you anxious about those things in your life? Are many of the people you know?

Baking cookies is a great accompaniment to discussion of softening hearts through love, caring, and sharing. If you don't have heart-shaped cookie cutters or a desire to bake from scratch, purchase refrigerator dough, and mold hearts by hand. As an alternative, spread the dough in a pizza pan, bake for about as long as a sheet full of cookies, let cool slightly, flip the giant cookie onto a cake plate, and draw hearts on it with icing when it has completely cooled. The final appearance isn't important as long as there's lots of love rolled in!

**REFLECTION**

"What is this? A new teaching with authority" (Mark 1:27).



**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

January 15 - 21, 2023

**Offertory Collection**

Sunday	\$ 5,821.32
Weekday	\$ 861.25
Feast, Solemnities & Christmas	\$ 55.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,048.09
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 7,785.66</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.

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the gift of the new year.

You have entrusted us with the coming days, weeks and months as stewards of your divine plan; to live in gratitude, joy, and an ever growing confidence in your Kingdom to come.

We ask for humility to reform our lives; the courage to commit ourselves to you no matter the cost; and the wisdom to shine the light of faith on others.

Open our hearts, give us your Spirit and show us how to share your love so that we may bring hope to a world in need of your justice and peace.

We pray to be a sign of your grace in this new year through your son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, our God, Forever and ever.

Amen!

**Other Collection**

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 2,792.07
Diocesan Collection	\$ 20.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 2,637.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 197.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,441.73</b>

**National Eucharistic Revival Conference**

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to encourage you and your parishioners to consider signing up for the National Eucharistic Revival Conference. This conference is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to the Eucharist in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The conference will be held in Indianapolis from July 17-21, 2024.

The conference is part of a three-year revival initiative launched by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to rekindle devotion to the Eucharist. The initiative aims to help us return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist, which is more important than ever in these challenging times.

I encourage you to join thousands of fellow Catholics in nine days of prayer that will ignite your desire for transformation and instill a vision for the healing grace God wants to unleash in our world. You can learn more about the conference by going to their website at [www.eucharisticrevival.org](http://www.eucharisticrevival.org). The Diocese of Honolulu purchased tickets for this event – if you or your group would like to get tickets please email [euchcongress2024@rcchawaii.org](mailto:euchcongress2024@rcchawaii.org).

**The Glorious Freedom**

2024 is your year to be set free from all that is holding you in bondage and keeping you back from living a victorious life of significance. God wants to set you free to be the amazing YOU He made you to be!

Come join us to find the answers you are seeking in a power packed day of celebration, song, teachings, prayer at a whole new level, a journey of remembrance on the pathway to freedom, and participation in a dramatic musical presentation.

Happening on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa Auditorium located at 712 N School Street from 8:00am – 4:00pm. Please register at [www.newlife4u.live](http://www.newlife4u.live)

There is no charge for attending, but you must register to receive all the books and materials.

**SAINT FOR THE WEEK**

Who shall resist Anti-Christ when he comes if we show such patience towards the vices and crimes of his precursors? By such leniency, we encourage kings to become tyrants and tempt them to withdraw every privilege and all jurisdiction from the Churches.

**St. John Bosco (1815 - 1888), Priest, Feast Day, January 31**