

# Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace



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## FEBRUARY 18, 2024 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



### 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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# REPENT & BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL MARK 1:15



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**This week's Readings:** Genesis 9:8-15; Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9;  
1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

**Next week's Readings:** Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Psalm 116:10, 15-19;  
Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10

**"RECONNECTING WITH GOD"**

Beloved Disciples of Christ,  
Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

Ash Wednesday was the day to start our Lenten Season. Ashes were imprinted on our foreheads with the sign of the cross. It is the mark of our entry into the season and a symbol of Christ's victory over sin and death. As a symbol of victory, it ushers us into the spirit of conversion to respond to Jesus' words, "repent and believe in the Gospel."

During these forty days of Lent, we journey with the Lord and reflect on His words and ways to bring about true conversion. To repent is to realize, first and foremost, that we have failed in many ways as children of God. We start asking ourselves how faithful we have been to His commands. How faithful are we in observing God's Commandments and adhering to the precepts or teachings of our Catholic Faith? Having an honest realization of our very self, we may have fallen short in being faithful to Him, to our family, and even in living out our Christian ways. If so, we need to repent. Repentance takes a lot of humility and admittance of wrongdoing. If we can do that, it will lead us to a renewal of life to become more like Christ, a faithful Son of the Heavenly Father.

This season is a season of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving or doing Acts of Charity. Through these disciplines of Lent, we focus our hearts and minds on restoring our broken relationship with God because of sin. We intend to make sacrifices for the sake of our brothers and sisters who are poor and needy. Whenever the Lenten Season comes, one of my professors' words when I was in Theology Formation continues to resound even to this day, "we fast so that others may feast." Instead of buying luxurious things and food, we sacrifice our longings and desires and give them to people experiencing poverty who don't have anything on their plates or clothes to wear or have simple amenities in life.

Let it be that now is the time of fulfillment that we heed Jesus' invitation to follow Him and live like His disciples today. May we use these Lenten days to renew our lives with God, with one another, and with ourselves. Let us repent from our sinful ways and start believing and living the Gospel of Christ. In doing this, we reconnect our lives with renewed Faith, Hope, and, most of all, Love Him.

May I also invite you to take time to be informed of our Cathedral Basilica Schedule for our liturgical celebrations? You can access all the information through our parish website and other social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. You can also download the free app called the myParish app on your mobile phone. We will do our part in updating the information as they come along.

Let us journey together these days of Lent towards the great celebration of Easter!

Your friend in Jesus,  
**Fr. Pascual Abaya IV**  
Rector



**I SET MY BOW  
IN THE CLOUDS  
TO SERVE AS A SIGN OF  
THE COVENANT BETWEEN  
ME AND THE EARTH**

Genesis 9:13

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**CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK**

Sunday, Feb. 18

**First Sunday of Lent**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Repairs & Maintenance

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm

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

Monday, Feb. 19

Monday of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent

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

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Tuesday of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent

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

Wednesday, Feb. 21

Wednesday of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Thursday, Feb. 22

Feast of the Chair of St. Peter

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

Friday, Feb. 23

Friday of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent

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

Stations of the Cross at 10:00am &amp; 5:30pm

Saturday, Feb. 24

Saturday of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent

Mass &amp; Adoration at 7:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Mass at 12:00pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, Feb. 25

**Second Sunday of Lent**

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm

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

**SCRIPTURE**

Everything is brought together in Christ: the wild animals of the First Reading join the angels of 1 Peter to minister to Jesus in the desert. All the created order recognizes the Lordship of Christ, but only we humans can choose whether or not to embrace the message Jesus came to proclaim: Now is the time! The kingdom is here! Repent, and believe! That simple message unites all that went before him with what will follow in the ministry of Jesus. God created a good world, but creation rebelled and chose to go its own way. God chastised us and promised redemption, prefiguring it in the waters of the flood. Those floodwaters foreshadow the waters of Baptism through which darkness turns to light and creation is restored to its original goodness.

God placed a rainbow in the sky to remind him of the "covenant I have made between me and you." God willingly bound himself to us and gave a visible sign of accountability regarding the promise to never again destroy the earth with floodwaters. For millennia that promise was sustained in the hearts of a small and feeble people called the Israelites. And in the fullness of time God sent the promise in the form of his Son, so that beasts and angels could recognize him and humans could become like him by enduring the waters of Baptism.

**SHARING FAITH**

Mark gives the briefest account of the temptations in the desert but adds the detail that beasts and angels ministered to him. Can you imagine Jesus truly being tempted to sin? Why is being tempted not incompatible with his divinity?

Moses and the Israelites crossing the Red Sea is another story from the Old Testament that prefigures the waters of baptism and the saving work of Christ. How does that story resemble and differ from the Noah story?

How do you think life was different for those in the ark after the flood? How has Baptism made your life different?

**LIVING THE LITURGY**

As you enter Lent, think about the power of temptation in your life. When does "Satan" tempt you? When are you most vulnerable? Create a "Desert Survival Kit" listing the prayers, scriptures, people, and activities that help you most when you feel tempted.

Make a time-line of your life-journey. What are the most significant events that have brought you to the place where you are today?

Outline a large rainbow on poster board. Invite each family member to color in a small area of the rainbow with markers or crayons for each large or small sacrifice made during Lent. Don't tell anyone what the sacrifices are, but fill the rainbow as a sign of the covenant.

**REFLECTION**

"This prefigured baptism, which saves you now" (1 Peter 3:21).



**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

February 5 - 11, 2024

**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!

**Offertory Collection**

Sunday	\$ 6,235.04
Weekday + Ash Wednesday	\$ 843.67
Feasts, Solemnities	\$ 120.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,549.38
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 8,748.09</b>

**Other Collection**

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 80.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 2,536.76
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 1,441.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 1,133.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,938.85</b>

**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.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

Are you ready for the Season of Lent? Please join Dcn. Joe and Easter Almuena every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 9:45am. 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.

**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).

**SAINT FOR THE WEEK**

Christ suffered that we should like forever.

**St. Alexander of Alexandria, (250 - 328), Defender of Faith Feast Day, February 26**