

# Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace



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**MARCH 17, 2024**  
**5<sup>TH</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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**This week's Readings:** Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15  
Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

**Next week's Readings:** Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16; Isaiah 50:4-7;  
Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

"JESUS, WHO IS HE IN YOUR LIFE?"

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

Knowing someone through one's achievements, family background, referrals of other people, and self-revelation can give us a glimpse of who the person is. It gives us an idea of who might be this person and how one can relate to them. But knowing someone by heart does not only give us an idea of the person. It also enables the person to be engaged and enter a relationship with them.

Jesus had been known by many. They were His disciples, people whom He performed miracles, and those who listened to His teachings in the synagogues, mountains, and roads. The account of the Gospel of John that we hear or read on this 5th Sunday of Lent tells us that some Greeks went to Philip, who in turn asked the assistance of Andrew if they would like to see Jesus. What is there to see from Jesus? Would it be His physical appearance, stature, clothes, and things that may be seen with the sense of sight? It may be so, but in the Gospel of John, "to see" means more, and that is "to know Jesus in-depth" or to "discover His identity."

Jesus answered their desire to see Him differently. He manifested Himself as grain that falls to the ground and dies to bear much fruit. Someone to be lifted from the earth and people would draw everyone to Himself. Thus, it came true through His crucifixion.

It is sad to think that many of those who wanted to see and follow Him abandoned Him in the end. Only a few were left behind. Why? Because they did not see in Jesus what they were looking for. But the few did see, know, and believe in Him as the Son of God who manifested the greatest love of offering one's life for the salvation of all—salvation from sin, grace, and becoming true sons and daughters of God.

As we are in the remaining days of Lent, let us continue to search for Jesus and know Him truly well by heart. Let us aim that when we celebrate Easter, we have grown deeper in our relationship with Him. So, knowing Him, we will be able to give witness to Him to the people around us and eventually change our world into a community of Disciples of Christ.

Knowing Him by heart can help us understand and deepen our love for our brothers and sisters regardless of what faith they embrace or what culture they have. It will also stir us to serve those who are in need just as Jesus served everyone.

As we spend these remaining days of this season of grace, let us ask ourselves who Jesus really is in our lives. When we can find the answer, let us be His witnesses in the world we live in, at home, at work, in church, and wherever we are. Let us grow in faith, hope, and love in Him, through Him, and with Him.

Your friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual Abaya IV  
Rector



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THE SOURCE  
OF ETERNAL  
SALVATION FOR ALL  
WHO OBEY HIM

Hebrews 5:9

**CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK**

Sunday, March 17

**Fifth Sunday of Lent with Scrutiny (A)**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, March 18

Monday of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

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

Tuesday, March 19

Solemnity of St. Joseph

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

Wednesday, March 20

Wednesday of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Thursday, March 21

Thursday of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

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

Friday, March 22

Friday of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

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

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

Saturday, March 23

Saturday of the 5<sup>th</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, March 24

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

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

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

**SCRIPTURE**

"Forgive and forget" was probably derived from this text, and probably because only God can do both at the same time. Human hearts have a harder time letting go. God's attitude is all hope and optimism as he asserts that, under the new covenant, people won't need instruction in God's ways. This new covenant won't be broken like the stone tablets of the old law, for it will be written not on stone but on human hearts. But can God be so naïve? Does God not realize that hearts are broken as easily as stone? Does God forget that people don't always listen to their hearts, that resistance to law and even to love is writ so deeply into the human soul that it resists light, scorns love, and shuns forgiveness? Of course he does. He made the human heart and knows its contours better than we do.

God's hope flows from the fact that the new covenant won't take the form of tablets but of a Son, a human person with a heart of flesh like ours. The Son will, through his suffering, "become the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him" (Hebrews 5:9). Obeying him means learning that forgiving and forgetting requires dying. We have to let go of hurts and anger and resentment, let them rot away in the grave of forgetfulness, in order to rise to a life of freedom, hope, and light. When we climb the cross as Jesus did, we, too, will be glorified and our lives, like his, will produce much fruit.

**SHARING FAITH**

The phenomenon of death leading to new life is embedded within all of nature. How have you experienced it in your life? Have the experiences built or challenged your faith?

Is God's law as apparent to the human heart as Jeremiah asserts? Why do we so easily forget God's willingness to forgive and forget?

Jesus freely accepted death to bring us eternal life. Is there something difficult that you need to accept, or something that you need to give up for the sake of God's Kingdom? How can the suffering you experience in your faithfulness to God lead to more abundant life for yourself and for others?

**LIVING THE LITURGY**

The word obedience sometimes wrongly connotes a robotic compliance. Find and discuss some examples of contemporary people whose "obedience" you find noble and inspiring.

Using different colors of paper, trace and cut out several small heart shapes. On each write an aspect of God's law that you seek to live out more fully. Place them, like seeds, within the pages of your Bible and pray that rich soil will help them root and grow.

Prepare your family for today's readings by talking a little about some of the people in your faith community who have given up things for themselves in order to help others. Many people give their time, talent, and treasure to keep your parish vibrant for all who come there.

**REFLECTION**

"... he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him" (Hebrews 5:9).



**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

March 4 - 10, 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 this new day, and another opportunity to give the traditions of Lent genuine meaning in my life.

Help me to be good steward of this day; to use it wisely to reflect on my words and deeds, review my habits, and correct my faults. Inspire me to live as Jesus did, to embrace his cross, and live the great paschal mystery in a way that gives hope to others.

Be merciful to me this day. Forgive me my failings and weaknesses. Cultivate in me a humble and repentant heart.

Prepare me for the renewal of my baptismal vows, today and throughout the season of Lent; so that at Easter I may truly rejoice in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Amen!

**Offertory Collection**

Sunday	\$ 5,844.44
Weekday + Holy Days	\$ 1,216.48
Other Feasts, Solemnities	\$ 34.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,412.69
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 8,486.61</b>

**Other Collection**

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 32.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 2,348.34
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 1,147.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 307.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,341.95</b>

**WEST HONOLULU PENANCE SERVICE**

- Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace, March 23 at 10:00 a.m.
- St. Stephen - March 18 at 7:00 p.m.
- Our Lady of the Mount - March 19 at 7:00 p.m.
- Blessed Sacrament - March 19 at 7:00 p.m.
- Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa - March 20 at 7:00 p.m.

**OPERATION RICE BOWL**

**EMBODYING THE LOVE OF CHRIST BY CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER**

Reflect on your Lenten journey thus far: What have you learned from our global family members in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia? How does the Eucharist unite us with our sisters and brothers around the world? Consider how Christ is present in Adolf and Florence, Sandra and Santos, and Evita. Visit [csrrice-bowl.org](http://csrrice-bowl.org) to read this week's Story of Hope.

**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**. 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.

**OHANA IN CHRIST ANNUAL APPEAL**

Please support the Cathedral Basilica and our many Catholic ministries and services by contributing to the 2023-2024 Ohana in Christ Appeal. Our Catholic Church in Hawaii has many dimensions and continues to make significant impact in the communities we serve. Your generous gift will especially help support numerous ministries and services at our parishes, schools and beyond - as well as our Parish Priests and Deacons, Youth and Young Adult Ministry and those most in need. Mahalo for your generous Stewardship of Treasure. All gifts are important and appreciated. Please give online at [CatholicHawaii.org](http://CatholicHawaii.org).

**SAINT FOR THE WEEK**

You accumulated offences do not surpass the multitude of God's Mercies: your wounds do not surpass the great Physician's skills.

**St. Cyril of Jerusalem, (313-386), Doctor of the Church, Feast Day, March 18**