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APRIL 7, 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)



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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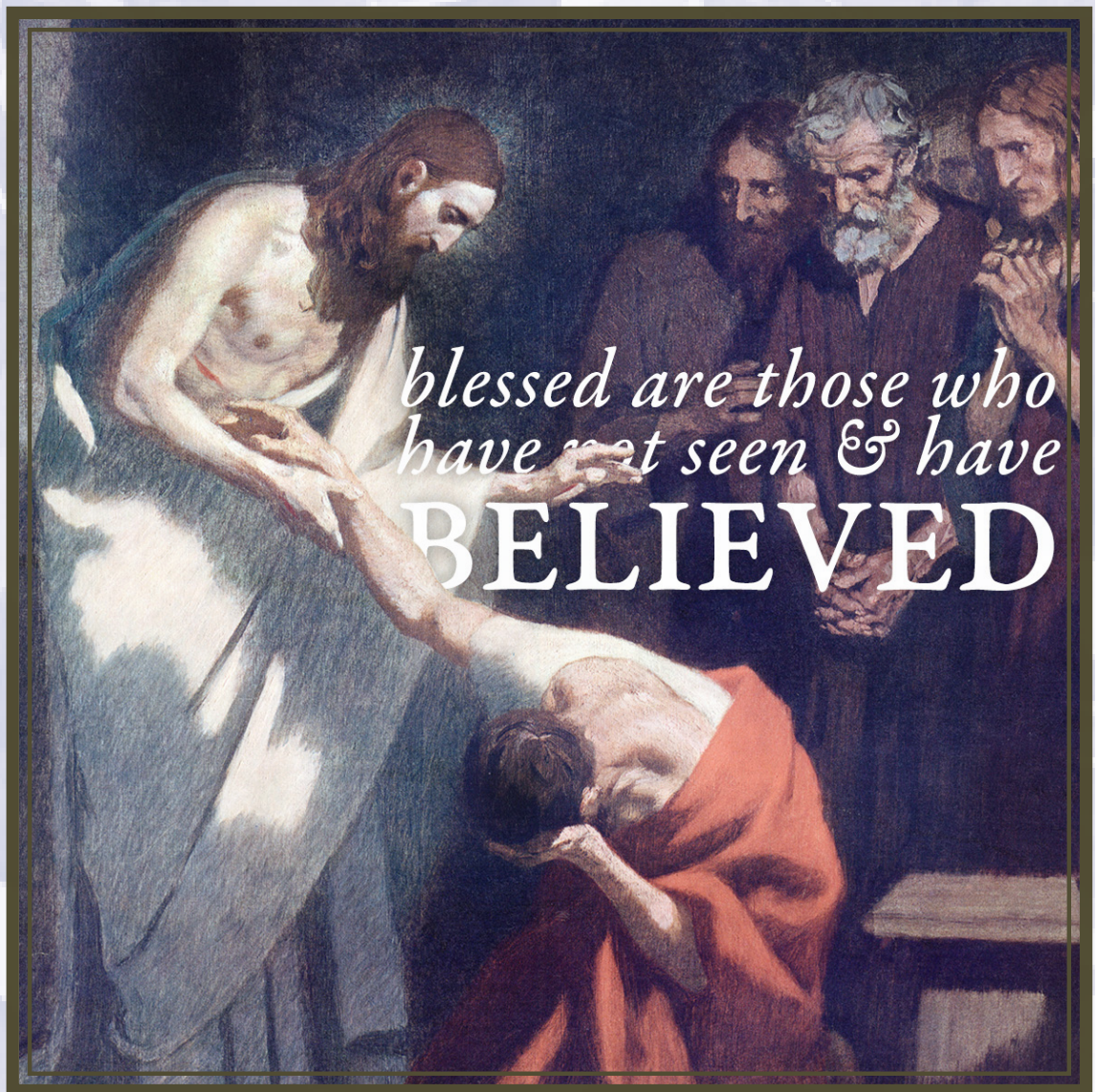


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This week's Readings: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
1 John 5:1-6; Victimae Paschali Laudes; John: 20:19-31

Next week's Readings: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9;
1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48

"MY LORD AND MY GOD!"

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

Our hearts continue to exalt and are filled with the goodness of the Risen Lord. So appropriate to say with gladness, "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad." I extend my Easter greetings to all, and I hope and pray that you had a great celebration with your family, friends, and co-workers.

We are on the Second Sunday of Easter, and we are presented with an amazing story of Jesus' appearance to His disciples. Thomas, one of the Twelve, only came to believe that Jesus rose from the dead when he touched Him and saw the marks on His hands. He remarked the words "my Lord and my God" to claim his belief in the Lord. Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

The story of Thomas and his fellow disciples is a story of faith. It is the faith of the apostles believing in the Risen Lord. How blessed were the disciples, for they could see Him in person after all the things that happened to their Master? He endured so much pain despite the many good works He had done.

When Jesus appeared to His disciples for the first time, Thomas missed the opportunity to witness the Risen Lord narrated by the evangelist John. When the other disciples told him that they had seen Him, he became skeptical about the news. He claimed that he would only believe if he could see and touch Him. When the disciples gathered again after a week, and Thomas was with them, Jesus appeared. In all humility, he dismissed his unbelief and claimed his belief in the Lord.

Easter is so much filled with mystery. The whole event in Jesus' life had been enveloped with all goodness, including His suffering, death, and resurrection. We have so many questions to ask and answers to uncover. We may not be able to grasp all of them, but in the eyes of faith, we understand everything because of God's immense love for all of us. He wanted us to reform our lives, turn hatred into love, sadness into joy, despair into hope, and suffering with Him into a means of salvation. These are all made possible when we bow down our heads and learn intently in and through Jesus. In one of his Easter messages, Pope Francis helps us understand that we can enter into the mystery of Easter through the virtue of humility. He said in his message, "The mystery of Easter cannot be understood – and the Christian faith cannot be lived fully – without humility."

The celebration of Easter is a celebration of faith and life. When we joyfully celebrated Easter Sunday last week, it does not imply that the celebration is over. We continue to cherish the gift that the Lord has given to us. Let us nurture our faith. Though we have not seen the Lord as the disciples did, let our faith be a living testimony that Jesus, indeed, is risen. Let this faith move us to continue spreading the Good News of the Lord, for as Jesus said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Your friend in Jesus,
Fr. Pascual Abaya IV
Rector



**GIVE THANKS
TO THE LORD
FOR HE IS GOOD
HIS MERCY
ENDURES FOREVER**

Psalm 118:1

CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 7

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

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

Monday, April 8

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, April 9

Tuesday of the 2nd Week of Easter
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, April 10

Wednesday of the 2nd Week of Easter
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, April 11

Memorial of St. Stanislaus
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, April 12

Friday of the 2nd Week of Easter
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, April 13

Saturday of the 2nd Week of Easter
Mass & Adoration at 7:00am
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
Mass at 12:00pm
Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, April 14

3rd Sunday of Easter

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

SCRIPTURE

The earliest Christians identified themselves as a “community of believers” (Acts 4:32). Faith was the glue that bound them, not politics or shared interests. And it was enough, because that faith held them together through danger and persecution. It inspired them to sell their worldly goods and surrender the proceeds to the Apostles. It taught them that nothing else in life is more important — they even defined victory as faith. This faith flipped everything upside down. No longer was success or victory defined by wealth or power or influence. Suddenly, only faith mattered. The things of this world were exposed for what they are: transitory and hollow. Yet we persist in thinking that in the end “the one with the most toys wins.” If you had given “toys” to these first disciples, they would have sold them and shared the money with the other believers. Something greater than worldly riches and power caught their hearts. It claimed them and they surrendered freely. Possessing it meant everything. Their mantra would have been: “In the end, the one with faith wins.”

They learned their lesson from Christ himself. See what Jesus says to Thomas: It is good that you saw and then believed. But it is even better that many will never “see” and yet believe. When he says this, he is speaking of us. And the name he gives us is “blessed” (John 20:29).

SHARING FAITH

Jesus greets the apostles three times with the words “Peace be with you.” Peace can’t exist where there is fear. Why is peace so necessary for the Christian life?

Have you ever considered yourself as belonging to a “community of believers” (Acts 4:32)? What difference does it make that you have sisters and brothers to support you in your faith?

The disciples hid in a locked room, yet Jesus came into their midst. When have you felt hidden or locked away, only to find Jesus in your midst?

LIVING THE LITURGY

Find someone who has had the experience of “living in common,” such as by sharing their material goods with others who were not immediate family members, and ask them to describe their experience — good and bad, pros and cons.

Identify something you believe in without ever having seen it, like ghosts, atoms, bacteria, planets, aliens, and so on. Discuss with someone why you don’t need physical evidence to persist in your belief.

Celebrate this Sunday of Divine Mercy by inviting each family member to perform a secret kindness for someone who has hurt or aggravated them. Consider saying special prayers for someone, tucking a small gift in a coworker’s mail slot, picking up trash in a neighbor’s yard when they aren’t home, or another small act of generosity.

REFLECTION

“Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?” (1 John 5:5).



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

March 25 - 31, 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 + Easter	\$ 13,407.78
Weekday, Holy Thurs + Good Friday	\$ 5,921.81
Other Feasts, Solemnities	\$ 166.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,785.78
Total Offertory	\$ 22,299.37

Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 49.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 3,236.83
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 1,304.25
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 3,365.00
Total	\$ 30,254.45

DIOCESAN PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND

Please support the Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund. Our retired priests dedicated themselves over many years to the service of God's people, and we are grateful for the service they have rendered to our community. Your donations supplement the diocesan pension fund, covering the costs of sustenance, housing, medical and dental insurance, and other needs as our retired priests move into their elder years. They were there for us. Let's be there for them now. The week of this second collection is on the weekend of April 20th and 21st. We ask that you prayerfully consider a gift for our priests. If you would like to donate online, please visit catholichawaii.org/dprf

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. The Diocese of Honolulu purchased tickets for this event – if you or your group would like to get tickets please email euchcongress2024@rcchawaii.org.

SAINT FOR THE WEEK

God afflicts us because he loves us: and it is very pleasing to him, when our afflictions he sees us abandon ourselves to his paternal care.

Benedict Joseph Labre, (1748-1783), Patron of Mental Illness, Feast Day, April 16