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APRIL 14, 2024 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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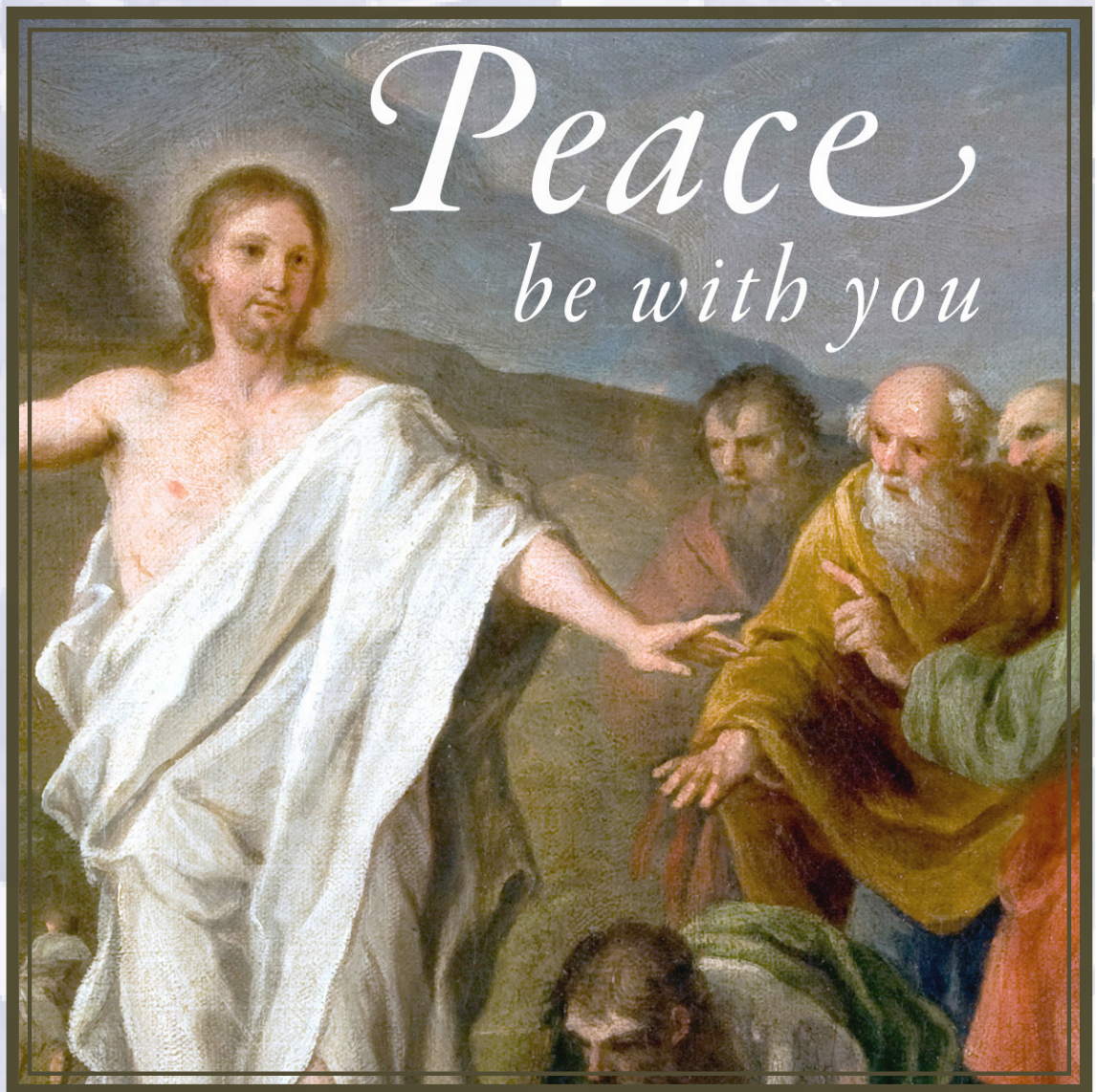


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This week's Readings: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9;
1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48

Next week's Readings: Acts 4:8-12; Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29;
1 John 3:1-2; Alleluia - John 10:14; John 10:11-18

"WITNESS TO THE RISEN LORD"

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

A Blessed Third Sunday of Easter!

Easter Season is still upon us. Our joy of experiencing the Resurrection of Jesus lingers in everyone's mind and heart, especially when we gather to remember and feel His presence in the celebration of the Eucharist. His Resurrection magnifies His triumph over sin, evil, and death. At Mass, we relive and celebrate the mysteries of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

As we continue this Easter journey, we hear the testimonies of Jesus' appearances to His Disciples. Every time He appeared to them, they were all caught in fear, joy, amazement, wonder, and faith. Even before all these took place, He already assured them that He would rise from the dead after His Passion and Death. Of course, it was not easy for them to accept these words. They were so much afraid that they locked themselves up for fear of the Jews. After three days, Jesus appeared to them to let them know the truth and keep His promise. His appearances to them were moments to strengthen their faith in Him and be witnesses to all that He taught. Like any ordinary person, the disciples would look for proof to deepen their faith and probably needed more appearances that Jesus, indeed, was raised from the dead. His disciples came to believe in Him, and they became witnesses to the faith we have now. Jesus' statement in last Sunday's Gospel resounds clearly for us, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

The resurrection and eyewitness accounts that we hear from the disciples during this Easter Season are provided for us to deepen our faith in the Risen Lord, too. It is now our turn, as we have received the gift of faith at our baptism, to be witnesses to the Lord. We are called to be bearers of His words today. We are called to witness the truth. We are called to give life to His words of compassion and mercy. We do this by showing forgiveness, sharing our generosity, and working for justice and peace in this time. In this way, we provide meaning and new life to this world. Pope Francis calls and challenges all Christian faithful to bring the joy of the Gospel to the world.

At times, our faith is weak, and we lose our hope. We wonder and thread a different path, especially when we can hardly understand what is happening when life problems are overwhelming. Like Jesus, He continues to reveal Himself to us in many ways, assuring us of His continued presence. What we need to do is to be like His disciples, ready to embrace with a docile heart to listen and believe in Him. Confirming our faith in Him will make us His witnesses that can bring light, joy, and peace to this broken world we live in.

Keep the faith, always! Be a witness to Jesus!

Your friend in Jesus,
Fr. Pascual Abaya IV
Rector



**WHOEVER
KEEPS HIS WORD,
THE LOVE OF GOD
IS TRULY PERFECTED
IN HIM.**

1 John 2:5

CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 14
3rd Sunday of Easter
 Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm
 Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, April 15
 Monday of the 3rd Week of Easter
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, April 16
 Tuesday of the 3rd Week of Easter
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, April 17
 Wednesday of the 3rd Week of Easter
 Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, April 18
 Thursday of the 3rd Week of Easter
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, April 19
 Friday of the 3rd Week of Easter
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, April 20
 Saturday of the 3rd 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 21
3rd Sunday of Easter
 2nd Collection for the Diocese Retirement Fund
 Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm
 Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

SCRIPTURE - THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The suffering and death of Christ remain a stumbling block for many. Why did God's Son have to suffer? The Acts of the Apostles makes it clear that God had announced beforehand that "his Christ would suffer" (3:18). So, suffering was part of the divine plan. Some reject that notion outright because, they say, it makes God a sadist who takes some kind of twisted pleasure in the suffering of his Son. But suffering is not God's invention, nor his remedy for human sin. It's the natural consequence of sin. When a child neglects a parent's warning not to poke fingers in a socket, the subsequent pain is not the parent's punishment for disobedience, it's the natural result of the child's action. In his mercy, God allowed Christ to suffer for us, to take upon himself the natural consequences of our sins. We put our fingers in the outlet, but Christ absorbed the shock. It's that simple. Luke repeats what's said in Acts: "it is written that the Christ would suffer" (24:46). Humans sinned, and sin has consequences. Even God couldn't undo that. So, the consequences had to fall on us or on someone else.

By taking on those consequences, Jesus made it possible for us to "repent . . . and be converted" (Acts 3:19). If we paid the price of our own salvation, we wouldn't need repentance. We could just suffer. But repentance brings us under the umbrella of grace Christ won through his suffering. He paid the price, and we get the benefits!

SHARING FAITH

Peter emerges in the early Church as a powerful leader. Do you know anyone who, like Peter, overcame faults and insecurity to make a positive contribution?

The root of the word disobedience means "not listening." Given that, what does it mean to obey?

Are there any quietly festering issues of fear, frustration, or resentment within your household that need to be addressed with love and justice so that you can enjoy true peace?

LIVING THE LITURGY

Find three texts from the prophets that speak of the necessity of suffering for the Messiah. Reflect prayerfully on how the texts were fulfilled in the life of Jesus.

Find a song that somehow reminds you of God's mercy. Sometime this week, play the song as you reread today's passage from the Acts of the Apostles.

Raise your family's awareness of justice issues by making them a daily point of discussion. Help your child decorate a box or basket to keep on your dining table. Encourage family members to make notes to put in the box or basket, or if they can't write, to draw pictures that bring to mind instances encountered each day that raise questions of justice and peace. Discuss these over meals. Discuss decisions made by TV characters, and talk about the truths and partial truths you encounter in advertising.

REFLECTION

"Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away" (Acts 3:19).



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.

Oh Blessed Lord!
Oh Risen Lord!

We look through the crosses we have carried this past year and give you thanks for the awe-inspiring hope that Easter brings.

We give you thanks for calling us your friends and allowing us to share in the sacrifice of your body and blood, which is poured out for many.

Oh merciful Lord, redeemer and teacher, by the power of the Holy Spirit give us the patience and insight to listen to you during this time of continued uncertainty.

Give us the wisdom to find creative ways to put the Eucharist into action; and give us the courage to bring your Easter message of hope to a world that desperately needs your love.

To you be glory and honor forever and ever. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

April 1 - 7, 2024

Offertory Collection

Sunday + Easter	\$ 7,004.06
Weekday	\$ 1,129.83
Other Feasts, Solemnities	\$ 40.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,988.72
Total Offertory	\$ 10,162.32

Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 30.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 238.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 1,176.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 365.00
Total	\$ 12,175.32

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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Are you ready for the Easter Season? Please join Dcn. Joe and Easter Almuenra every 3rd Sunday of the month at 9:45am. Resources are available at **FORMED**. On your browser, go to www.formed.org. Sign up as a "Parishioner", choose "RCCHAWAII" and create an account. Please see Dcn. Joe & Easter for more information.

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

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