

# Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace



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## APRIL 28, 2024 FIFTH 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

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*I Am the Vine*  
you are the branches

JOHN 15:5

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**This week's Readings:** Acts 9:26-31; Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32;  
1 John 3:18-24; Alleluia - John 15:4a, 5b; John 15:1-8

**Next week's Readings:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4;  
1 John 4:7-10; Alleluia - John 14:23; John 15:9-17

**"CONNECTING OUR LIFE TO JESUS"**

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

Jesus, the Bread of Life! Jesus, the Good Shepherd! Jesus, the Vine! These powerful descriptions not only apply to Jesus but also resonate with us, His beloved disciples. They symbolize an unbreakable bond between our Lord and us, inviting us to feel our unity with Him. The words "Remain in Me, as I remain in you" emphasize this connection.

When family members are closely connected, they work as one despite their differences, and conflict resolution becomes possible. Similarly, our relationship with God requires connection—knowing Him, loving Him, following His ways, and embracing His truth. Failing to connect leads not only to losing our way in this life but also to missing the path to His eternal Kingdom.

Discipleship with Jesus goes beyond mere words. It demands commitment, dedication, faithfulness, and trust. His invitation to "Remain in me, as I remain in you" underscores the need for a deep relationship—one that brings goodness to the world.

In our troubled world, where hatred, division, selfishness, and strife abound, Jesus' challenge remains true discipleship. Living out Gospel values—love, kindness, selflessness, and truthfulness—becomes our mission. This mission is not just a duty but a transformative journey. It is a journey that can change us, change our communities, and change the world. Respect for one another, community building, spirit-filled purpose, and unwavering dedication bear fruit. Trials and hardships are part of this journey, but remaining in Him ensures the best outcomes.

Come to think of it, when this kind of relationship is established, we will be able to build families, communities, and nations to live in peace, love, and joy. As such, we can celebrate and enjoy the beauty and wonder of life God created from the beginning. We cherish moments day by day till we are in the presence of our Loving Father and our Vine, Jesus. This dream may sound ideal, but it may never be realized in our lifetime. But if we realize this now and connect our lives to Jesus, then we plant the seed in the vineyard and allow the vine grower and the vine, Jesus Himself, to let it grow.

Your friend in Jesus,

**Fr. Pascual Abaya IV**  
Rector



Whoever remains  
in me and I in him  
*will bear much fruit*

John 15:5

**CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK**

Sunday, April 28

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**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, April 29

Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena

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

Tuesday, April 30

Tuesday of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter

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

Wednesday, May 1

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

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

Thursday, May 2

Memorial of St. Athanasius

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

Friday, May 3

Feast of Ss. Philip and James

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

Saturday, May 4

Saturday of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter

Mass &amp; Adoration at 7:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Mass at 12:00pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, May 5

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Joseph Dutton, Layman

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

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

**SCRIPTURE**

"You are nothing without me!" We expect such words from an angry spouse or business partner, perhaps. But here, it's Jesus who says it (John 15:5). Such words often provoke an "I'll show you!" response. But Jesus isn't flinging angry insults, he's just telling the truth. Today's readings are filled with hard truths. Paul was rejected by disciples who feared he was a fraud. John's letter says there is no other route to discipleship than to follow the commandments in deeds, not just words. And the Gospel puts it very bluntly, telling us that he is proactive, pruning healthy vines and cutting away dead branches. The sum of today's readings smacks us upside the head, telling us to do what we're supposed to, stay close so we don't wander into danger, and remain connected so we get the nourishment we need. Otherwise, we'll be tossed aside like withered limbs and end up in the fire.

We receive no apologies for that tough love. We all need it now and again. Without it, it's too easy to become complacent, to act the part without living the role. The formula for success is simple: Belief in Christ comes first. We are not just a "do the right thing" religion, we're a "we belong to Christ" religion. We embrace the consequences of our commitment. That's where step two comes in. If you belong to Christ, then do what he commanded: Love one another.

**SHARING FAITH**

We hear in Acts that the "church . . . was at peace" (9:31). How many times in our history do you think that statement was true? Why is even the Church so often afflicted by inner turmoil?

Recall a time in your life when you disregarded the advice or instructions of an authority figure and got in trouble as a result. What insight does that give you into Jesus' admonition to remain attached to him, the true vine?

Do you ever try to draw sustenance from sources that are unhealthy, like friends who always put you down? Are there things that need to be pruned from your life so that you can reach the authentic fulfillment to which Christ calls you?

**LIVING THE LITURGY**

Talk to someone who gardens or has knowledge of agricultural practices. Ask them about the importance of pruning. Why is it helpful and necessary? What happens to a plant that is not pruned?

Check several sources and study the meaning of the term "fear of the Lord." Then discuss how it is that Acts of the Apostles could boast that the early Church "walked in the fear of the Lord" (9:31).

Our liturgy is filled with signs of unity in Christ: prayers recited, and songs sung in community, corporate postures, and of course, the reception of the Eucharist — one bread, one cup. Invite your family members to look for these and other signs that remind us that we're connected with one another through Jesus.

**REFLECTION**

"And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another . . ." (1 John 3:23).



**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.

O Catholic faith, how solid, how strong you are! How deeply rooted, how firmly founded on a solid rock! Heaven and earth will pass away but you can never pass away. From the beginning the world opposed you but you mightily triumphed over everything.

**St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, (1577-1622), Martyr, Patron of the Poor, Feast Day, April 24**

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

April 15 - 21, 2024

**Offertory Collection**

Sunday + Easter + Pentecost	\$ 6,145.19
Weekday + Coffers	\$ 1,777.72
Other Feasts, Solemnities	\$ 0.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,582.55
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 10,505.46</b>

**Other Collection**

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 3,733.22
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 2,258.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 847.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 17,363.68</b>



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).

**COLLECTION FOR BRO. JOSEPH DUTTON**

Brother Joseph Dutton served those afflicted with Hansen's disease (leprosy) in Kalaupapa, Moloka'i for almost 45 years of service. He put the needs of others before his own and dedicated his life to serving others.

Our diocese has done all of the preliminary work and believe he can potentially become Hawaii's third saint. This layman and former Civil War lieutenant could be recognized along with Saint Damien and Mother Marianne.

His cause for canonization now moves to the next stage in the Vatican. Our parish is joining with other parishes across islands to take up a Special Collection next weekend, May 4 - 5, to support the canonization process. You could contribute to Servant of God Joseph Dutton Layman becoming Hawaii's third saint!

**SAINT FOR THE WEEK**