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## JUNE 16, 2024 ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### 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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**This week's Readings:** Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16;  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34

**Next week's Readings:** Job 38:1, 8-11; Psalm 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31;  
2 Corinthians 5:14-17; Alleluia Luke 7:16; Mark 4:35-41

**"FAITHFUL LIFE TO FAITH-FILLED LIFE"**

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

We hear or read in the news about stories of many farmers having a hard time planting due to the El Niño effect. Droughts are affecting plantations, and often, we experience that too in our islands. We are glad at times because the rain comes now and then, but when summer comes, the land becomes dry. When such things happen, planted seeds or plants cannot grow well, wither, die, and eventually burn for no use. No fruits to pick or crops to harvest because the seeds did not grow. For farmers, it would just be a waste of time and money. Feelings of frustration or disappointment emerge. But hope still flourishes for the next planting and harvest season. In as much as they may experience unproductiveness from all their labors and sacrifices, farmers still have a way to get things through.

Jesus' parables this Sunday enable us to ponder more deeply about the seed of faith planted in our souls. These parables that He used, the Parable of the Seed Sown and the Parable of the Mustard Seed, convey a deep sense of understanding of how things work out for faith to grow in our daily lives. Seeds are sown, and their growth may not be that impressive from the beginning, but they grow eventually and become fruitful. That goes the same thing with our faith. Once we embrace our faith in Jesus and allow Him to take hold of our lives, this little seed of faith can grow wonderfully and amazingly that it affects our way of life, our way of thinking, our way of relating with others, people, and with our God tremendously.

As the Father had planted the seed of faith in us, it is expected of us that we also have to cultivate it. This can be done if we allow ourselves to be molded by God's Word and the teachings of our Catholic Faith and carry them out every day of our lives. Suppose we carry out God's Word daily; we reap a harvest of a faithful, loving relationship among family members, honesty and dedication to our work, authentic reception, and worship of receiving the Lord in the Eucharist. Not only that we become Faithful in all His ways, but our lives become Faith-filled where Jesus becomes the center of our minds and hearts.

Growth in our spiritual life is essential. It needs improvement and extra care. Like a seed, when nurtured and taken care of, it brings about goodness and immensity. Our lives will be filled with grace and virtue. It compels us to act truthfully, justly, and morally. Our human actions are geared toward respect and charity, forgiveness and humility, faithfulness and kindness. Jesus showed us how. Now, it is just a matter of living and reliving the way He lived. Every word He spoke and every action He did were all the seeds sown in each one of us. And when we live up to it, then we can grow spiritually. And when that day and time comes, God will certainly treat us the way how we live our life and faith.

Let us nurture our lives to be faithful into becoming faith-filled life.

Your friend in Jesus,

**Fr. Pascual Abaya IV**  
Rector



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THE LARGEST OF PLANTS.**

Mark 4:32

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**CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK**

Sunday, June 16 - **Father's Day**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Seminarian Education Fund**  
 Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm  
 Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, June 17  
 Monday of the 11<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, June 18  
 Tuesday of the 11<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, June 19 - **Junteenth Holiday**  
 Wednesday of the 11<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am  
 Mass at 12:00pm - closed after Mass  
**Cathedral Offices Closed**

Thursday, June 20  
 Thursday of the 11<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, June 21  
 Memorial of St. Aloysius Gonzaga  
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, June 22  
 Saturday of the 11<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
 Mass & Adoration at 7:00am  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am  
 Mass at 12:00pm  
 Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, June 23  
**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**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.

**SCRIPTURE**

Human effort blessed by grace. The growth of the Church and the expansion of the kingdom are not things for which we can create strategic plans. The world works that way and usually succeeds. A plan, it is said, is a dream with goals and a timetable. But God's work has a mysterious dimension that no human calculus can compute. And that component is the divine will. God is God and his will ultimately prevails; we don't know the timing, but we know it will be done. That is the divine and most important part of the equation.

But there's another side, too. God works through us as well as in spite of us. While we can't foil God's will, we can cooperate and speed it to fruition. God needs tender shoots to plant and fertile soil to receive the nurslings. We do all we can: we till the soil, we plant the seed, we irrigate and fertilize. And then we wait. Farmers know doing all they can is never quite enough. There is always the waiting and surrendering, for sometimes all we can is not enough. In Jesus' parable, the farmer sleeps at night and during this time of helplessness and rest, the land "of its own accord . . . yields fruit" (Mark 4:28). That God would partner with humanity is a great and humbling compliment. The tree God plants and nurtures will become a home for multitudes. And it is from our poor effort and God's overabundant grace that the plant sprouts and grows and spreads its arms to welcome all the world.

**SHARING FAITH**

A popular hymn proclaims Paul's words: "We walk by faith and not by sight." What is it like for you to have to walk by faith, without concrete proofs and guarantees?

God claims to bring low the high and lift high the low tree, and wither the green while making the withered tree bloom. Does God seem boastful or angry? How do you understand the truth of that passage?

Can you give an example of a tiny seed of faith that later grew large enough to provide for the needs of others?

**LIVING THE LITURGY**

Try writing your own parable about the kingdom. Jesus uses images like seeds, yeast, and lost sheep. What will you use to image the kingdom of God?

Write down the story of the last time you "walked by faith" in some dramatic way. Don't worry about how beautifully you tell it, just recall the details of the story and recreate the characters and emotions.

Plant seeds in your garden or a pot. Hearty marigolds and sunflowers sprout quickly. Compare the small seeds with the small kindnesses we do for others. Encourage your family members to care for the seeds and, as they grow, compare the plants with the goodness that grows from kindness. Imagine a world where everyone is scattering kindness. That's what the kingdom of God is like.

**REFLECTION**

"This is how it is with the kingdom of God" (Mark 4:26).



**ICSC STEWARDSHIP PRAYER**

Gracious and Loving God,

When your Spirit descended upon the apostles at Pentecost, they spoke the languages of those who came to hear their testimony.

They proclaimed a new covenant in Christ Jesus, sanctified by his blood, bound by the Holy Spirit, and sealed in the waters of Baptism.

We give you thanks and praise for releasing your Spirit upon us; and in these anxious times pray that it will break through the many barriers that divide people.

Let your Spirit open our eyes as a communion of faith to your ongoing presence among us, so we can recognize you when we serve one another.

Let your Spirit open our minds so that we may gain the wisdom to work together to show love for our neighbors, and unite our talents to build a better, safer world.

And let your Spirit open our hearts so that together we can live more fully in Christ, shine his light of mercy and hope and prepare for the day of his glorious return.

We pray this through your son, Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

June 3 - 9, 2024

**Offertory Collection**

Sunday	\$ 6,019.71
Weekday + Coffers	\$ 1,505.79
Other Feasts, Solemnities	\$ 195.00
Online Giving	\$ 902.38
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 8,622.88</b>

**Other Collection**

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 25.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 50.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 1,556.87
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 248.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,502.75</b>

**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). - Rev. Ace Tui

**'OHANA IN CHRIST ANNUAL APPEAL**

**We are at 34% from reaching our goal!** 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).

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

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.

**SAINT FOR THE WEEK**

June 16 My child, it is indeed the Voice of God you have heard. He has given you a great grace in thus calling you into His one true Church. While you live, never cease to thank Him and bless Him for it.

**St. John Francis Regis**, (1597-1640), Priest, Social Workers Patron, Feast Day, June 16<sup>th</sup>