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## AUGUST 25, 2024 21<sup>ST</sup> 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

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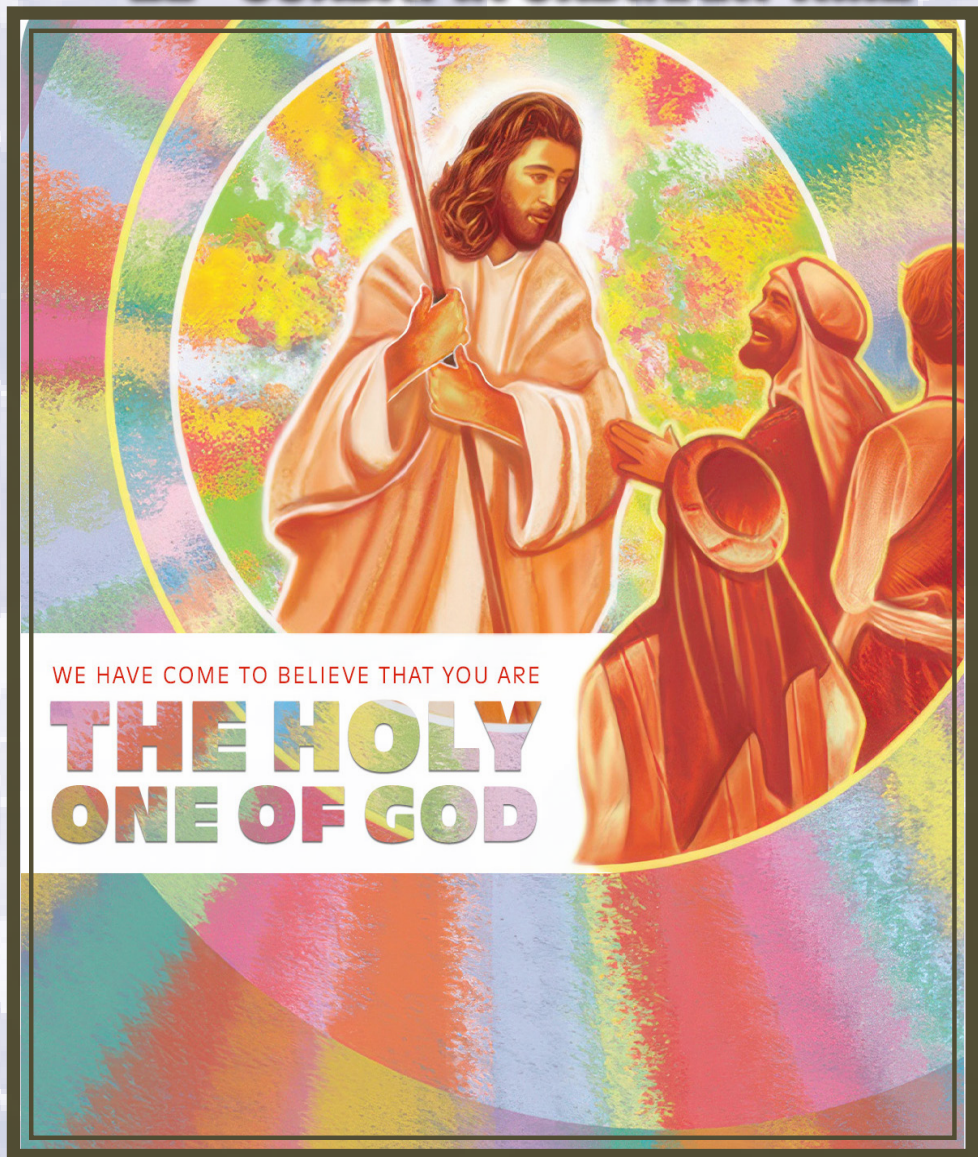


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**This week's Readings:** Joshua 1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Psalm 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21;  
Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; Alleluia - John 6:63c, 68c; John 6:60-69

**Next week's Readings:** Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5;  
James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Alleluia - James 1:18; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



**"THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE!"**

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

We come to the last part of the Bread of Life Discourse of Jesus. After all the people's desires to come closer to Jesus because He provides food for them to the point where He explains the true Bread from heaven, many of His disciples return to their former way of life. They decide to leave Him since it is difficult to accept what Jesus presents to them; that is, He is the Bread that came down from heaven, His flesh to be real food, and His blood to be real drink. Jesus turns to the Twelve and asks if they also want to leave. Peter responds, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

Those who left had a hard time believing in Jesus. His testimonies and teachings were difficult for them to grasp because His words were not appealing to their hearing. It was incomprehensible and absurd, as they understood. These were their reactions because they did not see in Him the Truth of His word as the Son of God. They could not understand that He came down from heaven, His flesh to be real food and His blood to be real drink. Their eyes were shut because they did not have faith in Him. Their hearts were so hardened that they only saw Him as an ordinary man like anybody else. The doors of their minds and hearts were closed that whatever He would teach them about His Father, Heaven, Bread, Blood, and Him being the Son of God, they would not grasp at all.

If we are to reflect on their reactions to Jesus, we often do not realize as well that their reactions are ours. Our lack of faith in Him results in not accepting the Truth of His teachings. We, like those who left, only want to believe what we want to believe, not according to His Truth but according to our Truth. This results in relativism, such as, "That is your truth, not mine." If the Bread of Life Discourse of Jesus had impacted such difficulties for His listeners, it could also influence our understanding of who He is.

Despite the many who abandoned Him, His disciples remained steadfast in their commitment to follow Him, **NO MATTER WHAT!** They were there for their Master because they had accepted Jesus in their hearts. They continued to testify to the Truth as He had commanded them, teaching everything He had taught them.

Suppose we are to ponder our faith and respond to all of Jesus' teachings. Do we have the spirit of Peter and His disciples convinced and continue to follow Him? Are we, like them, ready to profess our faith in words and deeds? Let us take a moment to re-examine the kind of discipleship we manifest. If we find difficulty understanding, let us open our hearts and minds to know Him well and listen to what He taught. We pray that the Lord will increase our faith to open ourselves to the Truth.

Your friend in Jesus,  
**Fr. Pascual Abaya IV**  
Rector



**It is the  
spirit that  
gives life  
John 6:63**

## CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 25  
**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm  
 Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, August 26  
 Monday of the 21<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, August 27  
 Memorial of St. Monica  
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, August 28  
 Memorial of St. Augustine  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am  
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, August 29  
 Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist  
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, August 30  
 Friday of the 21<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, August 31  
 Saturday of the 21<sup>st</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, September 1  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm  
 Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

## SCRIPTURE

Some commitments require everything, and it's no use trying to pretend otherwise. Jesus knew that and so he doesn't pull punches. He gives own disciples cause to murmur against him. Of course, he knew his request that they eat his flesh and drink his blood would shock them. But it's those words that would separate "groupies" from true disciples. Many of his followers left that day, but the Twelve remained. Where else would they go? Unlike those who left, the chosen Twelve understood that, though Jesus' words confused them, they were "the words of eternal life" (John 6:68).

Like Jesus, Joshua was smart enough to place a tough choice before the twelve tribes. He doesn't coax or beg, he just states the options — the pagan gods of their ancestors and their neighbors, or the Lord. All he adds is his own decision — a bold declaration that is now one of scripture's classic lines. Remembering the mercies and mighty works of God, the people cast their lot with the Lord. The demands Paul places on spouses are no less demanding than what we hear from Joshua and Jesus. Love requires everything — submission to one another, loving in the same sacrificial way as Christ, loving your spouse so much that the love binds you together as one and love of the other becomes indistinguishable from love of self.

## SHARING FAITH

What do you think is harder: being subordinate to someone, or loving someone the self-sacrificial way Christ loved the Church?

Do you know anyone who left the faith because they found some teachings too hard, or impossible to accept?

From children's sports that compete with Sunday Mass and formation programs to television shows that ignore traditional morality, modern families are being asked to choose which god they will serve. How can you teach your family to respond, like Joshua's assembly, that the Lord is our God?

## LIVING THE LITURGY

If you are married, discuss with your spouse the verse: "For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother/ and be joined to his wife / and the two shall become one flesh" (Ephesians 5:31). Then discuss ways you each might better submit to and love one another.

Make a sign or purchase a small plaque of Joshua's "As for me and my household . . ." declaration (24:15). Instead of hanging it by your door, put it in your car to remind you that your "household" is everywhere you go and interact with others.

Add the refrain from today's Psalm 34 to your mealtime prayer. Just prior to saying Grace before Meals, invite one family member to begin with the words: "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord."

## REFLECTION

"As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).





**ICSC STEWARDSHIP**

**PRAYER**

Lord God,

As we prepare for the transitions of August; of routines becoming regular, signs of schools beginning to emerge, and traffic patterns getting heavier, help us to appreciate the sacred rhythms in our lives.

Give us the wisdom to make our hearts be still, much as the August wind is still, so that we may listen to the gentle words you speak to us.

Help us understand that you alone are the source of every good gift, of the vast array of our universe, and the mystery of each human life.

And help us see that we are called to be good stewards of all that you have entrusted to us; tending them faithfully and responsibly so they may ultimately be returned to you with increase.

In this month of August while a measure of summer's stillness remains, speak to our hearts, guide us in your Son's ways, and through your Spirit, give us the strength to proclaim your justice and peace in our everyday words and deeds.

We ask this through Christ,  
Our Lord.

Amen

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

August 12 - 18, 2024

**Offertory Collection**

Sunday	\$ 5,829.54
Weekday	\$ 1,720.60
Other Feasts, Solemnities	\$ 659.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,258.74
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 9,466.88</b>

**Other Collection**

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 2,897.05
Diocesan Collection	\$ 670.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 1,042.12
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 443.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 14,519.28</b>

**'OHANA IN CHRIST ANNUAL APPEAL**

**We are at 45% 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).

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

All are invited to attend our next Young Adult meeting on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Please reserve to Dcn. Joe Almuena at [jalmuena@rcchawaii.org](mailto:jalmuena@rcchawaii.org)

**PAULINE COMMUNITY OF HAWAII**

The Pauline Community in Hawaii invites everyone to join the Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday, August 29 at 5:00 PM here at the Cathedral. Contact the office for more information.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The 2024 Knights of Columbus - Coats for Kids drive is happening this fall. This program aims to provide coats for every needy child in North America so no child goes without a coat during winter. Here in Hawaii, even though we do not experience a mainland winter, we do have a rainy season which last from November thru March. If you know of a child in need of a free - brand new rain resistant jacket for this upcoming school year, please notify the KOC. Please send your request to [coats@kofchawaii.org](mailto:coats@kofchawaii.org). Be sure to include: number of jackets needed, size and if it's for a girl or boy. Your KOC members across the state of Hawaii will be fund raising for these jackets, and they will be free to for our keiki in need. Please help them if you can with your generous donations. Again, please send your request to help our keiki in need, with a rain resistant jacket to: [coats@kofchawaii.org](mailto:coats@kofchawaii.org).

**SAINT FOR THE WEEK**

Whenever we cover our brother's sin, God will cover ours; whenever we tell people about our brother's guilt, God will do the same about ours.

**St. Poemen** (340 - 450), Monk, Desert Father, Feast Day August 27<sup>th</sup>