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NOVEMBER 17, 2024 33RD 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
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This week's Readings: Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11;
Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Alleluia - Luke 21:36; Mark 13:24-32

Next week's Readings: Daniel 7:13-14; Psalm 93:1, 1-2, 5;
Revelation 1:5-8; Alleluia - Mark 11:9, 10; John 18:33b-37

"PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE"

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

One of the fundamental things people do these days is to plan for the future. Parents work so hard to support their children and their lives. Many work so hard so that when retirement comes, they can get their benefits and enjoy life. If we are so concerned about our worldly life, how much more about our eternal life?

The Gospel from Mark this Sunday, specifically verse 32, states, "The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken," may cause us to be alarmed. We may even be overwhelmed with fear if we are to think about it thoroughly. Often, we hear so much of the coming of the end of the world. We were alarmed; we prepared and waited. Here we are in 2024, and the year is almost over; what we had been waiting for has not yet been fulfilled, and there is no end of the world. The question is, should we feel relaxed about it? Should we just let it go and live our lives how we would like it to be? Since it did not come in 1990 or 2000, or who knows when, can we conclude that it will never come? Will it come, or will it not?

The beauty of these Readings on this Sunday, despite their terrifying tone, enables us to ponder what we must do with our present way of life and our lives to come. As we live in this world and plan for the future, we do as much as possible to prepare ourselves to reach our goals, so much so with the future of our souls. Eternal life is real, and salvation is imminent. Christ showed us the reality of eternal life and salvation through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection, the Paschal Mystery. Our lives here on this earth are temporary, awaiting eternal life. Scripture teaches us that everything in the present order of this world will pass away and that God will establish something new and definite.

At the end of our life's journey, we hope that our lives will end, sharing in the joy of our Father. Jesus' words give us an invitation to ponder on the things that we need to do. Preparing and being ready when that day and time come is called upon us. Let us not be idle but always be prepared, for God's reign can come anytime. Let us heed Jesus' words to live our lives for God. To act accordingly as sons and daughters of the Father. To be faithful to Him and our faith. In this manner, we truly are prepared when He comes to rule the world.

May we embrace Christ to discern the best way to prepare for His coming. And to live every day of our lives as best as possible to manifest God's goodness so we can change our broken world.

Your friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual Abaya IV
Rector



*Heaven & earth
will pass away,
but my words
will not pass away*

MARK 13:31

CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 17
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
2nd Collection for Campaign for Human Development
 Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm
 Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, November 18
 Monday of the 33rd Week in Ordinary Time
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, November 19
 Tuesday of the 33rd Week in Ordinary Time
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, November 20
 Wednesday of the 33rd Week in Ordinary Time
 Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, November 21
 Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, November 22
 Memorial of St. Cecilia
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, November 23
 Saturday of the 33rd 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, November 24
**The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
 King of the Universe**
2nd 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

It would be tempting to dismiss today's texts as grist for some movie maker's terrifying script. Since Hollywood loves avenging angels and stars falling from the sky, we could say, "Let's leave them these gloomy images and focus instead on Gospel light." We could point to various distortions of these apocalyptic texts found in popular culture and some religious sects and say, "True Christian faith is not meant to be scary." With that, we could wash our hands of these hard sayings and move on to more pleasant texts. But if we did, we would dilute — if not betray — Christ's Gospel. Without losing sight of the hope we have in Christ, we must still face the truths set here before us.

An end will come — for all of us collectively and for each of us individually. So, in these final weeks of the liturgical year, we remind ourselves of our mortality and of the need for readiness. That's where Daniel and Mark come in. More important than the obvious truth of life's eventual end is what they tell us about being ready. Daniel says those who are wise and lead others to justice have nothing to fear, for as the world darkens and sun and moon cease to shine, the righteous will brighten the firmament with their own light. Jesus tells us to be as smart as farmers who know and heed nature's signs. Believers must recognize and heed the signs of the times — signs that will signal the inevitable end of all things and the return in glory of the Lord who will deal with us as we deserve.

SHARING FAITH

What does it mean to be "wise" in God's eyes? Does it have more to do with knowledge or with obedience?

Do you think it's healthy to at least periodically consider your own mortality? What do you do to be ready if the time comes like a thief in the night?

Jesus tells us that no one but the Father knows when the Son of Man will return. If it happened today, is there anything you would wish you had done that you have not?

LIVING THE LITURGY

Don't wear a wristwatch for a week. Every time you look at your wrist and find the watch missing, remember that one day time will stop for you individually and for all of us.

Decide what three things you would do differently in your life if you knew for sure you had only three months to live. Fully expecting that you will have 100 years to live, do those three things anyway.

The prophet Daniel tells us that those who work for justice will shine like the stars forever. With your family, learn about some of our Catholic defenders of justice. Dorothy Day, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Saint Vincent de Paul, and Saint Martin de Porres are a few examples. Ask your parish Director of Religious Education if the parish has children's books or videos that you can borrow. Discuss how these people lived in anticipation of the coming of Christ.

REFLECTION

"Learn a lesson from the fig tree" (Mark 13:28).



ICSC STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Mission statement
The mission of the International Catholic Stewardship Council is to foster an environment in which stewardship is understood. Throughout the Catholic Church.

Gracious and loving God,

As the autumn season continues its transformation; and the days become shorter, the earth cooler; as we anticipate joining family and friends in joyful celebration on Thanksgiving Day, we pause to give You thanks and praise for the abundant blessings You have bestowed upon us:

For life and health, safety and comfort, food and nourishment, we are sincerely grateful. Through your Spirit, open our hearts so that we may be even better stewards of these rich and unmerited gifts.

Show us how to be a blessing for the poor, sick, lonely and all who suffer.

And help us nurture the gift of faith, revealed to us by your Son, Jesus Christ, our greatest gift, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

November 4 - 10, 2024

Offertory Collection

Sunday	\$ 6,105.18
Weekday	\$ 911.41
Other Feasts, Solemnities	\$ 615.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,015.38
Total Offertory	\$ 9,646.97

Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 23.00
Diocesan Collection + OIC	\$ 1,689.28
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 901.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 130.00
Total	\$ 12,390.25

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, over 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Please join Dcn. Joe and Easter for Adult Faith Formation every 3rd Sunday of the month. Please see resources that are available at **FORMED**. On your browser, go to www.formed.org. Sign up as a "Parishioner", choose "RCCHAWAII" and create an account.



'OHANA IN CHRIST ANNUAL APPEAL

Please scan the QR Code above and help support the Cathedral Basilica and our many Catholic ministries and services by contributing to the **2024-2025 'Ohana In Christ Appeal**. Our goal last year was not met. 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. Or scan the QR code above with your phone. For more information on how you can give, please call the office at 808-536-7036. Thank you!

SAINT FOR THE WEEK

Let us teach the young in the school of the fear of the Lord

Pope Clement 1, (Died 101 AD), Patron of Mariners, Feast Day November 23rd