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## DECEMBER 1, 2024 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### 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

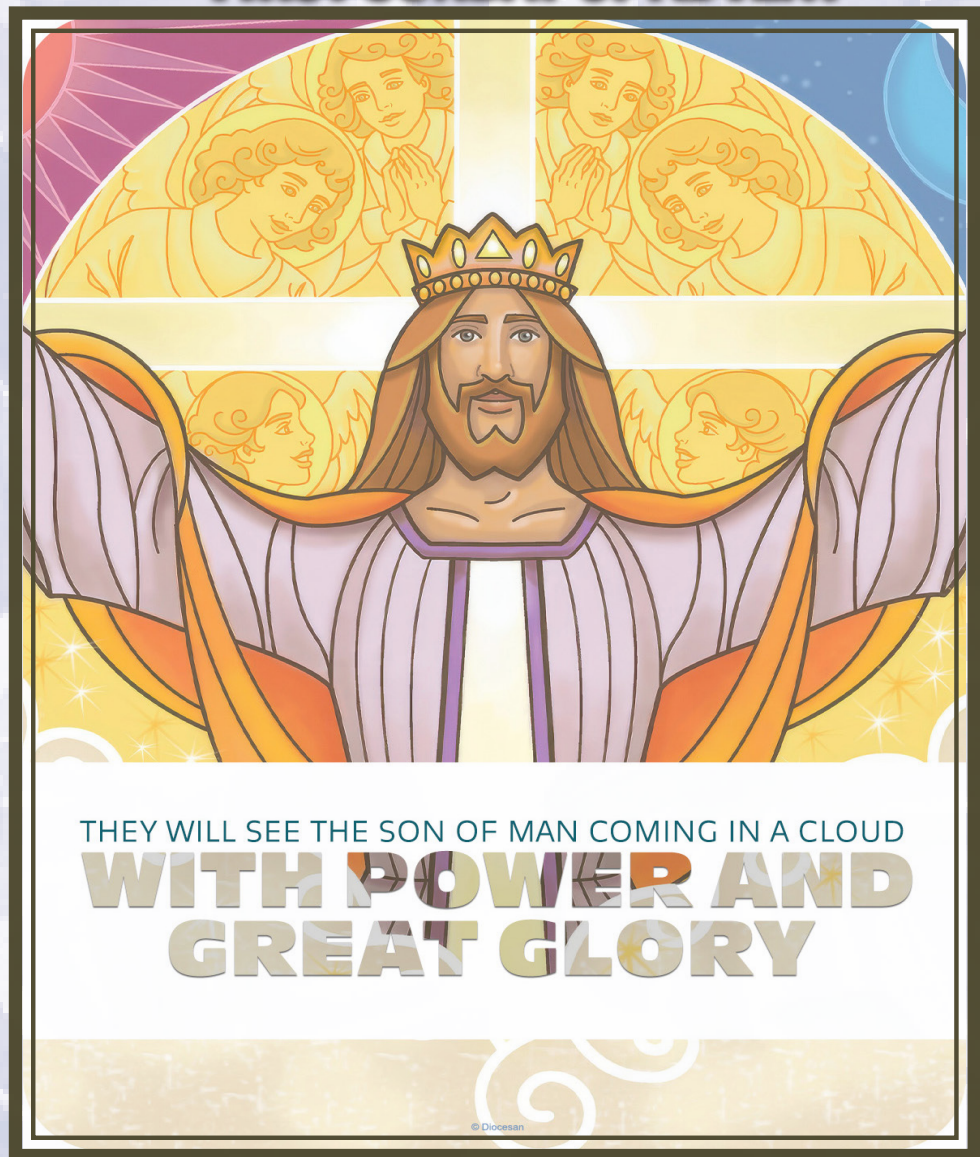
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THEY WILL SEE THE SON OF MAN COMING IN A CLOUD  
**WITH POWER AND  
GREAT GLORY**

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**This week's Readings:** Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14;  
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Alleluia - Psalm 85:8; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

**Next week's Readings:** Baruch 5:1-9; Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6;  
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Alleluia - Luke 3:4, 6; Luke 3:1-6

**“TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT UP MY SOUL.” PSALM 25:1**

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

Shopping here, shopping there, and shopping everywhere. The malls all over our nation and around our State are so crowded. Buying online or in person is holding us up and getting stressed. The face pace of life is upon us again. We scramble for what we need to accomplish before Christmas comes and as the year ends. Lots of names to put in our list and what gifts to buy and give. Remember the food, clothing, jewelry, and accessories to wear; thus, our list goes on and on. STOP!

Let us take a moment to ask ourselves, are all these necessary? If you think they are, think of the people who cannot even have decent clothing or food to eat on their table. Think of the people fleeing their country who became refugees of other nations where their feet lead them. Think of the families who are grieving for the loss of a loved one. What about those who have lost their jobs? Think of our life's journey and where it is heading? The relationships we have, the work we do, and the faith we live. Are they not all wonderful and pleasing? Or does it need some transformation, if not a total one, to live our lives better, if not the best? Don't you think we need to stop the hustle and bustle of life and be more aware of what is happening in our lives, families, nation, and world?

Greetings of Merry Christmas to Happy Holidays. Throughout the years, we have lost our focus on Christ Himself, the source of all the celebrations ahead of us. We have turned our Holy Days into holidays. And losing the meaning of Advent as a time for preparation for the Lord's Coming and His Birth. We have lost the essence of this season into merry-making and worldly lures of materialism. Let it not be so.

Our Lord calls us to a halt today to deepen our relationship with Him more. To know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him. If our minds and hearts are focused on Him, our ways, thoughts, words, values, and whole being are formed accordingly.

Advent is upon us. A time to prepare our whole being, our soul more focused on God, our neighbor, and ourselves. And when that day and time that the Lord will come, we can pray like the Psalmist, *“To You, O Lord, I Lift Up My Soul.”*

God's grace is always upon us. He gives us a lot of opportunities to grow in our faith and life. Let us take the Season of Advent as a time of grace and be open to where the Lord will lead us, especially when facing tough challenges. Let us offer these days of the season to commit ourselves more and more to Christ.

Your friend in Jesus,

**Fr. Pascual Abaya IV**

**Rector**



**BE VIGILANT  
AT ALL TIMES  
AND PRAY THAT YOU  
HAVE THE STRENGTH...  
TO STAND BEFORE  
THE SON OF MAN.**

**Luke 21:36**

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**CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK**

Sunday, December 1  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
 Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm  
 Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, December 2  
 Monday of the First Week of Advent  
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, December 3  
 Memorial of St. Francis Xavier  
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, December 4  
 Wednesday of the First Week of Advent  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am  
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, December 5  
 Thursday of the First Week of Advent  
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, December 6  
 Friday of the First Week of Advent  
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, December 7  
 Memorial of St. Ambrose  
 Mass & Adoration at 7:00am  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am  
 Mass at 12:00pm  
 Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, December 8  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Religious Retirement**  
 Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm  
 Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

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**SCRIPTURE**

A new year! Sometimes it is amazing how time flies. Once again, with the First Sunday of Advent, the Church begins a new liturgical year — Year C in the three-year Lectionary cycle of readings. In this year, the Gospel readings are primarily taken from Luke's account of the Gospel. The liturgical year is not in sync with the 2010 calendar year which begins January 1. This now is the beginning of our new year, a time of hope and fresh insight. What better way to begin than by inviting the Lord to teach and guide us!

Today's readings give us a focus not only for Advent, but also for the entire year. God desires justice and reminds us to be faithful to our covenant as his people. Paul reminds the Thessalonians of the love that bonds this community to Christ and tells them to continue the work of upholding the covenant. Jesus tells his disciples to be ready and vigilant at all times. Do not give up hope, stay faithful to the covenant, be ready, and love one another — these sound like good new year's resolutions!

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**SHARING FAITH**

Name one way you will focus yourself spiritually during Advent.

Where do you want God to enter your life this Advent? How will you prepare this place for the Messiah?

What is one Christmas custom you could delay during Advent so you can better focus on being ready and vigilant for the Lord's coming?

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**LIVING THE LITURGY**

Write a new year's letter to yourself during the weeks of Advent, outlining your hopes for living the Gospel during this coming year. Save the letter and open it at the beginning of Advent next year. Share your insights and reflections with family or friends now and later.

Create a roadmap or timeline laying out your past life journey as you have tried to be a faithful follower of the Messiah. Use drawings, symbols, or images. A small group or family could tell their history together or recount what they've done, discussed, or faced together as a group. Continue to trace this coming year on your own or together with your group.

Discuss with a group or your family how you might keep the Advent season holy without the cultural and societal demands of the Christmas season pressuring you to stop anticipating and start celebrating early.

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**REFLECTION**

Teach me your paths, / guide me in your truth (Psalm 25:4 - 5)

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**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.

Lord,

As we journey through this Advent season, give us the wisdom to be good stewards of this time of grace, a time to be more prayerful, to listen more intently to Your Word; a time to allow our faith to grow and mature. Show us how to give witness to your Good News more fervently among our families, friends and those with whom we worship.

Help us be more aware of those who are poor, lonely or suffering; and to serve them as if we were serving You. And fill our hearts with hope, so that we may make straight Your path with confidence and zeal, and prepare for the joy of Your coming! We pray this in Jesus' name.

Amen.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

November 18 - 24, 2024


**Offertory Collection**

Sunday	\$ 7,106.15
Weekday	\$ 857.00
Other Feasts, Solemnities + All Soul	\$ 350.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,009.50
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 10,322.65</b>

**Other Collection**

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 2,471.81
Diocesan Collection	\$ 152.88
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 945.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 1,450.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,342.34</b>

Visiting the Cathedral?  
 Forgot your envelopes? No envelopes?  
 Scan our QR Code to make a one-time donation  
 Mahalo for your support!



**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

Please join Dcn. Joe and Easter for Adult Faith Formation every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. Please see resources that 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.

**CATHEDRAL'S BOOK OF MEMORIES**

Submit stories about your memories of the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace. The book will be dedicated to Bishop Larry. All proceeds of sales of this book will go to the completion of the restoration of our Cathedral. Send stories of about 500 words to Easter Almuena at [Easter.Almuena@gmail.com](mailto:Easter.Almuena@gmail.com) no later than December 31st.

**'OHANA IN CHRIST ANNUAL APPEAL**

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](http://CatholicHawaii.org). Or scan the **QR code on the left** 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**

God being perfect becomes perfect man and brings to perfection the newest of all new things (cf. Eccles 1:10), the only thing under the sun, through which the boundless might of God is manifested. For what greater thing is there that that God should become man?

**St. John of Damascus**, (1599-1621), Priest, Doctor of the Church, Feast Day December 4<sup>th</sup>