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JANUARY 12, 2025 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11;
Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30
Acts 10:34-38 or Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Next week's Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10
1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Alleluia: 2 Thessalonians 2:14; John 2:1-11

"ENTRUSTED WITH A MISSION "

Beloved Pilgrims of Hope,

Greetings of peace, love, joy, and hope!

As we enter Ordinary Time in our Liturgical Celebration, marked by the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we find ourselves filled with both anticipation and uncertainty about the year ahead. Despite the tragedies that have marked the beginning of this New Year, our hearts still long for the joy and togetherness of our celebrations. As we transition from the festive seasons of Advent and Christmas, we continue our journey of faith, deepening our understanding of the mystery of Christ. Life moves forward, and with unwavering faith in the Christ-Child, we embrace this journey with abundant hope and trust in God's boundless goodness.

Why do we hold onto such hope and trust in God's goodness? It is because of Christ who entered our world and through whom we are blessed to be adopted as sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father. Just as Christ lived under the Father's love, we, too, are enveloped in that divine love. At Christ's baptism, the voice of the Father proclaimed, "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Jesus' baptism is a profound reminder of how we are called to embrace our own paths in life. He came to dwell among us, demonstrating faithfulness to the Father amidst all struggles and pains. Our baptism, too, bestows upon us the precious gift of life, not only as citizens of this world but as citizens of God's Kingdom. As beloved children of a loving, caring, and merciful Father, we are continually graced with His goodness. We have become children of God.

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord calls us to continue our mission, just as Christ did. His baptism marked the beginning of His public ministry. Similarly, we are called to live faithfully as sons and daughters of the Father in all our ways. We are sent forth to bear witness to His Divine Love and to share it with everyone around us.

Our world yearns for transformation, to become the paradise God intended from the beginning—a place of peace, love, and joy. A home where everyone can experience the comfort of God's graciousness. This vision can only be realized when we live our lives as true children of God and when we go forth to share Christ's message with the world.

As we journey into this Ordinary Time, and as Pilgrims of Hope, let us do so with a renewed spirit, embracing the Jubilee of Hope. Let us unravel the mystery of Christ in our daily endeavors, bringing His light and love to all we encounter.

Your fellow pilgrim in hope,

Fr. Pascual Abaya IV



**HEAVEN
WAS OPENED AND
THE HOLY SPIRIT
DESCENDED UPON HIM
IN BODILY FORM
LIKE A DOVE.**

Luke 3:21-22

CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 12, 2025
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm
Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, January 13, 2025
Monday of the 1st Week in Ordinary Time
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, January 14, 2025
Tuesday of the 1st Week in Ordinary Time
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, January 15, 2025
Wednesday of the 1st Week in Ordinary Time
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, January 16, 2025
Thursday of the 1st Week in Ordinary Time
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, January 17, 2025
Memorial of St. Anthony
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, January 18, 2025
Saturday of the 1st 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, January 19, 2025
2nd 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

Isaiah's words this Sunday are so familiar to us. We hear them during the Advent season when we hear about John the Baptist, herald of the Messiah. We hear echoes of them in our Lenten season as we again hear the Baptist's cry to repent and change our sinful ways. The use of this reading for the feast of the Baptism of the Lord is stirring.

When believers approach the waters of Baptism, either themselves or carried in the arms of their parents, they or their parents for them are invited to repent and denounce sin. They are also asked to profess their faith in God — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe the Holy Spirit will give us what we need to be heralds of the Good News and witnesses to the kingdom of God. This is our faith. This is our call. Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, we, like John the Baptist, announce the coming of our Savior!

SHARING FAITH

Jesus' experience at his baptism was profound. The Father offers us the same intense experience of responding to his call. How do you experience being the Father's beloved son or daughter?

Pray Psalm 104. What does it tell you of our need to depend on God for life?

What impact on you and your parish community does it have to witness someone being baptized?

LIVING THE LITURGY

Discuss what renouncing sin and professing faith means. Think about the questions used when the sacrament of Baptism is celebrated. How do you continue to renounce sin and profess your faith in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Find someone in your church who is planning a Baptism of a new baby or someone who is in your parish catechumenate process and preparing for Baptism at Easter Vigil. Write the family or person a card telling them that you will be praying for them as they prepare for the celebration of Baptism. Place their name in a prominent place, perhaps the kitchen table or refrigerator, so you remember to pray for them.

Make a list of all the places you will go and people you will see this week. Think about and then decide how you can be a herald of Good News to those you meet. What will you proclaim through your actions and words?

REFLECTION

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire (Luke 3:16)



ICSC STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Loving and merciful God,
You are the Lord of
new beginnings.
You sent us Your Son so that we
may begin anew and enjoy new
life in Your Spirit.

We ask you to bless this new
year,
to guide and direct our plans,
and to show us how to find the
resources necessary
to carry out these plans.

Give us the wisdom to take
advantage of opportunities
we may have to help and
serve others,
to bring peace to the hearts of
those who are troubled,
and hope to those who suffer.

Help us approach this new year
as good stewards of your
abundant gifts,
with an awareness of your
daily presence,
and the obedient spirit we need
to
be your faithful servants.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

December 30, 2024 - January 5, 2025

Offertory Collection

Sunday	\$ 8,438.94
Weekday + Coffers	\$ 4,523.08
Other Feasts, Solemnities, Holy Day	\$ 1,363.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,784.69
Total Offertory	\$ 18,109.71

Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 103.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 630.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 3,204.37
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 365.00
Total	\$ 22,412.08

MARCH FOR LIFE

Please join our Respect Life office as we are called to Love One Another. Our prayers and presence in the public square can change policies to promote a Culture of Life! Join Bishop Larry on Friday, January 24, 2025 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Grounds of the Hawaii State Capitol as we are called again to March for Life. For more information, please call the Repsect Life Office, Valerie and Dcn. Gary Streff at 808-673-3074 or our Rachel's Vineyard Site Leader, Lisa Shorba at lisashorba@gmail.com Aloha Kekahi i Kekahi - Love One Another!

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Mahalo for your support!



'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**. **We are at 62% of \$36,671.** 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 on the left** with your phone. For more information on how you can give or please call the office at 808-536-7036. Thank you for your generosity!

SAINT FOR THE WEEK

I saw the snares that the enemy spreads out over the world and I said graning, "What can get through from souch snares? Then I heard a voice saying to me, "Humility."

St. Anthony of Egypt, (251 - 356), Desert Father, Feast Day January 17th