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## FEBRUARY 16, 2025 6<sup>TH</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

MONDAY through FRIDAY

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Closed on holidays

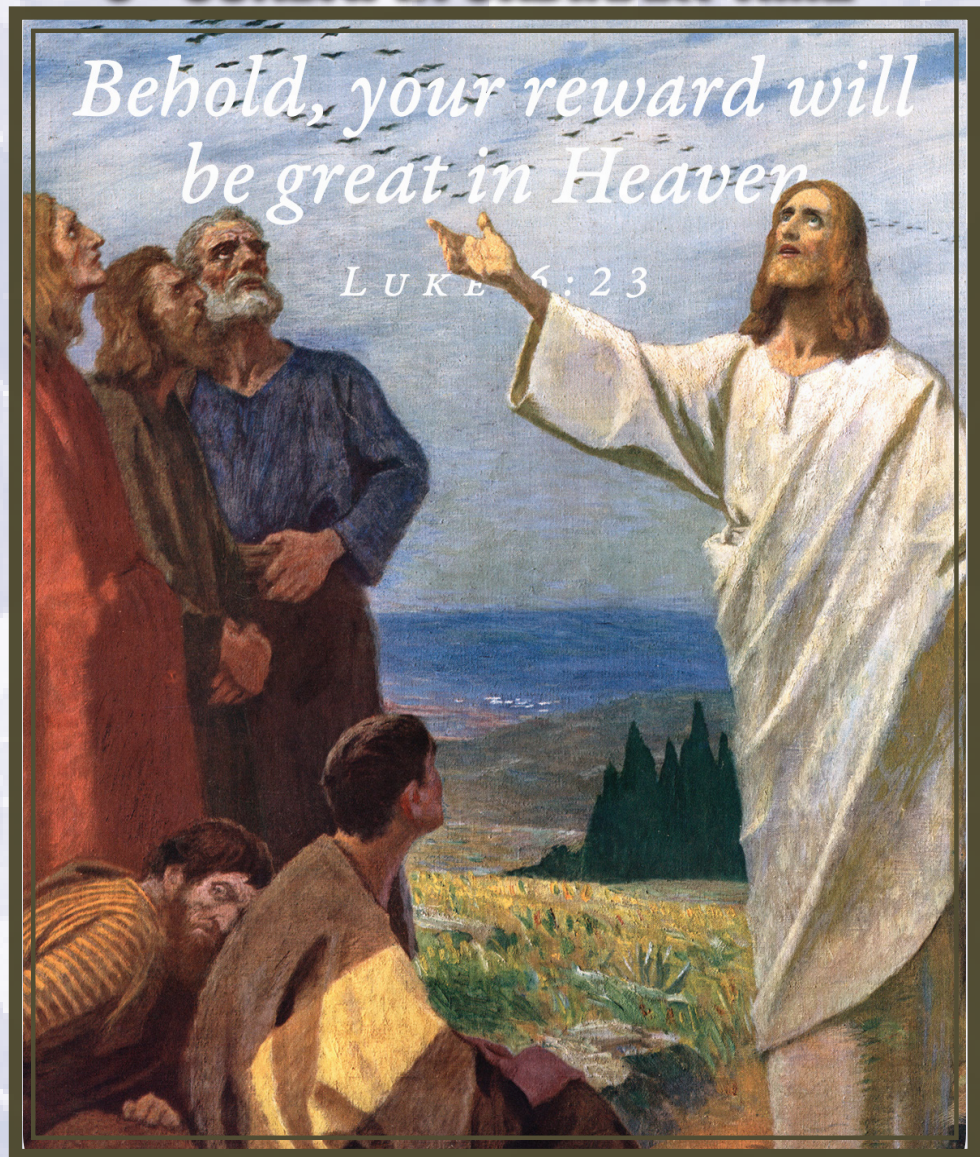
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**This week's Readings:** Jeremiah 17:5-8; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6  
1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Alleluia: Luke 6:23ab; Luke 6:17, 20-26

**Next week's Readings:** 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Psalm 1:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13  
1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Alleluia: John 13:34; Luke 6:27-38

**"BEING HOPEFUL ALWAYS IN THE LORD"**

Beloved Pilgrims of Hope,

Greetings of peace, love, joy, and hope!

As we gather for this weekend's liturgy, our response to the Psalm beautifully encapsulates the Lord's message for us to reflect upon. The Prophet Jeremiah reminds us that those who place their trust and hope in the Lord are truly blessed. In our Gospel reading, Jesus speaks to His listeners about who is blessed and who is not. At first glance, His teachings may seem challenging to comprehend. We might mistakenly think that those who are rich, satisfied, joyful, and well-off are condemned. However, we know that God's love embraces everyone without exception.

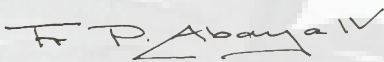
The core message is clear: those who are blessed are those who place their trust in the Lord rather than in the fleeting offerings of this world. Our responses and attitudes towards earthly and heavenly matters determine this blessing. The danger for someone who clings in hoping for worldly pursuits and attaches his or her life to it may feel fulfilled in this present life. Still, when all of these are gone, disappointments and frustrations take control, and eventually, hopelessness.

Each of us is faced with choices in life, and every choice carries its own rewards or consequences. The Gospel and the first reading present us with two distinct paths: one that is blessed and one that is accursed. These paths represent two very different perspectives on life. Many choose to follow the way of the Lord, while others prefer the way of the world. By listening to and living according to Christ's teachings, we come to understand that true riches and happiness come from Him.

This understanding inspires us to embrace the Gospel values: the value of poverty, so we may be rich in God's presence; the value of sacrifice, so we may learn to be generous; and the value of love, so we may share the blessings we have received from God, not only for our own good but for the good of others. Let us take a moment to reflect on where we place our trust. Is it in the hands of God or in the hands of the world?

May the Jubilee Year of Hope renew our hearts and strengthen our faith, guiding us to trust fully in the Lord and His everlasting love.

Your fellow pilgrim in hope,



**Fr. Pascual Abaya IV**



**BLESSED  
ARE YOU WHO  
ARE POOR, FOR  
THE KINGDOM OF  
GOD IS YOURS.**

*Luke 6:20*

## CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 16, 2025  
**6<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.

Monday, February 17, 2025 - **Presidents' Day**  
Monday of the 6<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
Mass at 12:00pm - **Offices closes**

Tuesday, February 18, 2025  
Tuesday of the 6<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, February 19, 2025  
Wednesday of the 6<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, February 20, 2025  
Thursday of the 6<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, February 21, 2025  
Friday of the 6<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, February 22, 2025  
Feast of the Chair of St. Peter  
Mass with Adoration & Benediction at 7:00am  
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am  
Mass at 12:00pm  
Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, February 23, 2025  
**7<sup>th</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

Contrasts are often a good way to learn. They cause us to pay close attention and see differences. Today's readings, particularly the Gospel reading, are filled with contrasting images. There is water or drought, barrenness or life, wickedness or justice, happiness or misery, and of blessings or woe.

The Beatitudes in the passage from Luke's account contrasts the poor and the rich, the hungry and the full, the weeping and the laughing, and those hated with those of whom all speak well. Jesus' teaching surprised his listeners, reversing what they and we have come to expect. We can imagine the joy if this is true, and we can see how this would indeed be Good News. But for it to be Good News for us, we must choose where to put our allegiance and trust. If we trust God, the blessings will be many, but they may not be the kind we have come to expect. Instead, like the prophets, including Jesus himself, we may find disbelief and ridicule. But if we plant ourselves near God, we will be rooted in his flowing water of grace and providence. We will bear much fruit.

## SHARING FAITH

Where can you trace the roots of your own faith and belief in God?

Where has God come to you in an unexpected way that caught you off guard and invited you to deepen your relationship with him?

Who today would find Jesus' words a proclamation of Good News?

## LIVING THE LITURGY

Over the past five weeks, the First Reading has primarily been from chapters 12 and 15 in First Corinthians. Reread the entirety of these chapters in order. What are the central points of Paul's message that you understand him to be preaching to the Christian community at Corinth? What do they mean to us?

Make a beatitude book with illustrations from magazines, sayings, words, or drawings for each of the beatitudes. Each beatitude could have one page. Explore what seems to be the meaning of each beatitude today. Do it individually or as a joint family or small group project.

The Scripture readings for this Sunday give us images about being rooted and nourished by God as well as being cut off from God (barren bush, leaves that never fade, running water). Name some other images we see around us that could illustrate these same choices (empty gas tank, flowing fountain, etc.).

## REFLECTION

He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream (Jeremiah 17:8)



## 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 God,  
You sent us Your Spirit  
to help us  
live the Gospel  
according to the gifts  
we have been given.

Show us how to be  
good stewards of  
your grace and  
passionate followers  
of Christ, Your Son.

Grant us the wisdom  
to recognize that  
through His gift of the Eucharist  
there is one bread,  
and we are one body.

Give us the strength  
to proclaim His Good News  
in word and deed.

And teach us to live,  
no longer for ourselves,  
but in Jesus Christ  
who lives and reigns with You  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God forever and ever.

AMEN



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

February 3 - 9, 2025

### Offertory Collection

Sunday	\$ 6,184.19
Weekday + Relics	\$ 1,459.10
Other Feasts, Solemnities, Holy Day	\$ 20.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,037.39
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 8,700.68</b>

### Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 2,256.09
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 1,330.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 499.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,805.77</b>

## SACRED HEARTS ACADEMY

Sacred Hearts Academy invite you to learn more about their extensive educational program and extra-curricular programs and ways of teaching focused on what helps girls advance and thrive at their Spring Open House which will be held in February 23, 2025. Also, they encourage you to request a meeting with the Admissions Office, attend an Academy event, or schedule Lancer for a Day visit for your daughter, to spend a day with them and see what it is like to be a Sacred Hearts girl! Questions? Email them at [admissions@sacredhearts.org](mailto:admissions@sacredhearts.org) or using their chat feature to be connected with an Academy representative. Thank you again for considering Sacred Hearts Academy for your 'ohana!

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Are you ready for Ordinary Time? Please join Dcn. Joe and Easter Almuena every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 9:00am. Resources are available at [Formed.org](http://Formed.org). On your browser, go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org). Sign up as a "Parishioner", choose "RCCHAWAII" and create an account. Please see Dcn. Joe & Easter for more information.

## '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 collected \$22,812.00 of \$36,671 and we are at 62% of our goal.** 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 or please call the office at 808-536-7036. Thank you for your generosity!

## SAINT FOR THE WEEK

Do not be depressed. Do not let your weakness make you impatient. Instead, let the serenity of your spirit shine through your face. Let the joy of your mind burst forth.

**St. Peter Damian, (1007 - 1072), Bishop, Feast Day February 21**