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**MARCH 2, 2025**  
**8<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.

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**EVERY TREE  
IS KNOWN BY  
ITS OWN FRUIT**

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**This week's Readings:** Sirach 27:4-7; Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16  
1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Alleluia: Philippians 2:15d, 16a; Luke 6:39-45

**Next week's Readings:** Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Psalm 91:1-2, 10-15  
Romans 10:8-13; Alleluia: Matthew 4:4b; Luke 4:1-13

**"TRANSFORMING HEARTS THROUGH LENT"**

Beloved Pilgrims of Hope,

Greetings of peace, love, joy, and hope!

We are about to enter the Season of Lent. With the reception of Ashes on Wednesday, we begin this Season of Grace. The Season reminds us of God's unconditional love through the celebration of His Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

Our Readings this Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time are very appropriate for hearing or reading and drawing the message of how we can faithfully practice the spirit of Lent. The call is to look deeply into our souls or our hearts so that whatever comes out in words or actions is true and authentic. There will always be a tendency for us to appear good outside, but interiorly, we realize our blemishes and deeds that are not pleasing to the Lord.

Being aware of who we are enables us to live a life of humility and calls us to mutual respect for others. In doing so, we create a place where we can find love and joy that will bring about peace and harmony. If we really are sincere in aspiring to live as such, then transformation or conversion starts from within.

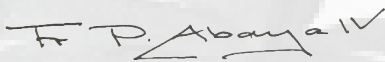
In this Jubilee Year of Hope, we can aspire to do better not outwardly but inwardly through a life of conversion and receiving God's mercy and forgiveness. His mercy and forgiveness will give us hope for change in our lives and the lives of others.

I encourage you all to take part in this Season of Lent. As much as we consider how important it is to receive the ashes this Wednesday, the more we focus on the spirit of conversion that it calls us to do. Through the power of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection, death has no control over every one of us. We become victorious through Christ.

The disciplines of Lent help us grow in this victory. Through Fasting, Prayer, and Almsgiving, we become fully aware of our dependence on God's grace and providence. Our sacrifices are worth offering to the Lord, especially to offer to God our sinfulness, seek His mercy, and be renewed in life. When we anchor ourselves on Jesus, we live a blessed life, and to live this way, we bear fruit that we not only benefit from but for the lives of others that we encounter.

Let us all journey together in the spirit of the Lord and be renewed in life and faith for the glory of God.

Your fellow pilgrim in hope,



**Fr. Pascual Abaya IV**



**REMOVE  
THE WOODEN BEAM  
FROM YOUR EYE FIRST;  
THEN YOU WILL SEE  
CLEARLY TO REMOVE  
THE SPLINTER IN YOUR  
BROTHER'S EYE.**

*Luke 6:42*

## CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 2, 2025

### 8<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.

Monday, March 3, 2025

Monday of the 8<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Tuesday of the 8<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

### Ash Wednesday

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am  
Masses at 6:30am, 12:00pm and 6:00pm  
Distribution of Ashes during Mass

Thursday, March 6, 2025

Thursday after Ash Wednesday  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, March 7, 2025

Friday after Ash Wednesday  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm  
Stations of the Cross at 10:00am & 5:00pm

Saturday, March 8, 2025

Saturday after Ash Wednesday  
Mass with Adoration & Benediction at 7:00am  
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am  
Mass at 12:00pm  
Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, March 9, 2025

### First Sunday of Lent

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm  
Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

## SCRIPTURE

Churchy people can often and easily be caught up in churchy things. What colors are we displaying for the season? What song is most appropriate at this time? What is the second reading and how does it connect to the first? But today we are reminded by Jesus that there are many things broader and perhaps more important than church or even religious identity. We are told not to be hypocritical, finding fault in others while overlooking our own. We are reminded to consider how one acts as an indication of that one's character.

Jesus' teaching and preaching was fundamental to his ministry. He was considered a sage and a prophet. His understanding of human beings moved the crowds. His insight into how we behave versus how we ought to behave encapsulated in pithy and memorable sayings was profound. And certainly, after his death and resurrection his teaching carried new meaning. In light of his undergoing the paschal mystery, he is the Son of God raised to new life. His words are more than homespun wisdom. They are light and life.

## SHARING FAITH

What images of God from the readings give you comfort? Which ones challenge you? Use them to pray this week.

Psalm 92 tells us it is good to give thanks to the Lord. What does it mean to thank in God?

When have you felt lost or forsaken? How has this helped you understand when another person feels lost or alone?

## LIVING THE LITURGY

Find pictures or make a collage of images that show the different ways in which God holds us (in loving arms, under his wings, in the palm of his hand). Discuss your images with others or use them for quiet reflection each day.

Paul tells the Corinthians that Jesus' followers should be known as servants or assistants of God. What does it mean to be a servant or assistant to God? What does it mean for your daily role and work?

Lent will be upon us. During that time, we remember Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, which led to his ultimate suffering, death, and Resurrection. Jesus relied upon and trusted God during his ordeal and death. He described God as a trusted Father who never abandoned him. How can the images in today's readings help you deepen your relationship to God?

## REFLECTION

Planted in the house of the Lord, they shall flourish in the courts of our God. (Psalm 92:14)



## ICSC STEWARDSHIP PRAYER (MARCH)

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

Merciful Lord,

As we prepare for our journey of renewal toward the great paschal feast of Easter, teach us to be good stewards of your mercy and forgiveness, so that we may extend these gifts to others.

Give us the strength to bear witness to you at all times, even in times of stress and adversity.

And fill our hearts with love that we may be faithful to the Gospel Jesus proclaimed and ready to celebrate his resurrection.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

February 17 - 23, 2025

### Offertory Collection

Sunday	\$ 6,507.96
Weekday	\$ 858.41
Other Feasts, Solemnities, Holy Day	\$ 23.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,749.33
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 9,138.70</b>

### Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 25.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 289.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 1,148.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 229.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,829.70</b>

## PROPHETIC CONFERENCE

Join us for an inspirational and uplifting day of experiencing God in His Word as you are transformed by getting to know God and how to hear from Him at all times so your life becomes a place of divine answers and wise solutions to every challenge that comes against you. It is time for you to prophesy and bring new life! Happening on Saturday, March 15th at 9:00 a.m. at the Auditorium, Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus. Located at 712 N School St For more information, visit [www.newlife4u.live](http://www.newlife4u.live).

## 2025 LENTEN REGULATIONS

In the dioceses in the United States, Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound to fast on both Ash Wednesday (March 5, 2025) and Good Friday (April 18, 2025).

To fast means to consume one full meal a day at most, although taking of other, smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes is permitted. Food and drink between meals (excepting water and medicine) is not permitted on days of fasting.

For more information of the Diocese of Honolulu 2025 Lenten Regulations, please visit our website at [www.honolulucathedral.org](http://www.honolulucathedral.org)

## '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

If we wish to serve God and love our neighbor well, we must manifest our joy in the service we render to Him and them. Let us open wide our hearts. It is the joy which invites us. Press forward and fear nothing.

**St. Katherine Drexel, (1858 - 1955), Patron Saint of Racial Justice, Feast Day March 3**