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## APRIL 6, 2025 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### 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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**This week's Readings:** Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6  
Philippians 3:8-14; Alleluia: Joel 2:12-13; John 8:1-11

**Next week's Readings:** Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24  
Philippians 2:6-11; Philippians 2:8-9; Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

**"TRANSFORMATIVE LOVE OF THE LORD"**

Beloved Pilgrims of Hope,

Greetings of peace, love, joy, and hope!

The woman caught in adultery is one great story that we can learn from, especially in the Season of Lent. Scribes and Pharisees were all ready to stone this woman. Before doing so, they brought her to Jesus to test and find a way to trap the Lord. If they succeed, not only the woman would be stoned but him as well. If Jesus declares the woman innocent, he will be contradicting the law of Moses and thus liable to judgment and punishment. If he abides by the law of Moses to stone her to death, then Jesus would be contradicting His teaching about forgiveness and mercy. However, their ill intent failed because Jesus knew all along. Rather, he was the one who put the Scribes and Pharisees in a dilemma when he made a thought-provoking statement, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw the stone at her."

Oftentimes, or maybe many times, we become like the Scribes and Pharisees who easily find the faults of others. We look down on others, for we think of ourselves as self-righteous people. Just try to imagine yourself holding your stone at that moment. With the words of Jesus, will that stone be thrown towards the woman or hold that stone instead for you to remind yourself of your faults? Or, one more thing, just lay the stone where you would be standing and leave the place and not be bothered at all?

As we are about to enter the holy days of the year, Holy Week, let us embrace Jesus' compassion and mercy and realize the things that we need to change in our lives. Jesus always gives us an opportunity to transform our lives to live in grace. To be loving towards others rather than being hateful. To be forgiving rather than condemning. To be merciful rather than hardhearted. Jesus gives us all the time and moment to live with Him and in Him. Let us continue this path of the Lord to live with Him forever. Let us heed His call, and as the Psalmist would say, "if today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." (Psalm 95)

May I also take this moment to thank everyone for your words of comfort and prayers for our loss, our beloved mother, Barbara. Many of you have met her and shared time with her not only during Mass but also through fellowship outside of church events. My siblings and I are feeling the pain of the loss of a precious gift God has given us, a mother until the end of eternity. But with faith and hope, she will be at peace with our Loving Creator and may enjoy the eternal banquet of the Lord. Again, on behalf of my family, I am very grateful for everything. May God's peace be upon us all.

Your fellow pilgrim in hope,

*Fr. P. Abaya IV*

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**“NEITHER DO I  
CONDEMN YOU.  
GO, AND FROM  
NOW ON DO NOT  
SIN ANY MORE.”**

*John 8:11*



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## CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 6, 2025

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00am/12:00pm/6:00pm

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, April 7, 2025

Monday of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Tuesday of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Wednesday of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Thursday of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, April 11, 2025

Friday of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Stations of the Cross at 10:00am & 5:30pm

Saturday, April 12, 2025

Saturday of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

Mass with Adoration & Benediction at 7:00am

Lenten Penance Service at 10:00am

Mass at 12:00pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, April 13, 2025

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

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

Imagine what it would be like to be with Jesus in the reading from the Gospel according to John. Are you one of the people coming to be taught by Jesus, or like the scribe or Pharisee bringing forth the woman who has sinned, or like the older people leaving the scene first? Could you be the woman herself? Many different people in this passage are given the same opportunity: choose conversion and in doing so be reconciled to God.

New paths open before us all the time, perhaps not as dramatically as God opening a way in the sea or a path in mighty waters as we hear in the reading from Isaiah. Nevertheless, God leads us every moment of our lives, making a way for his people to follow him. The great things God has done not only lead the returning exiles to sing of his great deeds in Psalm 126 but also invite us into deeper reflection and gratitude.

It is not too late. Even with one week left in our Lenten journey, now is a new moment, an invitation down a new path. The slate is wiped clean; our lives are refreshed. Indeed, God's reconciling love is at hand.

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## SHARING FAITH

Can you invite God's help to free your life of mistakes and forgive yourself?

Jesus goes beyond the law to offer mercy. In imitating Jesus, where might we be asked to go beyond the law's recommendation?

Paul lived purposely for Christ and was willing to let go of many things. What do you have left to let go of before Easter?

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## LIVING THE LITURGY

Create a visual image (drawing or collage) of the paths you have chosen so far in your life. Where have you found God on those paths? If you were to imagine or draw one of the next paths you might take (for example, going away to school, beginning a new job, getting married) where would you hope to find God on that path?

Pope John Paul II spoke about the Church becoming God's reconciling agent in the world, making divine mercy known by how its members offer forgiveness and reconciliation (Post Synodal Apostolic Exhortation of John Paul II, "Reconciliation and Penance," 10 –11). Discuss in a group what it means to be an agent of reconciliation in your family, parish, and neighborhood.

With a small group or your family, select a place where you can offer the hope of something new or a new path (neighborhood garden, shelter, prison). Find a way to assist in a concrete way

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## REFLECTION

Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore" (John 8:11)

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## ICSC STEWARDSHIP PRAYER (APRIL)

Christ Our Savior,

As our Lenten journey brings us closer to Easter, we see with a deeper awareness our world's desperate need to experience the healing power of your justice and peace.

Make us sacraments of your mercy and instruments of your compassion.

Show us how to be better stewards of your people; through our families, our brothers and sisters with whom we share your Eucharist, our neighbors, and the stranger.

Show us how to carry the cross so that by dying to ourselves we may give new life to others.

And strengthen our faith, so that we may proclaim your Easter triumph more confidently, every day, in word and deed.

Amen.



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

March 24 - 30, 2025

### Offertory Collection

Sunday	\$ 5,840.18
Weekday	\$ 1,116.41
Other Feasts, Solemnities, Holy Day	\$ 250.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,480.22
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 8,686.81</b>

### Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 10.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 2,610.09
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 843.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 182.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,342.90</b>

## WHV PENANCE SERVICES

### Following Churches with Lenten Penance Services:

**St. Stephen**, Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM

**Cathedral Basilica**, Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM

**Holy Family**, Every Thursday

**Korean Catholic Community**, Every day and or by appointment

## JUBILEE SPIRITUAL CONFERENCE

West Honolulu Vicariate Presents

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Spiritual Conferences at Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa  
(with Holy Hour and Confession)

April 16, 2025, at 6:00 PM

Speaker: Fr. Lazarus Anondee

Theme: RENEWING OUR FAITH COMMITMENT IN THE  
JUBILEE OF HOPE

June 18, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

Speaker: Adondee Arellano, MS

Theme: JOURNEY TO RECONCILIATION

## '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 \$23,300.00 of \$36,671 and we are at 64% 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 a man wants to be always in God's company, he must pray regularly and read regularly. When we pray, we talk to God; when we read, God talks to us.

**St. Isidore of Seville** (560 - 636), Bishop of Seville, Feast Day April 4