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#### **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**

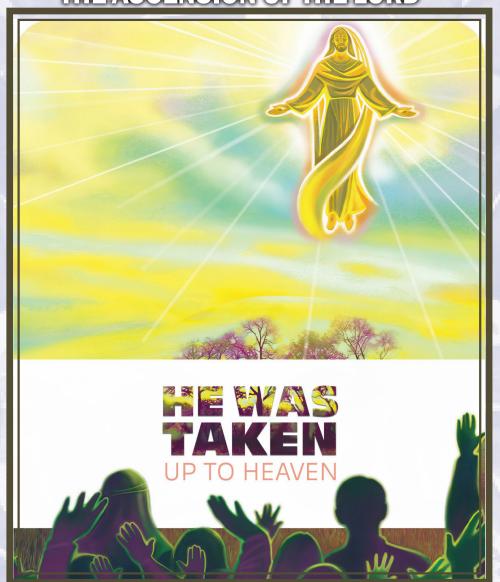
First Friday Adoration/Benediction at 10:00 a.m. First Saturday Adoration after 7:00 a.m. Mass (unless noted in bulletin)

#### **PARISH OFFICE**

MONDAY through FRIDAY 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed on holidays

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# JUNE 1, 2025 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



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**This week's Readings:** Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Ephesians 1:17-23 or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Luke 24:46-53

Next week's Readings: Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17; John 20:19-23 or 14:15-16, 23b-26

## "ASCENDING IN CHRIST, LIVING IN HOPE"

Beloved Pilgrims of Hope,

Greetings of peace, love, joy, and hope!

On this sacred celebration of Ascension Sunday, our liturgical readings invite us into the profound mystery of Jesus' entry into the glory of the Father. The Gospel account of the Ascension may leave us in awe, as we try to grasp its depth and significance. Luke, the author of both the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, does not present us with a mere historical report but offers a catechetical message, a teaching filled with faith that calls us to reflection and renewal.

The Ascension of the Lord is not simply about His departure but about His fulfillment of the promise: "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). It is a movement toward communion with the Father, a journey of love, of hope, and of transformation. And even as Christ ascends, He does not leave us orphaned; His presence remains among us through the Holy Spirit, who enlightens, strengthens, and guides us. In the Holy Spirit, we continue to encounter the living Christ, in His Church, in the sacraments, in one another, and in the depths of our hearts.

As we approach the conclusion of the Easter season, the Ascension reminds us that every mystery we have celebrated leads us back to the Father, just as the Son has returned to His glory. This journey is not only Christ's; it is ours as well. We are invited to walk the path of discipleship, to embrace the

mission entrusted to us, and to live in the hope of eternal union with our Creator.

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, let us deepen our awareness of the great promise we have in Christ. Hope is not merely wishful thinking; it is the certainty that God is at work in our lives, leading us toward His Kingdom. The Ascension challenges us to lift our eyes to heaven, not as those who stare idly, but as those who are called to proclaim, to serve, and to love. Christ's mission did not end when He ascended; it continues through us, His Church, His body on earth.

May this day renew in us the joy of discipleship. May our prayers reflect our desire to remain faithful to our calling, to walk with confidence, and to share the love and mercy of Jesus with all.

In the spirit of this Jubilee, may we embrace the hope that transforms lives and leads us ever closer to the Father. Christ is among us; He is within us. Let us go forth in His love and bring His

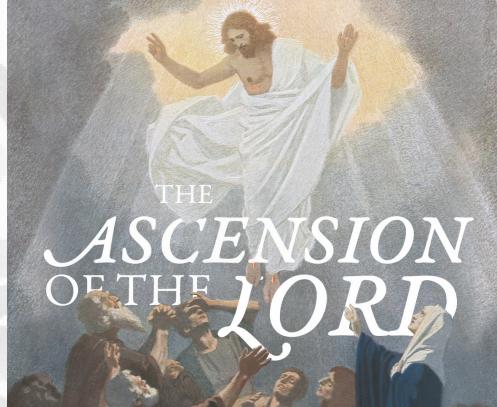
presence to the world.

Your fellow pilgrim in hope,

F. Abaya IV

Fr. Pascual Abaya IV





# **CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK**

Sunday, June 1, 2025
Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection, Communication Campaign
Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm
Mass at the School, 1728 Nuuanu Ave.

Monday, June 2, 2025 Monday of the 7<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm 1155 Fort Street

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

Memorial fo St. Charles Lwanga & Companions

Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm 1155 Fort Street

Wednesday, June 4, 2025
Wednesday of the 7th Week of Easter
Sacrament of Reconciliation by Appointment only.
Please call the office for an appointment
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm 1155 Fort Street

Thursday, June 5, 2025

Memorial of St. Boniface

Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm 1155 Fort Street

Friday, June 6, 2025 Friday of the 7<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm 1155 Fort Street

Saturday, June 7, 2025
Saturday of the 7<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter
Sacrament of Reconciliation at the former
Cathedral Catholic Academy,
1728 Nuuanu Avenue at 4:00pm
Vigil Mass at 5:00pm at the School

Sunday, June 8, 2025
Pentecost Sunday
Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm
Mass at the School, 1728 Nuuanu Ave.

#### **SCRIPTURE**

How many times as a parent have you given instructions to your children as you are going out the door, or made a list for them to follow while you are away at work or on a trip?

Today's Gospel reading is the end of Luke's account of the Gospel. What do we hear in these last verses? We hear that Christ would suffer and rise from the dead. We hear repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all nations. We hear the disciples are witnesses and the promise of the Father will be sent to them, but they are to stay put until they are clothed with power from on high.

Jesus has left their midst; his physical presence is gone. But he trusted his disciples to continue. He has instructed them to spread the Good News to all. In the beginning of the Gospel according to Luke, many are drawn by the Good News of the Messiah's birth as a sign of the presence of God. Now the disciples are called to be instruments of spreading the kingdom of God to the ends of the earth, to once again announce the presence of God.

# **SHARING FAITH**

What is one time you were aware of being a witness for Christ?

Jesus blessed the disciples before he left them. What is Jesus' blessing to you?

Where are you called to be a witness?

# LIVING THE LITURGY

Make a list of instructions for a disciple. Tailor your list for children of elementary age, young people of high school or college age, adults, or a family. Tell a group or a friend why you decided on the items on your list.

Do something outdoors that invites you to look with new eyes at the world God has given you. Take a hike or a walk in a forest or desert. Visit a botanical garden. Tour a local farm. Go see a river, lake, or ocean and explore the shores around it. The list is endless. God has given us many good things. After the event, tell someone what you noticed and for what you are grateful.

The Gospel reading ends with the disciples going to the temple to praise God. Where can you praise God? Is it in church, a quiet place, or a shrine? Between now and Pentecost, make time to find a good place for you to praise God.

# REFLECTION

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:5)



# **ICSC STEWARDSHIP** PRAYER (MAY)

Mission statement: The mission of the **International Catholic Stewardship** Council is to foster an environment in which stewardship is Repairs & Maintenance understood. Throughout the Diocesan Collection Catholic Church.

Christ Our Lord, risen Lord, light of the world, to you be all praise and glory!

Shine your light on us this Easter season so that we may reflect brilliantly the glory of your resurrection.

Make us a blessing for those who suffer. live in fear or who are overwhelmed by life.

And let the Spirit fill our hearts with your loving presence so that we may become good stewards of your Gospel out of love for you who, for our sakes, lived, died and rose from the dead: you who live and reign with your Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

May 19 - 25, 2025

| Offer tory Coffeetion               |                |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Sunday + Easter                     | \$<br>2,737.00 |
| Weekday                             | \$<br>553.05   |
| Other Feasts, Solemnities, Holy Day | \$<br>50.00    |
| Online Giving                       | \$<br>2,308.48 |
| <b>Total Offertory</b>              | \$<br>5,648.53 |
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#### Other Collection

| Total                                 | \$ | 6,078.53 |
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| Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)      | \$ | 000.00   |
| Special Collection (Intentions, etc.) | \$ | 100.00   |
| Diocesan Collection                   | \$ | 225.00   |
| Repairs & Maintenance                 | Ф  | 103.00   |

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



### **JUBILEE SPIRITUAL CONFERENCE**

West Honolulu Vicariate Presents **JUBILEE YEAR 2025** Spiritual Conferences at Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa (with Holy Hour and Confession) June 18, 2025, at 6:00 PM Speaker: Fr. 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 \$34.655.00 of \$36.671 and we are at 95% 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.** 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

Let us stand fast in what is right and prepare our souls for trial. Let us wait upon God's strengthening aid and say to him: O Lord, you have been our refuge in all generations.

St. Boniface of Mainz, (675 - 754), Bishop, Martyr, Feast Day June 5