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## JANUARY 25, 2026

## 3RD 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: 8:00 a.m.,

10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

& 5:00 p.m.

(unless noted in the bulletin)

### RECONCILIATION

Wednesday by appointment

Saturday at 4:00 p.m. located at

1159 Fort Street Mall

(unless noted in the bulletin)

### Devotions

First Friday

Adoration/Benediction

at 10:00 a.m.

First Saturday

Adoration after 7:00 a.m. Mass

(unless noted in the bulletin)

### PARISH OFFICE

MONDAY through FRIDAY

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

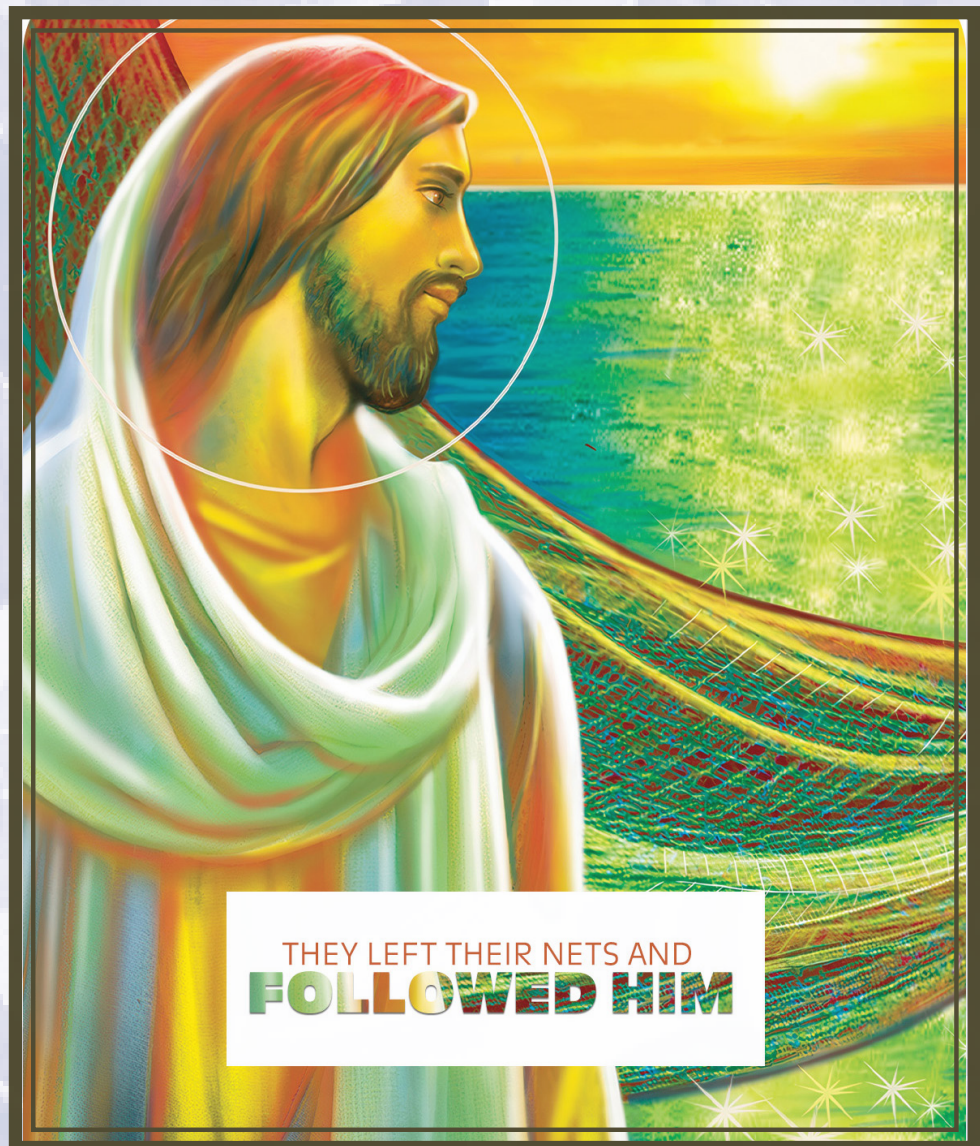
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**This week's Readings:** Isaiah 8:23-9:3; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14;  
1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Alleuia - Matthew 4:23; Matthew 4:12-13 or 4:12-17

**Next week's Readings:** Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; Psalm 146:6-7,8-9, 9-10;  
1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Alleuia - Matthew 5:12a; Matthew 5:1-12a

**"EMPOWERED TO SHINE"**

Beloved Disciples of Jesus,

Greetings of peace, love, joy, and hope!

Almost a month ago, our streets, homes, churches, and nearly every place we went were bright with radiant lights. Some even danced to familiar Christmas melodies. Whenever we paused to take in those shimmering lights and joyful tunes, something within us lifted. For a moment, our hearts remembered hope.

Now the season has passed, and the brightness of those days has faded. Life has returned to its usual rhythm, home, work, school, and parish life. Yet even as the outward lights dim, I pray that something within us has changed. We have seen the true Light, the One who does not fade with the season: Jesus Christ, the Light who shines not on our streets but in our souls.

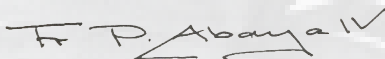
When we look honestly at our world today, we cannot deny the shadows that surround us. We see violence claiming the lives of the innocent. We see families strained, communities divided, and the dignity of life, born and unborn, often disregarded. We witness addiction, corruption, and the slow erosion of truth in a culture that sometimes prefers convenience over conviction. We feel the weight of conflict among nations and the tension within our own society. These realities can easily discourage us and dim our hope.

Yet into this very darkness, Christ continues to shine. The same Jesus proclaimed by the prophet, "the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light", is the One who walks with us today. His light does not ignore the darkness, it exposes it, transforms it, and calls us to be part of His work of renewal. Like the first disciples, we are not spectators but participants. Christ empowers us to brighten the world around us, not by our own strength, but by the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Each time we gather for the Eucharist, we receive not only the Body of Christ but also the mission of Christ. His Word speaks into our minds and hearts, helping us discern what must be embraced and what must be rejected. His presence strengthens us to live with integrity, compassion, and courage. His Spirit sends us forth to be instruments of peace, truth, and healing in a world that desperately needs all three.

May we allow the light of Christ to shine through us, in our families, in our workplaces, in our communities, and in our country. And may our witnessing help others rediscover the hope that no darkness can overcome.

Your Friend in the Jesus,



**Fr. Pascual Abaya IV**



# REPENT

## FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND

### MATTHEW 4:17

## CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, Jan. 25, 2026  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Latin, Black/Indian Mission**  
Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm  
**located at the Kamiano Center, 1159 Fort Street**

Monday, Jan. 26, 2026  
Memorial of Ss. Timothy & Titus  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2026  
Tuesday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2026  
Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas  
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, Jan. 29, 2026  
Thursday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, Jan. 30, 2026  
Friday of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, Jan. 31, 2026  
Memorial of St. John Bosco  
Masses at 7:00am & 12:00pm  
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 4:00pm  
**Vigil Mass at 5:00pm**

Sunday, Feb. 1, 2026  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm  
**located at the Kamiano Center, 1159 Fort Street**

## SCRIPTURE

Today we hear about Jesus' ministry and what he does after many weeks of hearing about who he is: Emmanuel, an obedient servant, beloved Son, Lamb of God. The readings are filled with images of light and darkness. Matthew quotes Isaiah, saying that great light will conquer the darkness, and the Church links this Gospel with the closely aligned Isaiah passage. Jesus brings light and dispels darkness in what he does and how he acts.

We hear about the lands of Zebulun and Naphtali. This northern territory was considered a backward and troubled region so far from Jerusalem, the center of worship, it wasn't worth counting. Jesus' ministry began in a land that was literally and figuratively full of darkness and gloom. There he taught, proclaimed the kingdom and cured every disease. Jesus begins his mission by calling two sets of brothers. All four immediately left their boat and came after him. A disciple's response to God's call is to obediently follow Christ, who is the Lord of light and salvation.

## SHARING FAITH

Where do you see darkness in the world? What is needed for God's light to shine?

What makes you hesitate when you experience or feel God calling you, especially to a new path or direction?

Which of Jesus' teachings would be hardest for you to immediately follow? What prayer can you offer for God's help?

## LIVING THE LITURGY

Listen to a recording of the song "I Say 'Yes,' My Lord"/"Digo 'sí,' Señor" (Peña). Your parish may have a recording, or you can find it sung on an Internet source. How do the words relate to today's readings? Be attentive to songs chosen for Sunday liturgies. How do they enhance the liturgy's readings or prayers?

Use a map of the world to mark places that may be in darkness because of oppression, war, hunger, or lack of resources. During the week, perhaps at prayers before meals, pray for those places and peoples by name. You might even light a candle during meals in remembrance.

Kings of the Israelites' time were supposed to care for the poor, widows, orphans, and anyone in need. Jesus continued this image of how a king should act. How do our leaders care or not care for those in need today?

## REFLECTION

[Jesus] said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19).



## ICSC STEWARDSHIP PRAYER (JAN.)

Good and gracious God,  
a new year of grace is upon us,  
giving us impressions of  
crisp beginnings  
new goals, a fresh sense of hope.

Though we cling to our own  
expectations for the year ahead,  
we know you alone  
are the sovereign of our future,  
Lord of our lives, and the source  
of whatever good we may do.

We thank you, O Lord,  
for the gift of the days and weeks  
you have entrusted to us.  
Teach us to be good stewards  
of our time ahead,  
that we go about our days  
keeping you  
at the center of our lives.

In the midst of our daily  
pursuits and activities,  
focus our eyes on the needs of  
others; help us respond  
with compassion  
to the poor;  
and open our hearts  
to a suffering world.

We ask for a year of peace,  
a year that brings an end  
to hatred and strife,  
and a year where we find  
a deeper joy  
that can only be found in you.

We ask this through  
Christ your Son  
who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, forever and ever.

Amen.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

January 12 - 18, 2025

### Offertory Collection

Sunday	\$ 8,044.00
Weekday + Christmas	\$ 893.75
Other Feasts, Solemnities, Holy Day	\$ 45.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,617.21
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 10,599.96</b>

### Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 411.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 75.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 938.16
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 239.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,272.12</b>

## SECOND COLLECTION

This Sunday our special collection supports the Church in Latin America. For many living in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all make it difficult for people to practice the faith. Your donations fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs, and seminarian formation, so that people can grow closer to Christ. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection to share your faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Also the Black and Indian Mission Collection exists to help local African American and Native American Diocesan Communities throughout the United States spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground. Please be generous for this collection! Thank you for your support!

## ALPHA

Alpha begins on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM with a discussion on "What is Happiness? Is this it?". Come to listen and discuss over a free dinner. We will be meeting on the 2nd Floor of the Kamiano Center (1159 Fort Street Mall). If you have any questions, please contact Ryan at [rfielding@rcchawaii.org](mailto:rfielding@rcchawaii.org).

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) is far more than a fundraising effort - it is an opportunity for each of us to respond with gratitude for the blessings God has entrusted to us and to use those blessings to serve others. Funds raised through the CMAA support essential ministries and outreach programs for our Church, including Religious Education, Youth Ministry, the formation of Deacons and Seminarians, hospital and prison ministries, and services for the homeless. **Our goal for the 2026 CMAA is \$45,437.00.** Every gift, large or small, strengthens the mission of the Church. We hope you'll prayerfully consider your gift and support our mission to live out Christ's to extend his love and mercy across the islands. You can make your gift today at: [Appeal.CatholicHawaii.org/support](https://Appeal.CatholicHawaii.org/support). Thank you for your faith, your support, and for making a difference in the life and mission of our Catholic Church.

## SAINT FOR THE WEEK

"Without confidence and love, there can be no true education. If you want to be loved...you must love yourselves, and make your children feel that you love them."

St. John Bosco (1815 - 1888), Bishop & Doctor, Feast Day January