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## FEBRUARY 15, 2026 6TH 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.

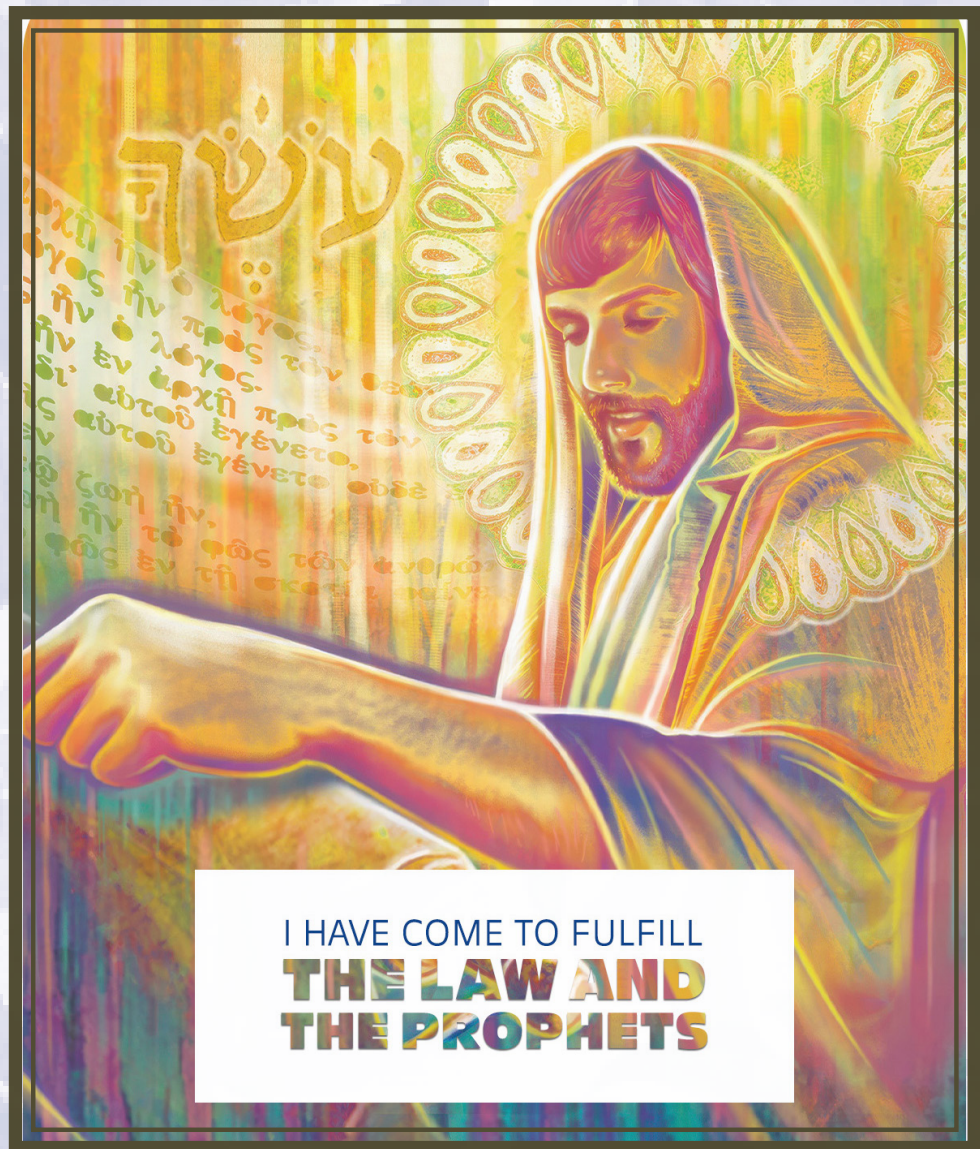
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**This week's Readings:** Sirach 15:15-20; Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34;  
1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Alleuia - Matthew 11:25; Matthew 5:17-37

**Next week's Readings - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent:** Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17;  
Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Alleuia - Matthew 4:4b; Matthew 4:1-11

**"LIVING FAITHFULLY: LAW, FREEDOM, AND THE COMMON GOOD"**

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, joy, and hope!

This weekend's liturgical Readings gently remind us that our lives find their deepest meaning when lived for God. At the heart of these Readings is an invitation to follow the Lord's command not as burdens but as gifts. When we strive to live according to God's ways, we open ourselves to His blessings and share more fully in His goodness. In this way, obedience to God becomes a path to true freedom and joy.

We recognize that many in our world struggle to keep God at the center of their lives. It is easy to be drawn toward independence that places personal preference above divine wisdom. Yet God's commands are not meant to limit us; rather, they guide us to live righteously and lovingly as sons and daughters of a caring Father who desires our flourishing.

A simple example can help us see this truth. Consider the basic rules of the road. Traffic laws are not obstacles to our freedom; they exist to protect life and ensure safe travel for everyone. When these rules are respected, they foster order, mutual respect, and the common good. Similarly, when rooted in justice and dignity, the rule of law in society serves as a safeguard that promotes peace and harmony. God's law works in our hearts in much the same way: it guides us toward choices that protect life, honor others, and lead us safely toward the fullness of life He promises.

One of God's greatest gifts to humanity is free will. He created us with the dignity to choose and embrace what is good, true, and beautiful. This freedom is a sign of His trust in us. Yet it is at its best when exercised responsibly, with concern for others' well-being. When our choices center only on ourselves, we risk harming relationships and losing sight of God's goodness. God's law and the just laws that govern our communities remind us that authentic freedom is always connected to responsibility, compassion, and respect for others.

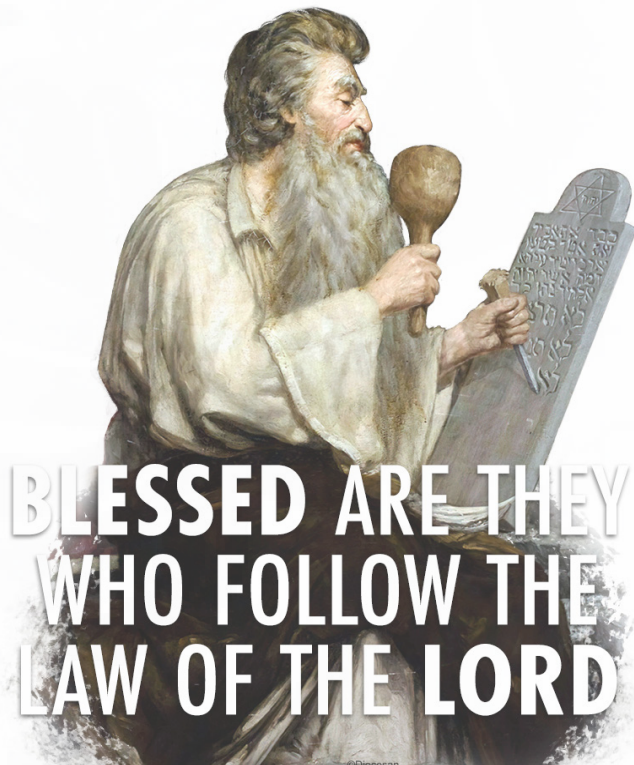
May these readings call us back to the life-giving wisdom of God's commands. His law is spirit and life, shaping hearts that seek peace, justice, and joy. As we strive to live faithfully, we also help build a world where respect for rightful authority and the rule of law upholds the dignity of every person. By embodying God's teachings in our daily lives, we become witnesses that His ways bring direction, meaning, and hope.

May God grant us open hearts and clear minds to walk faithfully in His ways, trusting that His commands, when lived with love, lead us to a truly abundant life.

Your Friend in the Jesus,

*Fr. P. Abaya IV*

**Fr. Pascual Abaya IV**



**BLESSED ARE THEY  
WHO FOLLOW THE  
LAW OF THE LORD**

## CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, Feb. 15, 2026

### 6<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

Monday, Feb. 16, 2026

### Presidents' Day Holiday - Offices closed

Monday of the 6<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time  
Mass at 12:00pm

Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2026

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

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2026

### Ash Wednesday - Lent begins

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am  
Masses at 6:30am, 12:00pm & 6:00pm

Thursday, Feb. 19, 2026

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

Friday, Feb. 20, 2026

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

Saturday, Feb. 21, 2026

Saturday after Ash Wednesday  
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am  
Masses at 7:00am & 12:00pm  
**Vigil Mass at 5:00pm**

Sunday, Feb. 22, 2026

### First Sunday of Lent

Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm  
located at the Kamiano Center, 1159 Fort Street

## SCRIPTURE

We face choices every day. Each day, we have opportunities to act in ways reflecting God's grace and mercy in the world. Every day, we can choose to shine light among our sisters and brothers. Do we treat our coworkers fairly? Do we lie to avoid taking responsibility? Do we help those in need? Do we forgive those who have hurt us? God's commandments and Jesus' witness give us guidance and wisdom on making the right choice, but it is our choice to act rightly. Sirach tells his listeners that same lesson in today's reading: "If you choose you can keep the commandments" (15:15).

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives his followers an image of what a community could look like and what its members would act like if the commandments are followed. Jesus helps his listeners understand what is at the heart of evil. The sin of murder has its roots in anger and disrespect; his followers are called to choose reconciliation. Those who are called have the freedom to choose obedience to fulfill the life that God offers.

## SHARING FAITH

Use Psalm 119 to meditate on the blessings God offers to those who follow his way with their hearts.

What does it mean to drop everything to go be reconciled to someone we have hurt or wronged? Is it easier or harder to be reconciled to someone who has hurt us?

Where do you need to offer reconciliation?

## LIVING THE LITURGY

Read Psalm 119. You might read the verses aloud in a group. It is a loving meditation on the blessings offered to those who set their hearts on God's way, seeking, loving, and following the law. What phrases touch your imagination as you listen to them? You may want to create a poster or drawing. What does the psalm help you learn about God's relationship to us?

God has given human beings the gift of free will. Each of us, therefore, has the freedom to choose our actions and because of that, there are consequences to our choices. Talk about some situations where there are choices that can be made. Jesus tells his disciples what they need to choose to remain faithful. What would Christian followers choose to do in the situations you named?

## REFLECTION

If you choose you can keep the commandments (Sirach15:15).



## ICSC STEWARDSHIP PRAYER (FEB.)

Merciful God,

We embark on our journey of renewal through difficult and uncertain times; times of division and strife, and for many suffering and discouragement.

But our journey is with your son, Jesus, who bore his cross and suffered in ways we cannot imagine.

We journey with Jesus toward the Great Paschal feast of Easter, where we have the grace to experience the true joy of Resurrection.

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 your son at all times, even during these 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 our unity with him and each other.

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

Amen.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

February 2 - 8, 2026

### Offertory Collection

|                                     |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Sunday                              | \$ 4,197.00        |
| Weekday + Ash Wednesday             | \$ 1,191.51        |
| Other Feasts, Solemnities, Holy Day | \$ 185.00          |
| Online Giving                       | \$ 1,221.71        |
| <b>Total Offertory</b>              | <b>\$ 8,328.95</b> |

### Other Collection

|                                       |                     |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Repairs & Maintenance                 | \$ 202.00           |
| Diocesan Collection                   | \$ 1,257.00         |
| Special Collection (Intentions, etc.) | \$ 1,227.09         |
| Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)      | \$ 447.00           |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>\$ 10,268.31</b> |

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL



Starting the weekend of February 14/15 after the homily, we invite you to prayerfully join in supporting the work of our Church. Together, with faith and aloha, let us Share God's Gifts!

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.

## SACRED HEARTS ACADEMY

Sacred Hearts Academy invites you to learn more about their extensive educational and extracurricular programs and ways of teaching focused on what helps girls advance and thrive at their Spring Open House which will be held in February 22, 2026 from 11:00am - 12:00pm. For more information, please email at [admissions@sacredhearts.org](mailto:admissions@sacredhearts.org) or call 808-734-5058 ext. 224.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Are you ready for Lent? Ash Wednesday starts February 18<sup>th</sup>. 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](https://Formed.org). On your browser, go to [www.formed.org](https://www.formed.org). Sign up as a "Parishioner", choose "RCCHAWAII" and create an account. Please see Dcn. Joe & Easter for more information.

## 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