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MARCH 22, 2026 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: 8:00 a.m.,

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

& 5:00 p.m.

(unless noted in the bulletin)

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday and Saturday

10:00am - 11:00am

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.

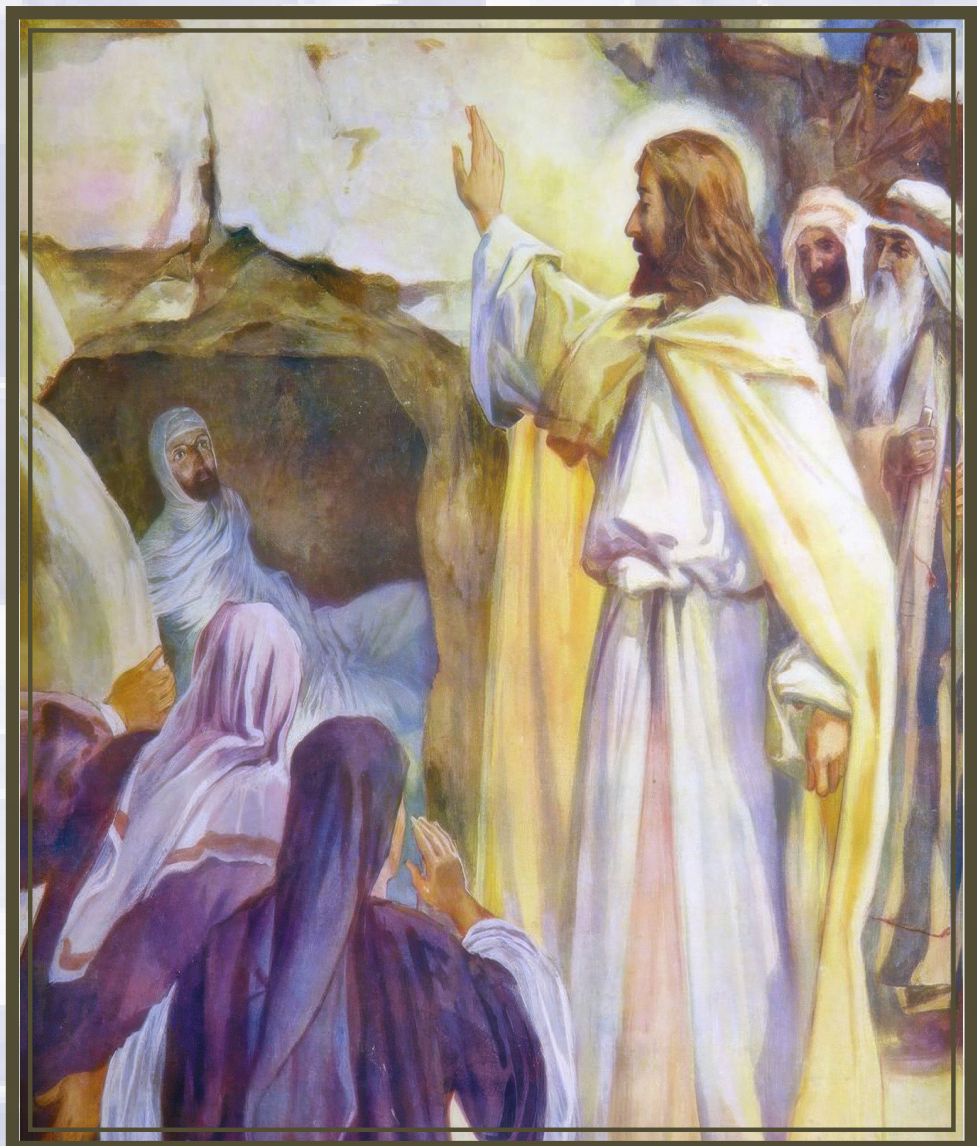
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This week's Readings: 5th Sunday of Lent: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Romans 8:8-11; Verse Before the Gospel - John 11:25a, 26; John 11:1-45

Next week's Readings - Procession - Gospel Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Philippians 2:6-11; Verse Before the Gospel - Philippians 2:8-9; Matthew 26:14-27:66

"WHEN CHRIST BREATHES LIFE WITHIN"

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, joy, and hope!

Over the past two Sundays, we have heard powerful stories of Jesus and His encounters with the Samaritan woman and the man born blind. These moments were more than miracles. They were acts of rebirth. One woman received a new heart that yearned for the living God. One man gained new sight that let him see Jesus with clarity and faith. Both were pulled out of darkness and into life.

This Fifth Sunday of Lent, the Church offers us another story, one that delves even deeper into the mystery of who Jesus is and what He desires for us. It is the raising of Lazarus, a friend who had not only died but had been in the tomb for four days. By then, his body would have already started to decay. Yet Jesus, moved with deep love for Lazarus and his grieving sisters, Martha and Mary, calls him out from death. Jesus does not just restore Lazarus' heartbeat, He restores his future, his dignity, his hope. And in doing so, Jesus reveals the truth of His identity, "I am the resurrection and the life."

In a world increasingly marked by a culture of death, where human life is often dismissed, discarded, or devalued, this proclamation is not just comforting, it is revolutionary. Jesus does not stand far from our suffering. He enters into it. He confronts death head on. And He declares that death does not have the final word.

We know the pain of losing someone we love. We know the ache, the questions, the fear of what comes next. Death exposes our fragility. But the Gospel reminds us that death is not the end. Jesus not only raised Lazarus. He Himself rose from the dead so that every one of us may share in His life. And this life is not only a promise for the future but also a gift for the present.

When I say Jesus is the source of life, I mean that He sustains us when the world feels heavy. He strengthens us when we are overwhelmed by violence, division, addiction, despair, or sin. He restores us when we feel spiritually numb or morally exhausted. He breathes life into places within us that we thought were already dead. The life Jesus offers is not merely life after death, it is a life of meaning, purpose, and grace here and now.

As we enter Holy Week, let us step more deeply into the mystery of our faith. Let us allow Jesus to take hold of our hearts and awaken what has grown cold, weary, or dead. In a time when many voices promote fear, anger, and hopelessness, let us choose to listen to the voice of the One who calls us out of the tomb.

Even in these troubled times, Jesus desires to perform a miracle within us, to raise us from spiritual death, to renew our faith, to strengthen our hope, and to ignite our love. We walk with Him through His Passion and Death, not as spectators but as disciples who long to rise with Him. And when we rise with Him, we rise into a life rooted in grace, truth, and the unshakable dignity that comes from being children of God.

May this Holy Week lead us from darkness to light, from fear to trust, from death to life.

Your Friend in the Jesus,

Fr. Pascual Abaya IV



I AM THE
resurrection
AND THE LIFE

John 11:25

CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 22, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm

Monday, March 23, 2026
Monday of the 5th Week of Lent
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, March 24, 2026
Tuesday of the 5th Week of Lent
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, March 25, 2026
Solemnity of the
Annunciation of the Lord
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, March 26, 2026 - **Prince Kuhio Holiday**
Thursday of the 5th Week of Lent
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm - **Office closed**

Friday, March 27, 2026
Friday of the 5th Week of Lent
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm
Stations of the Cross at 10:00am & 5:30pm

Saturday, March 28, 2026
Saturday of the 5th Week of Lent
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am
Masses at 7:00am & 12:00pm
Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm

SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel delivers a message of hope and life to the Israelites, reminding them to stay faithful as God's people. Though bound in exile, they must remember that God will set them free. The Spirit of God can even cross the boundary of the grave! The psalm also echoes a cry from the depths for God's kindness and redemption. It is a powerful prayer for Lent and a statement of faith that we can make our own. No matter what chains restrict us, what illness or worry consumes us, or what bondage we endure, we can trust the Lord to walk with us and free us.

In the Gospel passage, we hear the story of Lazarus and the power of Jesus. Despite those who do not believe or cannot imagine the potential of his authority, Jesus raises Lazarus from beyond the control of death. There are no restrictions to God's power, no bindings, no chains, and no injustice that God cannot transcend. In the shadow of the Messiah's suffering and death, Lent is drawing to a close and we are asked if we believe.

SHARING FAITH

What chains or bindings does God offer to free you from, if you allow him to act?

The psalm response says, "With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption" (Psalm 130:7). What does full redemption mean to you?

What image from Lent do you want to carry into Holy Week?

LIVING THE LITURGY

With a group, share some of your thoughts about Christ's death and Resurrection: the Paschal Mystery of our faith. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "The Paschal mystery of Christ's cross and Resurrection stands at the center of the Good News that the apostles, and the Church following them, are to proclaim to the world. God's saving plan was accomplished 'once for all' (Heb 9:26) by the redemptive death of his Son Jesus Christ" (571). How does that shed light on the meaning of the Good News that we are called to proclaim?

When has being involved in a ministry or helping others given you a chance for new life? What new or continuing service might God be inviting you to consider? Is there somewhere in your church or neighborhood you might offer your gifts and time?

Take time this week to remember someone who has died. How has this person shown you the way to live more fully?

REFLECTION

I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this? (John 11:25-26).



ICSC STEWARDSHIP PRAYER (MARCH)

Lord Jesus,

We journey with you this Lenten season, through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, ever closer to Jerusalem, ever closer to your death on the cross.

We hear your words: "Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me," but we are unsure of their meaning, or anxious about their true intent.

Through the power of your Spirit, give us the strength to deny the "self" that keeps us from being good stewards of those who need our love and compassion.

Give us a deeper awareness of the cross in our own lives so that we may embrace it and join our sufferings with yours and a world in need of your redemption.

And give us the confidence to follow you no matter the cost; knowing that if we die with you, we will also live with you and eternally rejoice in your resurrection.

We humbly ask this of you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Amen.

"A servant of the Lord stands bodily before men, but mentally he is knocking at the gates of heaven with prayers."

St. John Climacus (579 - 649), Author of Ladder of Divine Ascent, Feast Day March 30

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

March 9 - 15, 2026

Offertory Collection

Sunday	\$	3,755.00
Weekday	\$	688.49
Other Feasts, Solemnities, Holy Day	\$	90.00
Online Giving	\$	1,708.30
Total Offertory	\$	6,241.79

Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$	359.00
Diocesan Collection	\$	1,884.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$	573.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$	730.00
Total	\$	9,787.79

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. We collected \$27,556** and at **61%** of our Goal. 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 Thank you for your faith, your support, and for making a difference in the life and mission of our Catholic Church.



Knights of Columbus

OUR LADY OF PEACE COUNCIL 5000

Thanks to the efforts of a handful of Brothers and the continued generosity of the Parishioners, we collected \$489 in alms for Pearson Place even with the challenging weather conditions! Thank you, God! This brings our total collected Alms for Life up to \$1,663! We still need 3 new Council Brothers to qualify for the Supreme Incentive of an additional \$250 to Pearson Place...we can do it...we all know a man or two who would make a great Brother Knight! We just have to ask him...let's challenge ourselves this Lent! MAHALO!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Are you ready for Lent? Please join Dcn. Joe and Easter Almuena every 3rd Sunday of the month at 9:00am. Resources are available at [Formed.org](https://www.formed.org). On your browser, go to www.formed.org. Sign up as a "Parishioner", choose "RCCHAWAII" and create an account. For more information, please visit our website at honolulucathedral.org or see Dcn. Joe & Easter.

SAINT FOR THE WEEK