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APRIL 12, 2026 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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: 2nd Sunday of Easter - Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
1 Peter 1:3-9; Alleluia - John 20:29; John 20:19-31

Next week's Readings 3rd Sunday of Easter - Acts 2:14, 22-23; Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11;
1 Peter 1:17-21; Alleluia - Luke 24:32; Luke 24:13-35

"PEACE THROUGH THE WOUNDS OF MERCY"

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, joy, and hope!

On this Octave of Easter, as we celebrate the Second Sunday known as Divine Mercy Sunday, we once again encounter the familiar and deeply human story of Thomas. Many remember him as “Doubting Thomas,” not because he lacked love, but because he longed for certainty in a moment of fear and confusion. When the disciples told him they had seen the Lord, he responded, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, I will not believe.”

A week later, Jesus returned not to rebuke Thomas, but to meet him in his doubt. With tenderness, He invited Thomas to touch His wounds and to believe. Overwhelmed, Thomas proclaimed, “My Lord and my God.” And Jesus, with a gaze that reaches across centuries to each of us, said, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

Throughout this Easter season, we hear the testimonies of those first disciples, witnesses to the Risen Lord whose faith became the foundation of the Church. We are blessed to receive their testimony, and we are called to believe, even when our own lives echo with Thomas’s uncertainty.

Because the truth is, doubt is not foreign to us. In a world shaken by war, violence, and division, in families burdened by illness, grief, or financial strain, in communities recovering from natural disasters, we, too, can feel overwhelmed. We, too, can wonder where God is in the midst of so much suffering. And like Thomas, we may long for a sign that God has not abandoned us.

Yet the Risen Christ comes to us just as He came to Thomas, through locked doors, into fearful hearts, and into the very places where peace seems impossible. He shows us His wounds not to frighten us, but to remind us that He understands every human pain. He knows the wounds of our world. He knows the wounds we carry quietly within. And He meets us there with mercy.

This is why Divine Mercy Sunday is such a gift. Today, Jesus pours out His mercy upon the whole world, upon nations torn by conflict, upon families longing for reconciliation, upon hearts weighed down by fear or doubt. His mercy is not limited, not conditional, not reserved for the perfect. It is abundant, overflowing, and meant to bring peace where peace seems out of reach.

Just as He breathed peace upon His disciples, He breathes peace upon us. His peace is not the fragile peace the world offers, but a peace rooted in trust, forgiveness, and the unshakable truth that God is with us.

So let us draw deeply from the well of His Divine Mercy. Let His mercy strengthen us when we are weary. Let His mercy calm our fears and quiet our doubts. Let His mercy inspire us to be instruments of peace, in our homes, in our communities, and in a world that desperately longs for healing.

May the Risen Lord, rich in mercy and compassion, keep our hope alive in Him, through Him, and with Him. And may His peace, stronger than any darkness, take root in our hearts and radiate outward to a world in need.

Your Friend in the Jesus,

Fr. Pascual Abaya IV



CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 12, 2026
2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)
Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm

Monday, April 13, 2026
Monday of the 2nd Week of Easter
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, April 14, 2026
Tuesday of the 2nd Week of Easter
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, April 15, 2026
Wednesday of the 2nd Week of Easter
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, April 16, 2026
Thursday of the 2nd Week of Easter
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, April 17, 2026
Friday of the 2nd Week of Easter
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, April 18, 2026
Saturday of the 2nd Week of Easter
Masses at 7:00am & 12:00pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am
Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, April 19, 2026
3rd Sunday of Easter
Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm

SCRIPTURE

Rejection to triumph, sin to redemption, despair to new life, death to resurrection — all of these are themes that resound during this Easter season. Today's psalm, a hymn of thanksgiving, expresses confidence in the love of God, which we trust will last forever. The New Testament interprets the rejected cornerstone as descriptive of the death and Resurrection of Christ. It is fitting to rejoice in the Christ who has become the cornerstone not only for the early community of believers, but also for us as we attempt to be faithful followers.

In today's Gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples after his Resurrection and offers them peace, just as he did at the Last Supper. Jesus tells them he is now sending them forth just as the Father sent him. Breathing on them, he gives them the Holy Spirit so they might carry out his mission of peace, healing, and forgiveness of sins. This part of the Gospel will be proclaimed again on the solemnity of Pentecost as we celebrate the gift of the Spirit upon the Church.

SHARING FAITH

What does it mean to break bread as a sign of unity and a way to continue to live out Christ's mission?

What words would you use to describe God's mercy in your life? When have you been particularly aware of God's mercy and love?

How is Jesus Christ the cornerstone of your life?

LIVING THE LITURGY

This Sunday is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. It is a commemoration of the mercy Christ's death and Resurrection poured on us. The themes in the readings focus on mercy, trust, and forgiveness of sins and we are encouraged to practice mercy and charity to celebrate this. With your family or a group decide on a practice you could do together. You might help at a local pantry, collect items for a shelter, or plant flowers in your neighborhood. There are many ways in which we can act in gratitude of God's mercy and love.

The disciples in the Acts reading shared what they had with those in need. Bake something to share or make a meal for someone who might need help or is alone, such as a college student, homebound person, or family with a new baby.

Pray this week using these words from Psalm 118: "God's love endures forever" (Psalm 118:2).

REFLECTION

The stone the builders rejected / has become the cornerstone. / By the Lord this has been done; / it is wonderful in our eyes. / This is the day the Lord has made; / let us be glad and rejoice in it (Psalm 118:22-24).



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

ICSC STEWARDSHIP PRAYER (APRIL)

Loving Father,

We know the truth of the Easter proclamation.

Christ is risen and with him all creation!

Light replaces darkness, joy replaces sadness, life replaces death.

Through the power of your Spirit, there is no failure his love and mercy cannot reverse, no humiliation he cannot exchange with blessing, no anger he cannot dissolve, no routine he cannot transform.

All is embraced by the victory of your son's cross and resurrection.

Help us always be good stewards of Easter's light, see Resurrection as a daily event, and yearn for the love of Christ as intensely as he yearns for our love.

We pray this in Jesus' name.

Amen

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

March 30 - April 5, 2026

Offertory Collection

Sunday + Easter	\$ 10,528.46
Weekday + Holy Thurs. & Good Fri.	\$ 4,334.83
Other Feasts, Solemnities, Holy Day	\$ 10.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,313.27
Total Offertory	\$ 18,186.56

Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 43.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 2,338.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 694.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 546.00
Total	\$ 21,858.16

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 \$33,326** and at **73%** 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.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Join us for The Art of Living, a six-week series with Dr. Edward Sri on the cardinal virtues and what it means to live the Christian life well. Together, we will explore prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance, and how these virtues shape us into men and women who are truly free and able to love well. Each Thursday evening at 7 PM, starting April 16, will include a video presentation, small group discussion, and time for fellowship. Light snacks will be provided. For more information, please email Ryan Fielding at rfielding@rcchawaii.org

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Are you ready for Easter? Please join Dcn. Joe and Easter Almuena every 3rd Sunday of the month at 9:00am. Resources are available at 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

"God afflicts us because he loves us; and it is very please to him, when our afflictions he sees us abandon ourselves to his paternal care."

Benedict Joseph Labre (1748 - 1783), Patron of Mental Illness, Feast Day April 16