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APRIL 26, 2026 4TH 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.

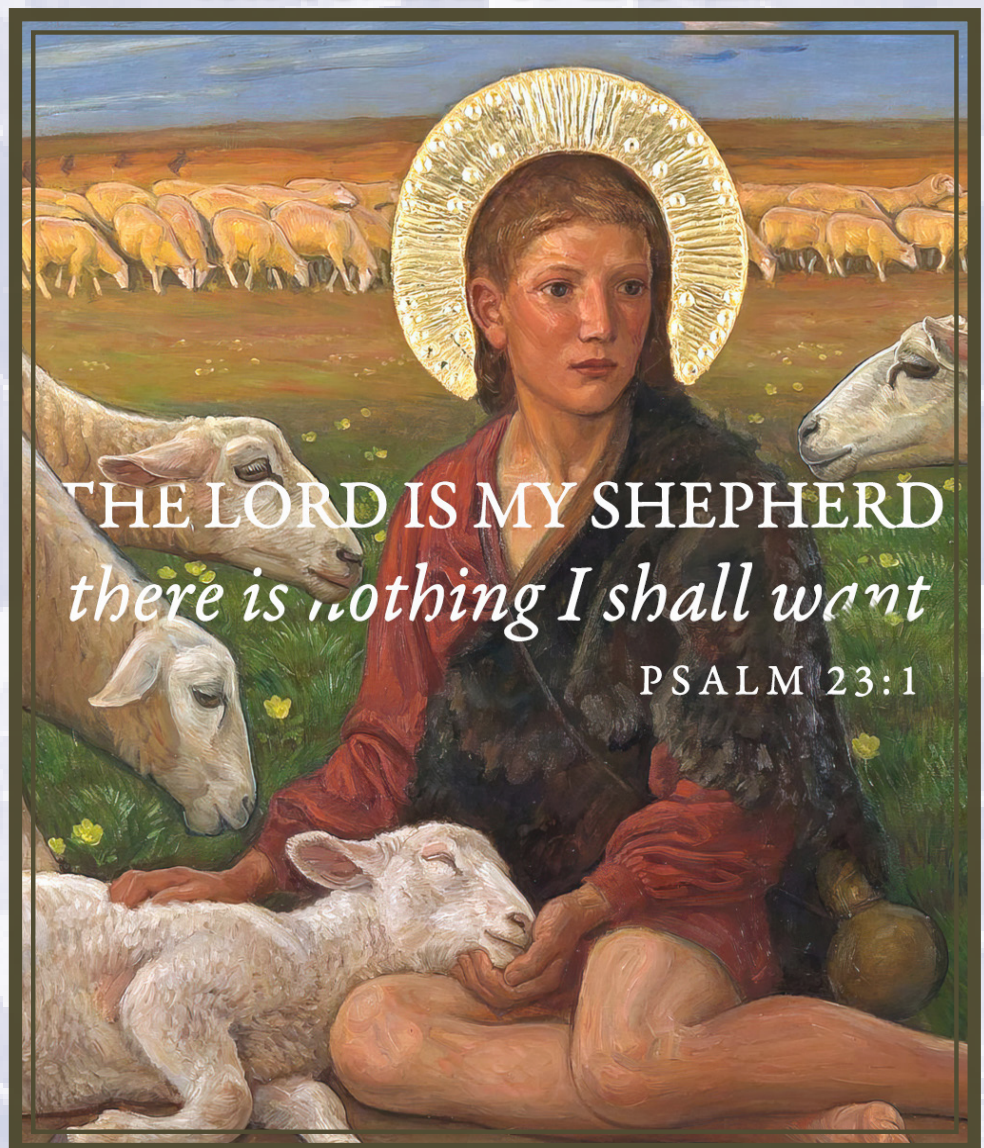
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This week's Readings: 4th Sunday of Easter - Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b, 4, 5, 6;
1 Peter 2:20b-25; Alleluia - John 10:14; John 10:1-10

Next week's Readings 5th Sunday of Easter - Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;
1 Peter 2:4-9; Alleluia - John 14:6; John 14:1-12

"FOLLOWING THE SHEPHERD WHO LEADS US TO LIFE"

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, joy, and hope!

Jesus, the Son of God, reveals Himself in many ways throughout the Gospels. Each image He uses is an invitation to approach Him, to trust His voice, and to understand the Father's heart. His desire is simple yet profound: that His disciples, and we today, may come to know Him personally and recognize the true face of God. His teaching is clear, grounded, and deeply human, so that anyone who listens can grasp who He is and what He offers.

In the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John, Jesus calls Himself the Good Shepherd. Each Fourth Sunday of Easter, the Church returns to this chapter, allowing its message to echo anew in our hearts. The readings for this day, especially from the Acts of the Apostles, draw us into the theme of shepherding. Strengthened by the Spirit, Peter speaks boldly about Jesus. Like a shepherd guiding his flock, he leads people toward conversion and new life. His words pierce their hearts, not to condemn but to awaken them to the One who brings salvation.

To follow Jesus is to listen to His voice. Discipleship means allowing His word to shape our choices, our priorities, and our relationships. The Good Shepherd does not mislead or manipulate. He guides us toward what is life giving, toward joy that endures, toward a fullness of life rooted in God. His leadership is never self serving; it is always for the good of the flock.

Today, we live in a time when many voices compete for our attention, some loud, some persuasive, and some even misleading. In such a moment, the image of the Good Shepherd is especially important. We need leaders, both in the Church and in society, who reflect something of His heart: leaders who listen before they speak, protect rather than exploit, seek unity rather than division, carry responsibility with humility, and place the common good above personal gain.

In the Church, we continue to hear the Shepherd's voice through the ministry of the Holy Father and through all entrusted with pastoral care. Their task is not easy. They, too, are human, with strengths and limitations. Yet we pray for them that they may remain close to Christ and lead with courage, compassion, and fidelity.

In our civic life, we also long for shepherds, leaders who safeguard dignity, uphold justice, and guide communities with wisdom. While the Church does not endorse individuals, she continually calls all leaders to embrace values that reflect God's vision for humanity: integrity, service, mercy, and deep respect for every person. When leaders embody these virtues, society becomes a place where people can flourish, the vulnerable are protected, and hope can take root.

The Lord invites us, once again, to listen to His voice. He leads us to green pastures when we allow His word to shape our hearts and actions. Whether entrusted with leadership or simply striving to live faithfully in our daily responsibilities, we are all called to reflect the Shepherd's tenderness and truth.

May our faith open our minds and hearts to the voice of the Good Shepherd. And may we, in our Church and in our nation, be blessed with leaders who guide not by force or fear, but by the quiet strength of service, compassion, and love.

Your Friend in the Jesus,

Fr. Pascual Abaya IV



I AM THE GATE
 whoever enters through
 me will be saved

John 10:9

CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 26, 2026
4th Sunday of Easter
Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm

Monday, April 27, 2026
Monday of the 4th Week of Easter
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, April 28, 2026
Tuesday of the 4th Week of Easter
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, April 29, 2026
Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, April 30, 2026
Thursday of the 4th Week of Easter
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, May 1, 2026
Friday of the 4th Week of Easter
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, May 2, 2026
Memorial of St. Athanasius
Masses at 7:00am & 12:00pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am
Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, May 3, 2026
5th Sunday of Easter
Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm

SCRIPTURE

In ancient times, the newly baptized prayed Psalm 23 at their first communion and recited it daily in thanks for the life-giving waters they had found in Baptism. The psalm celebrates an overwhelming faith in God's providence. The image of the Lord as shepherd is a good accompaniment to the one heard in the Gospel today. God's nearness as the shepherd guarantees abundant life.

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus identifies himself as the gate for the sheep. That phrase relates to other "I am" statements in John's account of the Gospel: "I am the Light," "I am the bread of life," "I am the way, the truth and life," and "I am the resurrection." In each of those, Jesus reveals something about the relationship he wants to have with his people. When Jesus says, "I am the vine," he specifies, "you are the branches." If Jesus is the gate, we are the sheep who pass out through it each day for rich pastures and then in through it for safe rest. Jesus' mission as gate assures us life in abundance.

SHARING FAITH

How do various images or titles for Jesus (such as shepherd, vine, gate, light, bread of life) shape your prayer?

How would you describe God's providence as you attempt to do the will of God?

We prayed the same Psalm 23 on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. How does it shape both the Lenten and Easter seasons?

LIVING THE LITURGY

In his epistle Peter writes, "you had gone astray like sheep" (1 Peter 2:25). Reflect with a group about the times that we have gone astray, not following the mission God entrusted to us. How does the power of the Holy Spirit keep us from going astray?

Write a prayer for meals using the image of God as bread of life. What would you ask in your prayer? How would you thank God? What link might you make to Christ's promise of the Spirit? Make copies for the members of your family or community to use for the remainder of the Easter season.

In the Gospel Jesus says, "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Who does Jesus mean should have abundant life? Where do God's people not have life or abundance? Reflect on this and share your thoughts with a friend or group.

REFLECTION

I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture (John 10:9).



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!

April 13 - 19, 2026

Offertory Collection

Sunday + Easter	\$ 5,065.50
Weekday + Holy Thurs. & Good Fri.	\$ 899.53
Other Feasts, Solemnities, Holy Day	\$ 85.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,556.99
Total Offertory	\$ 8,607.02

Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 80.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 165.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 590.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 445.00
Total	\$ 9,887.02

WORLD DAY PRAYER FOR VOCATION

April 26th is World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Leo XIV extends an invitation to all, not just clergy and those in religious life, to commit to creating conditions that allow the gift of vocations to be embraced, nourished, protected and accompanied, so that it may bear abundant fruit. "Only when our surroundings are illumined by living faith, sustained by constant prayer and enriched by fraternal accompaniment can God's call blossom and mature, becoming a path of happiness and salvation for individuals and for the world," he says.

Dear brothers and sisters, dear young people, I encourage you to cultivate your personal relationship with God through daily prayer and meditation on the Word. Pause, listen and entrust yourselves. In this way, the gift of your vocation will mature, bringing you happiness and yielding abundant fruit for the Church and the world.

May the Virgin Mary, model of the interior acceptance of divine gifts and expert in prayerful listening, always accompany you on this journey! - Pope Leo XIV To learn more about Vocation, please call Diocese of Honolulu, Vocation office at 808-585-3300.

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 \$37,251** and at **82%** 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.

SAINT FOR THE WEEK

"O Catholic faith, how solid, how strong you are! How deeply rooted, how firmly founded on a solid rock! Heaven and earth will pass away but you can never pass away but you can never pass away. From the beginning the world opposed you but you mightily triumphed over everything."

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, (1577 - 1622), Martyr, Patron Saint of the Poor, Feast Day April 24