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## MAY 3, 2026 5TH 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)

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**This week's Readings: 5<sup>th</sup> 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

**Next week's Readings 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter** - Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20;  
1 Peter 3:15-18; Alleluia - John 14:23; John 14:15-21

**"WHERE THE RISEN LORD LEADS, LIFE BEGINS"**

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

Monday, May 4, 2026  
Monday of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, May 5, 2026  
Tuesday of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, May 6, 2026  
Wednesday of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter  
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, May 7 2026  
Thursday of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, May 8, 2026  
Friday of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter  
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, May 9, 2026  
Saturday of the 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter  
Masses at 7:00am & 12:00pm  
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am  
Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, May 10, 2026  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm

## SCRIPTURE

In this Sunday's Gospel, Thomas asks Jesus how the disciples will know the way if they do not know where Jesus is going. As a follower of Jesus, one would expect Thomas to know the answer to this question. In typical fashion, John uses uncomprehending characters to allow Jesus to explain something far deeper than first imagined. He reminds them they know the way to the life he is promising. Thomas disagrees, seemingly asking for a roadmap for Jesus' coming journey. To that, Jesus responds that he is the way, the truth, and the life.

The image of the way has a rich scriptural history. It occurs over 150 times in the psalms, beginning with Psalm 1 which says, "Happy those who do not . . . go the way of sinners" (Psalm 1:1) and "The Lord watches over the way of the just, but the way of the wicked leads to ruin" (Psalm 1:6). Jesus' way is the way of the just, a way of life that the disciples are to imitate. To accept Jesus as our way, truth, and life means to open ourselves to his dwelling in us and follow his way.

## SHARING FAITH

What is the way Jesus has invited you to follow? How have you found life along the way?

Have you ever felt restless or anxious following Christ? What has caused that?

We are called into service and ministry by our beliefs. Where are you serving now? Where else might God be calling you to minister?

## LIVING THE LITURGY

Name the ways you spread the Word of God.

What is the way of life that we are asked to imitate as disciples? How does the Spirit help us?

Peter says we are a chosen race, a royal priesthood. Moses told the Chosen People, "You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation" (Exodus 19:6). The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "The baptized have become 'living stones' to be 'built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood' (1 Pt 2:5). By Baptism they share in the priesthood of Christ, in his prophetic and royal mission. They are 'a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that [they] may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called [them] out of darkness into his marvelous light' (1 Pt 2:9). Baptism gives a share in the common priesthood of all believers" (1268). Reflect on what that means for us as baptized followers.

## REFLECTION

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where [I] am going you know the way (John 14:3-4).



## ICSC STEWARDSHIP PRAYER (MAY)

Gracious and Loving God,

When your Spirit descended upon the apostles at Pentecost, they spoke the languages of those who came to hear their testimony.

They proclaimed a new covenant in Christ Jesus, sanctified by his blood, bound by the Holy Spirit, and sealed in the waters of Baptism.

We give you thanks and praise for releasing your Spirit upon us; and in these anxious times pray that it will break through the many barriers that divide people.

Let your Spirit open our eyes as a communion of faith to your ongoing presence among us, so we can recognize you when we serve one another.

Let your Spirit open our minds so that we may gain the wisdom to work together to show love for our neighbors, and unite our talents to build a better, safer world.

And let your Spirit open our hearts so that together we can live more fully in Christ, shine his light of mercy and hope and prepare for the day of his glorious return.

We pray this through your son, Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

April 20 - 26, 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
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 8,607.02</b>

### Other Collection

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

## WORLD DAY PRAYER FOR VOCATION

April 26<sup>th</sup> 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](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

"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**