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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



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: The Ascension of the Lord - Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Ephesians 1:17-23; Alleluia - Matthew 28:29a, 20b; Matthew 28:16-20

Next week's Readings Pentecost Sunday - Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; Sequence - Veni, Sancte Spiritus; Alleluia; John 20:19-23

"LIFTED TO THE FATHER, SENT INTO THE WORLD"

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, joy, and hope!

As we approach the close of the Easter Season, with the Ascension of the Lord this Sunday and the great feast of Pentecost next week, we are invited to pause and ask: What has the Lord been doing in my heart this Easter? Has He renewed your hope? Given you clearer direction? Filled you with deeper peace, steadier love, or unexpected joy?

Whatever graces you have received, know this: they are gifts freely given, born of the love and sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. Easter is not merely a season on the calendar; it is a season of grace meant to shape how we live today.

The Feast of the Ascension reminds us that Jesus has not left us behind. He has not abandoned a troubled world or a weary people. Instead, He has fully entered into the life of the Father so that He may be present to us in a new and powerful way, through the Holy Spirit.

If we think of heaven only as a place "up there," we risk missing the heart of the mystery. The Ascension is not about distance but about communion. Jesus goes to the Father so that we may follow Him and His presence can fill every corner of our lives, our homes, our struggles, our hopes, our fears.

In a world that often feels uncertain, marked by conflict, division, economic strain, and the quiet anxieties many families carry, this truth matters. Christ is not distant. He is closer than ever.

In the Ascension account, Jesus gives His disciples a mission: "Go, make disciples of all nations." They were afraid and unsure, having seen what happened to Him and knowing the risks. Yet strengthened by His promise and empowered by the Holy Spirit, they stepped forward with courage. Their world was no easier than ours, yet they trusted that Christ was with them. We are called to the same trust today.

The Feast of the Ascension invites us to remember our true goal: to be with God forever. It also challenges us to examine our lives honestly and ask whether we are living as His sons and daughters. It sends us out to our families, workplaces, schools, and communities to share the Good News that Jesus is the Savior the world still longs for.

As this Easter season draws to a close, let us hold fast to the blessings God has poured into our lives. He has given us His Son, our Redeemer, who brings light to our darkness and hope to our struggles. He is the source of our peace, love, and joy.

We truly have everything we need through Him, with Him, with Him, and in Him. May we trust His goodness, walk in His presence, and allow His Spirit to guide us in the days ahead. He is with us always.

Your Friend in the Jesus,

Fr. Pascual Abaya IV



THE LOVE
WITH WHICH
YOU LOVED
ME MAY BE IN
THEM AND I
AM IN THEM
JOHN 20:26

CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 17, 2026
The Ascension of the Lord (Solemnity)
2nd Collection Catholic Communication Campaign
Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm

Monday, May 18, 2026
Monday of the 7th Week of Easter
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, May 19, 2026
Tuesday of the 7th Week of Easter
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, May 20, 2026
Wednesday of the 7th Week of Easter
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, May 21, 2026
Thursday of the 7th Week of Easter
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, May 22, 2026
Friday of the 7th Week of Easter
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, May 23, 2026
Saturday of the 7th Week of Easter
Masses at 7:00am & 12:00pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am
Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, May 24, 2026
Pentecost Sunday
Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm

SCRIPTURE

It is easy to imagine that the disciples were not quite ready for Jesus to depart from their midst. In today's First Reading they ask Jesus a question: "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6). They still are uncertain.

Only Luke's account of the Gospel treats Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension as two separate events with forty days between them. On the solemnity of the Ascension, we celebrate that Jesus leaves the disciples with a mission to do on behalf of God's reign. Jesus will be with them in this work, but in a new way. The Holy Spirit will help them fulfill the work of witnessing to the ends of the earth. The two men in white in the Acts passage who ask the disciples why they look to heaven might also point us where we are to look. Our work is directed toward heaven while fostering God's kingdom on earth. In the passage from the Gospel according to Matthew, Jesus says the mission is to make disciples of all nations. Disciples must look to the world where Jesus lived and showed us how to live.

SHARING FAITH

What does it mean for you to be a witness for Christ? Who has been an example of a witness to you?

This Sunday's Responsorial Psalm speaks about God as king. What does the image of God as king mean to you? How did Jesus exercise kingship?

What world has God invited you to evangelize?

LIVING THE LITURGY

Watch a movie or read about people who have witnessed to what they believed. Clear examples are Oscar Romero, Martin Luther King Jr., and Mother Teresa. There are also many others. You may want to find a book about saints or those being considered for sainthood at your local library.

During the Jubilee Year on May 7, 2000, John Paul II led a prayer, "Ecumenical Commemoration of Witnesses to the Faith in the Twentieth Century." There is a list of witnesses whose lives were celebrated on the Vatican Web site. Discuss your thoughts on people of other faith traditions who follow Christ. What does their witness mean for us?

What does it mean to make disciples of all nations?

REFLECTION

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).



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!

May 4 - 10, 2026

Offertory Collection

Sunday	\$	4,635.00
Weekday	\$	787.46
Other Feasts, Solemnities, Holy Day	\$	328.00
Online Giving	\$	2,474.07
Total Offertory	\$	8,224.53

Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$	10.00
Diocesan Collection	\$	260.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$	985.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$	458.00
Total	\$	10,137.53

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.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Today we will take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps CCC fulfill its mission of love to share the gospel message of hope with people in the United States using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Diocese of Honolulu to support local efforts. The other half support the communication activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and other projects across the United States and abroad. Be part of this campaign to spread the gospel message. Support the collection today! Learn more at www.usccb.org/cc.

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 \$40,051 and at 88% 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

"Be prudent in thought and cautious in speech. Always set your hope on God, for He never fails them whose hope is set on Him."

St. Pascal Baylon, (1540 - 1592), Patron of Eucharistic Congresses, Feast Day May 17