



# Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace

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## The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Solemnity)

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Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, joy, and hope!

### *“From This Table, We Continue the Mission”*

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi. As we conclude the great feasts of the Easter season and enter Ordinary Time, the Church invites us to pause and remember the heart of our faith: Jesus gives Himself completely to us in the Eucharist. This feast is a moment to renew our awe at the gift Christ entrusted to His Church at the Last Supper.

On that sacred night, Jesus took bread and said, “This is my body.” He took the cup and said, “This is my blood of the covenant.” With these words, He gave us not a symbol or a memory, but His very self, His presence, His mercy, and His love poured out for the salvation of the world. The Eucharist is the continuation of His sacrifice on the Cross, where His body was offered and His blood was shed for many.

At the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace, this mystery takes on a special depth. For nearly two centuries, this sacred place has been a spiritual home where countless generations have encountered Christ in the Eucharist. From the early missionaries who first celebrated Mass here to the faithful who gather today, the Cathedral Basilica has stood as a living witness to the enduring presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Within these historic walls, the Lord continues to feed His people, strengthen them, and send them forth on mission.

But the Eucharist is not confined to the sanctuary. When we gather for Mass, we do not simply attend a ritual, **we become a Eucharistic people**, a family formed and nourished by Christ Himself. What we receive at the altar is meant to shape how we live at home, at work, in our relationships, and in our city. The Eucharist sends us forth to be Christ’s presence wherever healing, compassion, and hope are needed.

In recent years, many of us have experienced times when we could not gather in person for Mass. Whether during the pandemic or personal trials, we learned something important, Christ never abandons His people. The Eucharist remained a living reality through the Church’s prayer and the priest’s sacrifice offered on behalf of the faithful. God’s grace is never confined, His love always finds a way to reach us.

Today, as we celebrate Corpus Christi, we are invited to renew our sense of wonder and gratitude for this Sacrament. In a world marked by uncertainty, division, and weariness, the Eucharist is our anchor. It reminds us that we are not alone, that Christ walks with us, and that His love is stronger than any fear or darkness we encounter.

Each time we come to Mass, especially on Sundays, we remember His sacrifice. Remembering His sacrifice calls us to imitate it. The Eucharist is not only something we receive; it is something we become. Christ gives Himself fully, inviting us to give ourselves generously to God and to one another. When we serve, forgive, listen, and love, our worship becomes real, and our faith comes alive.

As the mother church of our diocese, the Cathedral Basilica is called to be a beacon of Christ’s presence in the heart of Honolulu, a place where the Eucharist is adored, celebrated, and lived.

May this feast renew in us a deeper hunger for Jesus, a greater love for the Mass, and a renewed commitment to live as His disciples in the world. May we become, in word and deed, what we receive, the Body of Christ for others.

Your Friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual