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JULY 12, 2026

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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.

Closed on holidays

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This week's Readings: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14
Romans 8:18-23; Alleluia; Matthew 13:1-23

Next week's Readings: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16
Romans 8:26-27; Alleluia - Cf. Matthew 11:25; Matthew 13:24-43

"BECOMING GOOD SOIL FOR GOD'S WORD"

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, joy, and hope!

Our Gospel reading this Sunday comes from the thirteenth chapter of Matthew, where Jesus offers the beloved Parable of the Sower. He speaks of seed that falls on various kinds of soil, on the path, on rocky ground, and among thorns. None of these bears lasting fruit. Yet the seed that falls on rich, receptive soil produces fruit abundantly, thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold.

This parable is more than a story about agriculture. It is a mirror held up to the human heart. The Father is the Sower, and Jesus Himself is the living Word. We are the soil that receives the seed. Each of us knows what it is like to be hardened ground at times, distracted ground at others, or thorny ground where worries and fears choke what God desires to grow. Yet Jesus reminds us that, by grace, we are also capable of becoming good soil, open and ready to receive His Word deeply.

The Lord invites us not only to listen to His teachings but also to let them take root and transform us. Faith is never passive. It is a living, growing reality. We are called to be doers of the Word and witnesses of His love in the ordinary moments of our lives.

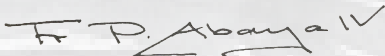
Jesus has sown the seed of love, so we are called to love generously. He has sown the seed of kindness, so we must treat everyone with dignity and respect. He has sown the seed of mercy, so we extend forgiveness and compassion. He has sown the seed of truth and justice, so we strive to live uprightly and courageously.

These are the seeds entrusted to us. When we welcome them into the rich soil of a receptive heart, they bear fruit that blesses not only our lives but also the world around us.

Our world and nation continue to bear the weight of the pain of social unrest, moral depravity, natural disasters, and evil seems to prevail. Many are weary, anxious, or discouraged. Yet even in these difficult times, the Gospel assures us that God is still sowing seeds of hope. When we receive His Word and let it shape our actions, we become signs of His presence, beacons of light for those who feel lost or burdened.

If we live our call as disciples, serving others, seeking the good, and remaining faithful, then God's Word truly finds rich soil within us. And from that soil, abundant fruit will grow, fruit of healing, fruit of unity, fruit of hope. This is the harvest our world longs for, and it begins in the quiet openness of each heart willing to receive the Sower's gift.

Your Friend in the Jesus,



Fr. Pascual Abaya IV



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Matthew 13:9

CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 12, 2026

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm

Monday, July 13, 2026

Monday of the 15th Week in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Memorial of St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Historial Presentation at 11:00am in Kamiano Center

Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Memorial of St. Bonaventure

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am

Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, July 16, 2026

Thursday of the 15th Week in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, July 17, 2026

Friday of the 15th Week in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, July 18, 2026

Saturday of the 15th Week in Ordinary Time

Masses at 7:00am & 12:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, July 19, 2026

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm

SCRIPTURE

Most people love stories. We often see the point of something more clearly if we hear it connected to a story. Our imaginations play with stories, inspiring new implications for our lives. Jesus' listeners were no different than us. Jesus constantly told parables to teach his message. Chapter 13 of Matthew's account of the Gospel, which we will hear over the next few weeks, offers many stories exploring the kingdom of heaven.

In today's Gospel, we hear about the magnitude of responding faithfully to God's word. Jesus invites his listeners to be fully attentive with open ears, eyes, and hearts. When we approach Jesus' message with this depth of openness, our hearts can be converted and we can be touched and healed by Jesus. There are obstacles to overcome, but rich soil waits. The images in Isaiah and the psalm add to our understanding of the fruitfulness of God's word. God promises that the word will be watered by the rain and snow so that it does not return empty, but overflowing with a rich and abundant harvest.

SHARING FAITH

Read Isaiah's prophecy in Matthew 13:14 –15. How does God call you to reflect on your own openness and God's promise of healing?

Our Church calls us to be good stewards of the earth. What does stewardship mean to you? How do you live that out?

On what kind of ground has your seed fallen?

LIVING THE LITURGY

Perhaps you have a garden or can find a way to participate in a community garden. Many of these gardens also share their harvest with those in need of food or who have no resources for homegrown products. How are we called to cultivate and share the fruits of the earth?

Reread the scripture passages of this Sunday and list the multiple references to soil, seed, growth, and plants. What do these images say to you about your developing relationship with God? Discuss your thoughts in a group or with a friend.

Jesus walked on the earth and was a part of human life. He told stories using things of the earth. In their pastoral letter "Renewing the Earth," the U.S. bishops spoke about the fragility of the earth and our need to restore it. How might Jesus urge us to act? What is one thing you or your family might do to help the earth's environment?

REFLECTION

But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirty fold (Matthew 13:23).



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 (JULY)

Good and Gracious God,

We thank You for this gift of summer; of being able to pause, relax and enjoy the abundant gifts You have given us.

At this time of year, our thoughts may turn to vacations and outings. We may experience seashores, mountains or lakesides.

We may enjoy fishing, swimming and barbecues.

But whatever our summer opportunities, we realize they are ultimately gifts from You and these gifts, Lord, are ultimately meant to be shared.

Show us the joys of generosity, keep us mindful of others and open our hearts to our parish, neighborhood and world. They need the generous spirit of good stewards.

As we enjoy the leisure that summer brings, we thank You for Your many gifts, and ask that You make us a gift to others as well.

In Jesus name we pray.

Amen

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

June 29 - July 5, 2026

Offertory Collection

Sunday	\$	5,043.00
Weekday	\$	1,098.85
Other Feasts, Solemnities, Holy Day	\$	335.00
Online Giving	\$	1,915.98
Total Offertory	\$	8,392.83

Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$	50.00
Diocesan Collection	\$	300.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$	735.25
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$	858.00
Total	\$	10,336.08

CATHEDRAL BICENTENNIAL SERIES

From the First Mass to the Bicentennial. Recalling the First Catholic Mass in Hawai'i. Join us as we commemorate the first Catholic Mass celebrated in Honolulu in 1827 and journey through 200 years of Catholic history in Hawai'i—from the arrival of the first missionaries to the Cathedral Basilica and the Church in Hawai'i today. Happening Tuesday, July 14th with a Historical Presentation at 11:00am and Holy Mass at 12:00pm.

Exploring 200 Years of Catholic Faith in Hawai'i from its Mother Church.

Learn more at honolulucathedral.com/bicentennial

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Are you ready for Ordinary Time? Please join Dcn. Joe and Easter Almueña 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.

IT'S TIME TO SEEK THE LORD!

Come to our annual conference on Saturday, August 15, 2026, at the School Auditorium of the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. The theme is "It is Time to Seek the Lord!" and it is about celebrating the joy of living in God's love. And in that context we will be finding the answers from God's Word that you have been seeking for all your life! Learn the why of salvation (which is fourfold), the what of your purpose (which is threefold), the details of the plan (which are fourfold) and how to apply all this into your unique assignment to receive your full reward, all in the power of the Holy Spirit. Come share the joy and let the LORD minister to you. Find all the information and register online at www.newlife4u.live

SAINT FOR THE WEEK

"We must be the Holy Spirit, with ardent longing, to give us these fruits. The Holy Spirit alone, knows how to bring to light, the sweetness hidden away under the rugged exterior of the words of the Law. We must go to the Holy Spirit for interior guidance."

St. Bonaventure, (1221 - 1274), Bishop, Doctor of the Church, Feast Day July 15