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JULY 19, 2026 16TH 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.

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This 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 or 13:24-30

Next week's Readings: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1 King 3:5, 7-12; Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130
Romans 8:28-30; Alleluia - Cf. Matthew 11:25; Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

"THE QUIET WORK OF GOD, FROM SMALL BEGINNINGS TO SACRED TRANSFORMATION"

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, joy, and hope!

On this Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Lord invites us once again to enter the mystery of His Kingdom. Last week, we heard the Parable of the Sower, and this Sunday, Jesus teaches us through three more parables, the wheat and the weeds, the mustard seed, and the yeast mixed with flour. Each image reveals something essential about God's reign, His patience, His hidden work, and His desire to transform the world through small beginnings. Together, they draw our hearts toward the themes of harvest, growth, and transformation.

We hear God's Word often, yet in our modern world, with its noise, distractions, and constant demands, we can hesitate to respond with the wholehearted commitment Jesus asks of His disciples. When we delay, our spiritual growth slows. The Gospel values we long to live out remain seeds that never quite take root. And the transformation we pray for in our lives, our nation, and our world feels distant and difficult. God is patient, yes, but His call is not casual. It is urgent, loving, and meant to be answered now. Faith cannot remain idle until the last moment.

We also cannot ignore the weeds growing around us today. Our world is burdened by division, violence, and the distortion of truth. We see anger replacing dialogue, fear overshadowing compassion, and ideologies that deny the human person's dignity. These weeds are real. They darken our common life. They grow stronger when people of faith remain silent or discouraged. If we simply "wait to see what tomorrow brings," we risk losing our direction and forgetting who we are called to be.

This is precisely why Jesus speaks of seeds, yeast, and patient tending. God desires to take hold of our hearts, plant His grace within us, and nurture it until it becomes life-giving for others. When we allow His grace to grow, when we choose prayer over despair, mercy over resentment, and truth over confusion, our lives begin to change. As our lives change, the world around us is touched by unity, peace, and joy.

Let us remember, God cares for every person. He desires that all of us be gathered into His Kingdom, not only at the end of time, but even now, as we live our daily lives. There is nothing to fear when we allow the seed of faith to grow within us. As Jesus says, even the smallest seed becomes a great tree. Even a little yeast transforms the whole batch. Likewise, even the smallest act of faith can open the door to God's transforming grace.

As we continue our journey, we may seek the Lord's ways with renewed courage. May we allow ourselves to be shaped by Jesus, who is gentle and humble of heart. And may the Holy Spirit inspire us to be signs of hope in a world longing for light.

May God bless our harvest, strengthen our growth, and transform our hearts.

Your Friend in the Jesus,
Fr. Pascual Abaya IV



*The kingdom of heaven
may be likened to a man
who sowed good seed
in his field. MATTHEW 13:24*

CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 19, 2026

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, July 20, 2026

Monday of the 16th Week in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Tuesday of the 16th Week in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Feast of Mary Magdalene

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

Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, July 23, 2026

Thursday of the 16th Week in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, July 24, 2026

Friday of the 16th Week in Ordinary Time

Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, July 25, 2026

Feast of St. James

Masses at 7:00am & 12:00pm

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

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, July 26, 2026

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

SCRIPTURE

In the Gospel according to Matthew, Jesus teaches his disciples about the mysteries of heaven using a variety of parables and images: wheat next to weeds, a small mustard seed, a woman mixing yeast into bread dough. Matthew's community's was struggling to accept that some Jews accepted Jesus' preaching and others did not. The first parable centers on the reaction of those who had accepted Jesus' message toward those who had not. Their solution seems to be a radical removal of the weeds, but Jesus counsels patience and tolerance until the end. At the final judgment, God will determine their fate. The parables of the mustard seed and yeast speak of small beginnings ending in great outcomes. Our dedication as Jesus' disciples will attract others, even sinners. We are challenged to focus on our witness and discipleship, letting God worry about others who might not fit our categories. We are reminded that God is merciful, gracious, and just to all sinners who call upon his name.

SHARING FAITH

What are the weeds that grow around you that could threaten your relationship with God or your neighbor?

Where can you ask for the help and guidance of the Spirit?

How does God ask you to be yeast to help something grow in your parish, neighborhood, or family?

LIVING THE LITURGY

In his letter to the Romans, Paul tells us that God searches our hearts even as the Spirit helps us. We so often want to do God's will, but we sometimes stumble and fail. Paul promises the intercession of the Spirit. Can you emphasize addressing your prayers this week to the Spirit? If you help children pray with bedtime or meal prayers, how can you introduce prayer to the Holy Spirit?

In a group, read Jesus' three parables about the kingdom of heaven. Create a story together, building an image of the kingdom of heaven.

Make several posters of the psalm response: "Lord, you are good and forgiving" (Psalm 86:5). Hang it in your home, car, or office. When has God forgiven you? Who is God calling you to forgive? Is there a way to express that forgiveness?

REFLECTION

You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, / abounding in kindness to all who call upon you. / Hearken, O Lord, to my prayer / and attend to the sound of my pleading (Psalm 86:5-6).



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!

July 6 - 12, 2026

Offertory Collection

Sunday	\$ 4,871.00
Weekday	\$ 898.33
Other Feasts, Solemnities, Holy Day	\$ 297.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,018.72
Total Offertory	\$ 7,085.05

Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 100.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 766.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 306.00
Total	\$ 8,277.05

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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

SECOND COLLECTION

Our second collection on August 1 - 2, 2026 weekend will be for Catholic Charities in Hawaii. Serving Hawai'i since 1947, Catholic Charities Hawai'i serves all people, especially those with the greatest need, regardless of their faith or culture. As part of the largest private network of social service organizations in the United States, Catholic Charities Hawai'i offers much needed programs and services state-wide, serving 40,000 individuals each year.

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SAINT FOR THE WEEK

"Let a man fear, above all, me, his God, and so much the gentler will he become toward my creatures and animals, on whom, on account of me, their Creator, he ought to have compassion."

St. Bridget of Sweden, (1303 - 1373), Visionary, Foundress, Feast Day July 23