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JULY 26, 2026 17TH 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: 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

Next week's Readings: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Isaiah 55:1-3; Psalm 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18
Romans 8:35, 37-39; Alleluia - Matthew 4:4b; Matthew 14:13-21

"A HEART THAT DISCERNS"

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, joy, and hope!

If God were to ask you today, "What do you truly need?" how would you answer? Would your mind turn to riches, long life, good health, or good fortune? Perhaps to a new home, a winning lottery ticket, professional success, or a life of comfort? These desires are understandable. We all hope for security and happiness. Yet deep down, we know none of them guarantee peace of mind. Wealth can bring complications, success can stir jealousy, and comfort can vanish in an instant.

So what would you say if God asked you what you need right now? This question invites us to pause, reflect, and search our hearts for what truly sustains us in life and in faith.

Human beings carry many desires. Often, our hearts first reach for material things, possessions, achievements, or experiences that promise satisfaction. Yet we eventually discover that these things fade. They cannot carry us through every trial, nor can they satisfy the soul's deepest longing. In pursuing what is temporary, we sometimes lose sight of what is eternal, the Kingdom of God, the life of grace, and the peace that comes from walking closely with the Lord.

In today's Scriptures, Solomon stands before God as a new leader, aware of the responsibility entrusted to him. When God invites him to ask for anything, he does not choose wealth, power, or victory. He asks for an understanding heart, the wisdom to discern right from wrong and to guide God's people faithfully. Solomon seeks what will help him live his vocation well.

How timely this is for us. We live in a world where right and wrong are often confused and where truth is obscured by noise, ideology, and misinformation. Without wisdom, we can easily lose our bearings and drift with the currents of the moment. Wisdom is not merely knowledge. It is the grace to see as God sees, to choose what leads to life, and to remain anchored in truth.

We have all made decisions we regret, choices that left us anxious, weary, or uncertain. Yet we also know the peace that comes when we choose rightly, when our decisions reflect the Gospel, and when they bring joy to our families, workplaces, and communities.

Today, let us ask God for what Solomon asked, a wise and understanding heart. Wisdom will help us recognize the true treasure and the pearl of great price, the Kingdom of God. It will guide us through confusion, strengthen us in trials, and enable us to live with clarity, compassion, and courage.

May the Lord grant us the wisdom we need to walk faithfully in this moment, discern His will, and choose what leads to lasting peace and eternal life.

Your Friend in the Jesus,

Fr. Pascual Abaya IV



The
KINGDOM
OF HEAVEN
is like a treasure
buried in a field

Matthew 13:44

CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 26, 2026
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm

Monday, July 27, 2026
 Monday of the 17th Week in Ordinary Time
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, July 28, 2026 - **OFFICES CLOSED**
 Tuesday of the 17th Week in Ordinary Time
 Mass at 6:30am,
NO NOON MASS

Wednesday, July 29, 2026
 Memorial of Ss. Martha, Mary & Lazarus
 Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, July 30, 2026
 Thursday of the 17th Week in Ordinary Time
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, July 31, 2026
 Memorial of St. Ignatius
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, Aug. 1, 2026
 Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori
 Masses at 7:00am & 12:00pm
 Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am
 Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, Aug. 2, 2026
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2nd Collection for Catholic Charities Hawaii
 Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm

SCRIPTURE

Remember all the fairy tales that offered people their heart's desire or the fulfillment of three wishes? In today's First Reading from Wisdom, we hear a story about King Solomon. Offered the chance to ask the Lord for anything, he asks for an understanding heart so that he might better serve God's people. Pleased with his humble request, God not only grants him a wise and understanding heart, but also all the blessings that flow to anyone who yearns for wisdom and understanding.

Psalm 119, the longest psalm in the Psalter, seems a fitting response in its unmistakable praise to God. The verses chosen speak of the human desire to know what is truly precious in life. The psalmist says that the covenant relationship with God is more precious than gold or silver. God's words and presence in the law are the true source of wisdom, expressing God's love, kindness, and compassion toward all. This is the path to a deeper relationship with God and to a more wise and understanding heart.

SHARING FAITH

Reflect on what you would ask for if God would give you anything. Then, reread the First Reading from 1 Kings.

The psalmist in Psalm 119 expresses love for the Lord's decrees and commands. What does the Lord command you to do?

How would you express your longing or yearning for God's wisdom in prayer?

LIVING THE LITURGY

Psalm 119 is the Bible's longest psalm. Read all of it this week for prayer (approximately 25 verses each day). What images from the psalm speak to you about God? How do they help your reflection?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that hope is the virtue by which humans desire the kingdom of heaven (1817). Discuss with a friend how that virtue is seen in the parables about the kingdom that Jesus told today.

Jesus often reminded his followers that God would be the judge of people's actions at the end of the world. Read the stories about the last judgment in Matthew 25. The last verses (31–46) are used on the solemnity of Christ the King, the final feast of this liturgical year. What do these images say to you? How does God ask you to recognize the least of your brothers or sisters? How are you called to respond?

REFLECTION

Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this vast person of yours? (1Kings 3:9).



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 13 - 19, 2026

Offertory Collection

Sunday	\$ 5,031.00
Weekday	\$ 817.74
Other Feasts, Solemnities, Holy Day	\$ 45.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,330.94
Total Offertory	\$ 7,224.68

Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 353.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 2.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 591.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 309.00
Total	\$ 8,479.68

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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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

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Calling all Married Couples! Have you been married 2 years or more? Would you like to serve a ministry with your spouse? Are you available 2-3 weekends per year? do you want to help engaged couples prepare for marriage? God may be calling you to be an Engaged Encounter Presenting Couple! For more information, email hawaii@engagedencounter.com

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