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AUGUST 9, 2026 19TH 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)

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8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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This week's Readings: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a; Psalm 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14
Romans 9:1-5; Alleluia - Psalm 130:5; Matthew 14:22-33

Next week's Readings: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Alleluia - Matthew 4:23; Matthew 15:21-28

"FROM SELF RELIANCE TO SACRED TRUST"

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, joy, and hope!

When difficult situations arise, our first instinct is often to tighten our grip on life. We convince ourselves that if we just try harder, think smarter, or push harder, we can control every outcome. We believe we have the power to stop nature's course, bend the world to our will, and secure our future through science, technology, and human ingenuity. While these gifts can accomplish great good, they can also tempt us to forget our limits and even our need for God.

From the beginning, God's design for creation was marked by purpose, order, and direction. Everything was meant to flow from His wisdom and return to His glory. But humanity has gone so far in its pursuit of self-reliance that we have lost focus on Jesus. We have placed our trust in our own abilities, systems, and strength. And like Peter on the stormy sea, when we rely only on ourselves, life begins to sink. Without seeking His divine power, death becomes inevitable, not only physical death, but the slow spiritual death that comes from living without God at the center.

Peter's moment in the water is our moment too. He stepped out in faith, but fear overtook him. The wind was strong, the waves were high, and his confidence collapsed. Yet as he began to sink, Peter did the one thing that saved him. He looked back to Jesus. He cried out for help, and Jesus immediately reached out His hand. Peter's life was saved, and his focus was restored, not on the storm, but on his Master and Savior.

We face so many storms in life. Some come suddenly, and others build slowly over time. They can overwhelm us, blind us, and shake our hope for a brighter future. The storms of our world, like violence, division, economic instability, and moral confusion, leave many feeling lost. The storms in our personal lives, like illness, grief, broken relationships, loneliness, and anxiety, can make us feel as if we are drowning.

Our world needs to refocus on Jesus. Our leaders need to refocus on Jesus. Our families, our communities, and each of us need to refocus on Jesus. His ways, His teachings, and His unconditional love and mercy are not outdated ideals, but they are the only compass capable of guiding us through the chaos of our time. He is our Way, our Truth, and our Life. Only He can lead us to peace the world cannot give, and fulfillment no human achievement can produce.

The storms of life will always be present. Jesus never promised a life without waves. But He did promise that we would never face them alone. Every storm becomes an awakening, a call to trust more deeply, surrender more fully, and fix our eyes more firmly on Him. Through the eyes of faith, we hold fast to the belief that He speaks to us, reaches for us, and calls us to Himself.

When we fix our gaze on Jesus, we discover that the storm does not have the final word. He does. His hand is already extended. His voice is already calling. His presence is already near. He is with us here, and He will be with us in the life to come.

Your Friend in the Jesus,
Fr. Pascual Abaya IV



Take courage, it is I;
**DO NOT BE
AFRAID**

Matthew 14:27

CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, Aug. 9, 2026
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm

Monday, Aug. 10, 2026
 Feast of St. Lawrence
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2026
 Memorial of St. Clare
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2026
 Wednesday of the 19th Week in Ordinary Time
 Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, Aug. 13, 2026
 Thursday of the 19th Week in Ordinary Time
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, Aug. 14, 2026
 Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, Aug. 15, 2026
 Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Masses at 7:00am & 12:00pm
 Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am
 Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, Aug. 16, 2026
Anniversary Dedication of the Cathedral Basilica
 Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm

SCRIPTURE

In the Bible, mountains are traditionally places for encounters with God. Such encounters usually are accompanied by spectacular occurrences such as fire, wind, earthquakes, and storms. But this was not Elijah's experience. God came to him in an unexpected way as a tiny, whispering sound.

In the Gospel passage, after Jesus' had fed the multitudes he went up the mountain to pray. Jesus sought time alone with God. What an example that is to us! Meanwhile, the disciples are struggling in the middle of a storm. Jesus comes down from the mountain and walks on the water toward them. Though they know Jesus, they are frightened by what they see him doing. But he speaks to them and calms their fears.

In both of these stories, God comes into human experience. Elijah meets God, but he had to be willing to find him in a way he did not expect. The disciples were afraid meet God, but they had to open their eyes and take courage, trusting it is indeed the Lord. These passages show us that when God comes, we need to trust him.

SHARING FAITH

Justice is a strong theme of today's Responsorial Psalm. Where are you working for God's reign of justice and peace?

Jesus asks Peter why he doubted yet reached out to hold him. Where does God invite you to explore your doubt while being held in God's hands?

In what quiet place do you find God?

LIVING THE LITURGY

Prophets often had to display much courage and strength to deliver God's message to his people. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says their prayer was "attentiveness to the Word of God" (2584). How are you called to be attentive to God's Word? Share with another person what you learn from the prophets, including Jesus.

How can you make time this week to hear whisperings of God? Even Jesus took time to withdraw by himself. Can you take a walk alone? Make a short retreat? Climb a mountain? Sit somewhere you will not be interrupted? Making time for God's voice to be heard requires effort on our part. What will you do?

By yourself or with a group, create a collage of pictures or images that speak to you of being held in the palm of God's hand. They might be images of how God comes to meet us. Use your collage to pray for courage and trust when you feel doubtful or anxious about God's care.

REFLECTION

During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them, walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once [Jesus] spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid" (Matthew 14:25-27).



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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 (AUG.)

Good and gracious God,

Even in the midst of these extraordinary times, you continue to reveal your loving presence in the communal life of our parish.

Help us to see your active presence in our parish family, a community where peace, love and fellowship will prevail. May it be truly prayerful, intensely Eucharistic, and deeply joyful.

Teach us how to be good stewards of our parish family even during times of stress and anxiety.

By the power of the Holy Spirit make our hearts humble and compassionate so that we may carry out our responsibilities to our parish family in a just and holy manner.

And through your Spirit, may we love one another as you love each of us, as sisters and brothers who gather around the Eucharistic table, an authentically holy, Catholic community, working together to hasten your Kingdom.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

July 27 - August 2, 2026

Offertory Collection

Sunday	\$ 4,299.00
Weekday	\$ 778.64
Other Feasts, Solemnities, Holy Day	\$ 148.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,300.25
Total Offertory	\$ 6,525.89

Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 1,902.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 578.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 414.00
Total	\$ 9,439.89

APPRECIATION DINNER

As we mentioned last week, we are holding an Appreciation dinner for Bishop Emeritus Larry Silva. The dinner is on Thursday, August 20, 2026, from 6 pm – 9 pm at Palama Settlement. We are asking for a donation of \$30 per person for the event. Unfortunately, Palama Settlement will allow us only 150 people so space is very limited. If you are interested in attending, you can sign up on Event Brite, or call (901) 878-0551 and leave a message with your name, phone number and number of seats you would like.

SACRED HEARTS ACADEMY

The Sacred Hearts Academy Early Learning Program is now accepting applications for 2 years old. The Program is licensed by the Department of Human Services and is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), Hawaii Association of Independent Schools (HAIS) and Western Catholic Education Association (WCEA). This program provides education for young girls ages now 2 through 6. To learn more about their program call 808-734-5058 EXT 224 or visit www.sacredhearts.org

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SAINT FOR THE WEEK

"The great method of prayer is to have none. If in going to prayer one can form in oneself a pure capacity for receiving the spirit of God, that will suffice for all method."

St. Jane Frances de Chantel, (1572 - 1641), Patron of the Forgotten, Feast Day August 12