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AUGUST 16, 2026 DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL

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: 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

Next week's Readings: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Isaiah 22:19-23; Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8
Romans 11:33-36; Alleluia - Matthew 16:18; Matthew 16:13-20

"WHERE FAITH ENDURES, AND MISSION CONTINUES"

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, joy, and hope!

This Sunday is truly a day of grace for us. We gather in gratitude to celebrate the 183rd anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace. When this church was dedicated in 1843, it was not only a milestone for a building, but also a profound moment for the people of God on these islands. For nearly two centuries, this Mother Church of our Diocese has stood firm through storms, trials, and seasons of change. Her endurance is not merely architectural. It is spiritual. She stands because her foundation is Christ Himself and because she has been lovingly entrusted to His Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Peace.

Generations of priests, religious, and lay faithful have prayed and served here, carrying Christ's mission from this very place. Today, we inherit their legacy. We are blessed to worship in this sacred space and are called to celebrate this anniversary with hearts full of gratitude.

As we look forward to the completion of our restoration and renovation, we recognize that this moment is a gift entrusted to us, the present generation. We are stewards of a history that began long before us, and we are responsible for ensuring that faith remains vibrant for those who will come after us. The Church has always been, first and foremost, the people of God.

I clearly remember that right after Divine Mercy Sunday in 2025, the restoration began and the cathedral doors closed. Yet our worship never ceased. We became a pilgrim Church in a very real way, moving from place to place, gathering wherever we could to celebrate the Eucharist. In those months, I often thought of the early Christian community, meeting in the upper room, gathering in homes, breaking bread, and singing praises as St. Paul described. Their faith blossomed and eventually reached these islands, carried by missionaries who sacrificed much so the Gospel could take root here.

Our history reminds us that the Catholic faith in Hawai'i has not always been easy. At times, the practice of our faith was hindered, and no priests were available to celebrate Mass. Yet the people continued to pray, gather, and live their Catholic identity as best they could. This is why our bicentennial celebration is so important. We honor the gift of faith that sustained our ancestors and renew our mission to pass this gift on to future generations.

Over the past 200 years of Christianity in Hawai'i, our Cathedral was built, dedicated, and eventually elevated to the dignity of a minor basilica. It is the church where St. Damien was ordained and where St. Marianne and her sisters were welcomed as they began their mission of mercy. Our history is holy ground.

To my Cathedral Basilica Ohana, I extend our new Bishop of Honolulu's warm greetings, Most Reverend Michael Castori, SJ. He expresses his deep gratitude for the sacrifices we continue to make during this time of transition. He is committed to carrying forward the Church's mission on these beautiful islands and to helping us live the hope expressed in his motto, "E Hiki Mai Kou Auponi", "Thy Kingdom Come."

As we celebrate the 183rd anniversary of our Cathedral Basilica's dedication, may our hearts be filled with gratitude, joy, and renewed purpose. May Our Lady of Peace intercede for us, embrace us with her motherly care, and lead us ever closer to her Son, the Prince of Peace

Your Friend in the Jesus,
Fr. Pascual Abaya IV



You are God's Temple

CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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

Monday, Aug. 17, 2026
 Monday of the 20th Week in Ordinary Time
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2026
 Tuesday of the 20th Week in Ordinary Time
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2026
 Wednesday of the 20th Week in Ordinary Time
 Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, Aug. 20, 2026
 Memorial of St. Bernard
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, Aug. 21, 2026 - **Cathedral Holiday**
 Memorial of St. Pius X
 Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm - **Offices closed**

Saturday, Aug. 22, 2026
 Memorial of the Queenship 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. 23, 2026
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm

SCRIPTURE

If we were to write the Gospel story as a play, the Canaanite woman would have a starring role in her encounter with Jesus. She steps forward, passing the disciples, and speaks to Jesus on behalf of her sick daughter. As a Canaanite woman, she would not have been welcomed by Jews. What a risk she took! Three times, she persists in asking for Jesus' help. Finally, her determination and courage are acknowledged and her daughter is healed. In the First Reading, Isaiah proclaims that foreigners who join themselves to God will be accepted and included among the holy ones, for God's call is for all. This Sunday's psalm response sings of the praise that will come to God from all nations because of the faithfulness of the Jews. Though believers may have to cross boundaries and bridge barriers that many find unacceptable, their witness to God's action reveals that God welcomes all. The Canaanite woman, one of the ones who acknowledged God's gracious mercy and compassion, is a witness to us all.

SHARING FAITH

How are you a light that helps others come to know the Lord?

How can you make the Sabbath a different day than the rest to experience God?

How is your image of God challenged by the foreigner and the outcast? What does Jesus' encounter with the Canaanite woman say to you?

LIVING THE LITURGY

People often go where they are invited. Have you ever invited a friend, neighbor, or family member to attend your church with you? You do not have to feel you are trying to convert them, but welcoming them to come experience your church community and learn more about your faith. The goal is not to make your friend feel pressured to adhere to your beliefs, but to make your friend feel welcomed in your church community.

How does your parish reach out to other places or cultures? Do you have a sister parish relationship? Do you send delegations to help others? Do you participate in a neighborhood program? Find out how you might take an active part in the building of these relationships.

Today is Sunday, the Sabbath. Is that day any different for you than other days? How do our Jewish brethren or other religious traditions honor it? How do you honor the Sabbath and keep it holy?

REFLECTION

The foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,/ ministering to him,/loving the name of the Lord,/ and becoming his servants. . . / Then I will bring to my holy mountain. . . / for my house shall be called/ a house of prayer for all peoples (Isaiah 56:6-7).



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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!

August 3 - 9, 2026

Offertory Collection

Sunday	\$ 4,753.00
Weekday	\$ 884.91
Other Feasts, Solemnities, Holy Day	\$ 175.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,532.64
Total Offertory	\$ 7,345.55

Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 10.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 185.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 664.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 511.00
Total	\$ 8,715.55

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. Or scan the QR Code to reserve your spot today!

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.

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 Sunday, August 16th with a Historical Presentation at 11:00am and light refreshments following each Sunday Mass.

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

Learn more at **honolulucathedral.com/bicentennial**

SAINT FOR THE WEEK

"I ask you to consider that our Lord Jesus Christ is your true head and that you are a member of his body. He belongs to you as the head belongs to the body. All that is his is yours: breath, heart, body, soul and all his faculties. All of these you must use as if they belonged to you, so that in serving him you may give him praise, love and glory."

St. John Eudes, (1601 - 1680), Priest, Confessor, Feast Day August 19