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AUGUST 23, 2026 21ST 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: 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

Next week's Readings: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Jeremiah 20:7-9; Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
Romans 12:1-2; Alleluia - cf. Ephesians 1:17-18 Matthew 16:21-27

"THE QUESTION THAT SHAPES OUR FAITH"

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, joy, and hope!

Have we ever truly asked ourselves who Jesus is, not merely in theory, but in the concrete reality of our lives today? It would be interesting to hear the many responses we might give if someone asked this question. We could gather countless ideas, impressions, personal reflections, or even hearsay about who He is.

In the Gospel, when Jesus asked His disciples, they repeated what others were saying, that He was John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets. None of these captured His true identity. So, Jesus turned to His disciples and asked them directly, "But who do you say that I am?" He wanted them to know Him personally and intimately, especially since they had chosen to follow Him. Among the twelve, Peter responded with conviction, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Where did such a profound answer come from? How could Peter, a fisherman with human limitations, speak such truth? Jesus revealed that Peter's profession of faith did not come from human reasoning or popular opinion but from the Heavenly Father Himself. The truth was revealed to Peter, and he held fast to it throughout his life, even in moments of weakness, fear, and denial. Though he stumbled, he ultimately persevered, bearing witness to Jesus until his martyrdom, when he was crucified upside down for the sake of the Gospel.

Jesus' question invited His disciples to make a personal profession of faith. Today, we are privileged because Peter's confession has already handed down the truth to us. Yet the question remains, have we accepted this truth in a way that shapes our commitment and faithfulness to Jesus' teachings? Opinions about Jesus what others say, what society suggests, or what culture portrays, do not transform our lives. But when we believe, with the depth of Peter's faith, that Jesus is truly the Son of the living God, we allow ourselves to be molded by His ways and to live His life.

In these challenging times, when our world is marked by uncertainty, division, and rapid change, Jesus' question grows even more urgent. If He were to ask you today, "Who do you say that I am?" how would you respond? Would your answer reflect trust in Him amid life's anxieties? Would it reveal a faith that remains steady even when circumstances are not?

My hope and prayer is that we continue to know Him more deeply, to anchor our lives in His truth, and to live out our call as His disciples with renewed courage and conviction. May our profession of faith not only be spoken with our lips but also be witnessed in our lives, bringing His light, peace, love, joy, and hope to our families, our community, and our world.

Your Friend in the Jesus,

Fr. Pascual Abaya IV



Who do you say
that I am?

Matthew 16:15

CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, Aug. 23 2026
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, Aug. 24, 2026
Feast of St. Bartholomew
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2026
Tuesday of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2026
Wednesday of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, Aug. 27, 2026
Memorial of St. Monica
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, Aug. 28, 2026
Memorial of St. Augustine
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, Aug. 29, 2026
Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist
Masses at 7:00am & 12:00pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am
Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, Aug. 30, 2026
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm

SCRIPTURE

As the disciples journeyed with Jesus, they saw him touch many people and work many miracles. In the previous chapter, we hear of his work: "Great crowds came to him, having with them the lame, the blind, the deformed, the mute, and many others. They placed them at his feet, and he cured them" (Matthew 15:30). Jesus follows those healings with another miracle of feeding a crowd of four thousand with baskets of food left over once again. (We heard the first one on the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.) It is after they have seen these things that Jesus asks his disciples: "But who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:15).

Simon replies with a statement of faith naming Jesus the Son of the Living God. In response to his declaration, Jesus blessed Peter, changed his name, and made him the bedrock of the Church. Peter's risk and faith changed his life irrevocably. This is the foundational strength of the community: acknowledge that Jesus is the Christ. Do that and your life will be changed!

SHARING FAITH

What is your response to Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?"

What are you willing to risk in order to follow Jesus more closely?

What responsibilities do you have to God and your neighbor because you have professed your faith in Jesus Christ?

LIVING THE LITURGY

In the First Reading, God replaces Shebna with Eliakim, who is to act justly and develop a sense of power and authority rooted not in individuals, but in God. Those who abuse their power and authority are responsible to God for their actions. Where do you see people using their powers justly? How is that manifested? Pray this week for that kind of witness.

You can read stories of the saints and martyrs who risked their lives for their belief and witness. Where in our days are we called to give witness to what we believe? What help does God promise to those who follow him?

Summer is almost over. Look back on your summer activities. Where have you drawn closer to God? Where have you built the kinds of relationships God invites from us? Where have you forgiven or healed another with your actions or words? It is never too late to start.

REFLECTION

Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16).



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 (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 10 - 16, 2026

Offertory Collection

Sunday	\$ 2,933.00
Weekday	\$ 782.66
Other Feasts, Solemnities, Holy Day	\$ 179.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,913.07
Total Offertory	\$ 7,807.73

Other Collection

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 144.35
Diocesan Collection	\$ 205.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	\$ 1,310.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 1,351.00
Total	\$ 10,485.08

PLANNED GIVING SUNDAY



Planned giving, or legacy giving, represents a profound opportunity to leave a lasting impact on our Catholic faith in Hawai'i through the Hawai'i Catholic Community Foundation. Your gift can be designated as you wish to your Parish, our Catholic parochial schools in Hawai'i or the Diocese of Honolulu.

A planned gift can ensure the blessings you have had in your life are shared after you're gone in a way that ensures the values and faith you love continue to thrive for generations to come.

A planned gift may also have financial benefits for you during your lifetime. By including the Hawai'i Catholic Community Foundation in your estate plans, you are ensuring the foundations of our Catholic community remain strong and vibrant, perpetuating our shared beliefs and traditions indefinitely.

For more information, point your smart phone on the QR Code to link with the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation and leave a legacy with a planned gift.

HURRICANE LALA RELIEF & RECOVERY



This past weekend, Hurricane Lala brought destructive winds, torrential rain and severe flooding to the islands of Hawai'i and Maui, leaving families and communities facing damage, displacement and a difficult road to recovery.

The Hawai'i Catholic Community Foundation (HCCF) has established the Hurricane Lala Relief Fund to support relief and recovery efforts on the islands of Hawai'i and Maui. Your generosity will help provide assistance where it is most needed as affected communities recover from the storm. For more information on how you can help, scan the QR Code. Thank you for your help & generosity!

SAINT FOR THE WEEK

"Whenever we cover our brother's sin, God will cover ours; whenever we tell people about our brother's guilt, God will do the same about ours."

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