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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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SEPTEMBER 13, 2026
24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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This week's Readings: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sirach 27:30 - 28:7; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
Romans 14:7-9; Alleluia - John 13:34; Matthew 18:21-35

Next week's Readings: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Alleluia - Acts 16:14b; Matthew 20:1-16a

FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

"THE FREEDOM FOUND IN FORGIVENESS"

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, joy, and hope!

Forgiveness often arises from moments of hurt. Some wounds may be minor and easily forgotten, while others run deep, leaving pain, resentment, and even anger. Whether the offense is minor or severe, the Lord's invitation remains the same: to forgive not merely with our lips but from the depths of our hearts. As Jesus reminds us in the Gospel, true forgiveness comes from within and reflects the mercy we have received from God.

We live in a world marked by brokenness, where misunderstanding, pain, and division are part of human experience. Because of our weaknesses and limitations, we can easily be hurt by others' words or actions. A family member, a friend, a neighbor, or a co-worker may say or do something that causes disappointment or sorrow. What may begin as a simple disagreement can grow into resentment and separation if left unattended.

Yet amid our human frailty, God's grace is always at work. There comes a moment when a person recognizes their mistakes and finds the courage to seek forgiveness. This is never easy. It requires humility, honesty, and a sincere desire for reconciliation. Likewise, for the person who has been hurt, extending forgiveness can be just as difficult. It calls for generosity of spirit, humility of heart, and trust in God's healing power.

When these moments arise, we are called to open our minds and hearts to the grace of forgiveness. Forgiving from the heart does not instantly erase the pain, but it allows God to begin healing the wounds caused by anger, bitterness, and hatred. Through forgiveness, we participate in Christ's very mercy, who, from the Cross, forgave those who crucified Him. His mercy becomes the source of our own.

Forgiveness lies at the heart of Christian discipleship. As followers of Christ and stewards of His gifts, we are challenged daily to imitate His compassion and love. Forgiveness is not always easy, especially when the hurt runs deep. Yet Jesus continues to invite us to choose the path of peace and reconciliation. He knows that forgiveness frees not only the offender but also the one who has been offended.

We must also be careful not to let pride take root in our hearts. Pride can keep us from seeing one another as brothers and sisters in Christ. It can blind us to our faults and weaknesses and lead us to believe we are always right. Humility, on the other hand, opens us to God's grace and helps us recognize our shared need for mercy.

Perhaps today we need to ask ourselves: Am I holding a grudge against someone? Is there a wound in my heart I have not allowed God to heal? Have I been carrying anger or resentment for far too long? If so, let us listen carefully to the words of Jesus: "Forgive seventy-seven times" and "from the heart." The Lord invites us to let go of the burdens of the past so we may experience the freedom and joy that come from His love.

Forgiveness is a profoundly divine act. It brings peace to the mind, healing to the heart, and restoration to relationships. To forgive is to show mercy, and to show mercy is to love as God loves.

Your Friend in the Jesus,

Fr. Pascual Abaya IV

Lord
if my brother sins against me
how often must I forgive?

Matthew 18:21

CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm

Monday, Sept. 14, 2026
Feast of the Exaltation of the Lord
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2026
Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrow
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2026
Memorial of Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, Sept. 17, 2026
Thursday of the 24th Week in Ordinary Time
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, Sept. 18, 2026
Friday of the 24th Week in Ordinary Time
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, Sept. 19, 2026
Saturday of the 24th Week in Ordinary Time
Masses at 7:00am & 12:00pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am
Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, Sept. 20, 2026
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm

SCRIPTURE

This Sunday's readings remind us that we are all sinners in need of forgiveness. We hear this message in the reading from Sirach, which reminds us that we are all sinners in need of forgiveness and that we are called to forgive others in the hope that we, too, might be forgiven. In the Gospel, we see this demonstrated firsthand when Peter asks Jesus how many times he ought to forgive someone. Peter thinks that he is being generous when he forgives a member of Christ's household seven times. After all, Jewish custom only required him to forgive three times. He thought he was going above and beyond. But Jesus challenges him to see forgiveness in a whole new light. Jesus tells him to forgive seventy-seven times or seventy times seven times. Either number communicates a limitless reality to forgiveness. To get his point across, Jesus recounts the parable of the unforgiving servant. The key to the parable is the huge discrepancy in the amount owed by the two servants. The king (God) forgave an unbelievably large debt on the part of his household servant. The same servant (us) was unwilling to forgive the smallest of debts on the part of his fellow servant. The moral of the parable centers on the need of the community to act with God-like compassion toward all. This pattern of acting is the basis for all relation ships within Christ's community. It moves every person to forgive others from the heart, as God has forgiven us.

SHARING FAITH

Is there anyone who you have forgiven time and time again? Do you ever resent having to forgive so much? How do these Sunday's readings change your feelings of resentment?

When have you been forgiven beyond your every expectation? How did it feel?

Peter thought that Jesus would commend him for his generosity, and instead Jesus told him that he wasn't doing enough. Have you ever had a moment like this in your faith, when it turned out that your version of virtue wasn't matching God's? What happened? How did it make you feel?

LIVING THE LITURGY

Try to use the word forgive seventy-seven times this week. Keep a tally of how many times you've used it on a small piece of scrap paper in your purse or wallet.

Write a passage about forgiveness from this Sunday's First Reading or Gospel on an index card and carry it with you throughout the week. Whenever you start beating up on yourself for something you have done or failed to do, read the card and remind yourself of God's all-forgiving love.

Enter into a potentially charged situation this week intending only to bring a spirit of love and forgiveness. See how your attitude can change the course of everyone's conversation and experience.

REFLECTIONS

For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. (Romans 14:8)

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 (SEPT.)

Loving and Gracious God,
We ask You to open our hearts
to your Son's life and ministry
and to answer the call
to be his disciples.

May our response
be rooted
in the Gospel;

may we be
ever mindful
of the needs
of our communities;

and may our stewardship
flow from a profound sense
of gratitude for
Your many blessings.

By the gift of the Holy Spirit,
empower and inspire us
to respond in a way
that brings hope to others
and reveals the love
that comes to us
through Jesus Christ.

We ask this in His Name,
who is Lord
forever and ever.

Amen.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

August 31 - September 6, 2026

Offertory Collection		
Sunday	$	14,205.00
Weekday	$	903.82
Other Feasts, Solemnities, Holy Day	$	52.00
Online Giving	$	5,408.49
Total Offertory	**$**	**20,569.31**
Other Collection		
Repairs & Maintenance	$	23.00
Diocesan Collection	$	1,460.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	$	826.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	$	1,501.00
Total	**$**	**23,204.31**

OFFERTORY GIVING

Looking for convenient, safe and secure way of giving to our church? We have online giving features in our website or click on the QR Code and go through the easy-to-follow steps. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Parish office. We thank you for your continued support in fulfilling the mission of the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

UPDATE! Every dollar raised above your assigned goal is returned directly to your parish to support your parish ministries. The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) is far more than a fundraising effort - it is as opportunity for each of us to respond with gratitude for the blessings God has entrusted to us and to use those blessings to serve others. Funds raised through the CMAA support essential ministries and outreach programs for our Church, including Religious Education, Youth Ministry, the formation of Deacons and Seminarians, hospital and prison ministries, and services for the homeless. **Our goal for the 2026 CMAA is $45,437.00. We collected $54,441.00** and at **120%** of our Goal. Every gift, large or small, strengthens the mission of the Church. We hope you'll prayerfully consider your gift and support our mission to live out Christ's to extend his love and mercy across the islands. You can make your gift today at: **Appeal.CatholicHawaii.org/support** Thank you for your faith, your support, and for making a difference in the life and mission of our Catholic Church.

SAINT FOR THE WEEK

"If you wish to leave much wealth to your children, leave them in God's care. Do not leave them riches, but virute and skill. For if they learn to expect riches, they will not mind anything besides, and their abundant riches shall give them the means of screening the wickedness of their ways."

St. John Chrysostom, (349 - 407), Patron Saint of Speaking, Feast Day September 13