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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.
Every 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 27, 2026
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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This week's Readings: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Alleluia - John 10:27; Matthew 21:28-32

Next week's Readings: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20
Philippians 4:6-9; Alleluia - John 15:16; Matthew 21:33-43

FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

"A CHANGE OF HEART, A LIFE OF FAITH"

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, joy, and hope!

Living our Christian faith is not always easy. If we think following Christ is simple and effortless, we may not yet fully grasp what it means to be His committed disciple. Through our Baptism, each of us has been called to walk in the footsteps of Jesus and to embrace a life centered on Him. Following Christ requires more than words; it calls for a sincere commitment to His teachings and a willingness to shape our lives according to His example.

Jesus Himself showed us what true discipleship looks like. He listened attentively to His Father's will and remained faithful to it even unto death on the Cross. Though He possessed all power and authority, He chose the path of humility, obedience, and sacrificial love. In complete trust in His Father, He embraced suffering and carried the Cross for our sake and for the world's salvation. Through His loving obedience, we received the gift of redemption and the hope of eternal life.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear the Parable of the Two Sons. A father asks both of his sons to work in his vineyard. Anyone familiar with vineyard work knows it requires dedication, effort, and perseverance. When asked, the first son initially refused but later changed his mind and went. The second son readily agreed but never followed through on his promise.

At first glance, the father would naturally be pleased with the son who said "yes" and disappointed in the one who said "no." Yet the parable takes an unexpected turn. The son who initially refused eventually obeyed his father and carried out the work entrusted to him. We can imagine the father's joy upon seeing his son's change of heart and willingness to do what was asked of him. The true measure of obedience was not found in words alone but in action.

This parable invites each of us to reflect honestly on our relationship with God. There are moments when we readily say "yes" to the Lord yet struggle to live out that commitment. We promise to forgive but hold on to resentment. We resolve to turn away from sinful habits yet find ourselves returning to them. We desire to live in God's grace, yet our human weakness often leads us astray.

The Good News is that God never gives up on us. Even when we have said "no" to His invitation, He continues to call us back with patience, mercy, and love. The son who first refused reminds us that conversion is always possible. God delights in a repentant heart and rejoices whenever we return to Him. His love is unwavering, and His mercy offers us countless opportunities to renew our commitment and begin again.

The Lord desires not merely a verbal profession of faith but a wholehearted response expressed in our lives. He calls us to make our "yes" sincere, faithful, and evident in our daily actions. True discipleship is shown not only in what we say but also in how we love, serve, forgive, and follow Him.

May the Lord grant us the grace to move beyond words and to respond to His call with faithful action. And like Mary, may we always trust that God's plans, though sometimes challenging, will lead us closer to Him and to the fullness of life He desires for us.

Your Friend in the Jesus,

Fr. Pascual Abaya IV

Amen I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.

Matthew 21:31

CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, Sept. 27, 2026
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm

Monday, Sept. 28, 2026
Monday of the 26th Week in Ordinary Time
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2026
Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Rafael
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2026
Memorial of St. Jerome
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, Oct. 1, 2026
Memorial of St. Therese of the Child Jesus
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, Oct. 2, 2026 - **First Friday**
Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels
Adoration/Benediction at 10:00am
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026 - **First Saturday**
Saturday of the 26th Week in Ordinary Time
Masses at 7:00am & 12:00pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am
Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, Oct. 4, 2026
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm

SCRIPTURE

Have you ever seen a movie or read a book with a plot somewhat like the following? Two people both decide that the other has a better life situation, they magically switch places, and they quickly learn the downsides of the other person's life and begin to see new value in their own. The people switching lives come in all sorts of varieties — a family man might switch lives with a bachelor, or a poor person might switch lives with a rich one — but the message is always the same: we never really know what it is like to be in another person's situation until we experience it for ourselves.

This week's readings teach us to put ourselves in other people's shoes and be empathetic. Paul asks hearers to put themselves in the shoes of others and become concerned about their interests. The essence of Paul's message is his invitation to enter the mind of Jesus, who was like us in all things but sin. The parable from the Gospel according to Matthew sends the same invitation. Jesus compares two brothers: one who first refused to do the work his father asked of him but later did it, and another who verbally accepted their father's request but never followed through with his commitment to perform the work. Jesus asked which of the two did what their father wanted (21:31). We, too, are left to ponder that it is the son who followed through with action who will enter into the kingdom of God.

SHARING FAITH

In Paul's letters, the phrase "in Christ" is used more than 150 times. What are the characteristics of someone who lives in Christ?

With whom would you most like to trade places? Why? What seems appealing about that person's life? Do you think that person would find anything appealing about your life?

Are there any areas of your life in which you aren't as involved as you could be? How does your lack of presence or participation affect others? How might you change?

LIVING THE LITURGY

This week, focus on entering fully into every aspect of your life. Spend time with your family. Engage yourself fully in projects at work or school. How does engaging with your community change your life?

Mother Teresa is a modern-day example of someone who entered into the lives of others. Do some research on her this week, focusing on how she is remembered by those whose lives she touched. How would you like to be remembered by people?

Rent the movie "Freaky Friday" this week and watch it with your family or some friends. After the movie, talk about the characters of the mother and daughter. What assumptions did each make about the other's life? If you could change bodies with someone, who would it be? What do you think you would learn from the experience? What do you think they would learn?

CATHEDRAL SPECIAL EVENTS

Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance. (Philippians 2:7)

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!

September 14 - 20, 2026

Offertory Collection		
Sunday	$	4,191.00
Weekday	$	952.50
Other Feasts, Solemnities, Holy Day	$	125.00
Online Giving	$	1,441.53
Total Offertory	**$**	**6,710.03**
Other Collection		
Repairs & Maintenance	$	335.00
Diocesan Collection	$	85.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	$	653.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	$	244.00
Total	**$**	**10,127.03**

EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Everyone is invited to a Eucharistic Procession Jubilee of St. Francis of Assisi on Saturday, October 3, 2026. Procession starting from Ss. Peter & Paul with Holy Mass at 8:00am with departure of the Eucharistic Procession to Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa ending with Reconciliations, Prayers & Benediction. Approximately 3.2 miles. To register, visit **www.sspeterpaulhawaii.org/eucharisticprocession** or call the Ss. Peter & Paul Parish at 808-941-0675.

CATHEDRAL BICENTENNIAL SERIES

From the First Mass to the Bicentennial. Recalling Saint Marianne prayed at Our Lady of Peace on her arrival in Hawai'i in 1883. As Saint Damien was dying of Hansen's disease in 1888, she promised to care for his patients and settlement. She and the Franciscan sisters who accompanied her served in Kalaupapa for 30 years.. Join us Sunday, November 8th with a Historial Presentation at 11:00am and light refreshments following 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

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

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

SAINT DAMIEN

Join us on Sunday, October 11th as we celebrate the 17th Anniversary of the Canonization of St. Damien de Veuster, SSCC. Pope Benedict XVI canonized St Damien on October 11, 2009.

CATHEDRAL GALLERY

Our Cathedral Gallery Hours are:
Monday to Friday: 10:00am - 12:00pm
Saturday and Holidays: Closed
Sunday open after the 8:00am and 10:00 am Masses
For more information, please call 808-585-3311.

SAINT FOR THE WEEK

"Vo valuable to heaven is the dignity of the human soul that every member of the himan race has a guardian angel from the moment the person begins to be."

St. Jerome, (347 - 420), Theologian, Confessor, Feast Day September 30