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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.
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OCTOBER 11, 2026
28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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This week's Readings: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Isaiah 25:6-10a; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Alleluia - Ephesians 1:17-18; Matthew 22:1-14 or 1-10

Next week's Readings: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Alleluia - Philippians 2:15d, 16a; Matthew 22:15-21

FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

"THE INVITATION IS STILL OPEN"

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, joy, and hope!

Many of us hear a beautiful song at Mass called Table of Plenty. One verse says: "O come and sit at my table where saints and sinners are friends. I wait to welcome the lost and lonely to share the cup of my love." These words touch the heart because they remind us of who God is. He is a loving Father who continually invites His children to come to Him. He does not wait only for the perfect or the worthy. He welcomes saints and sinners alike, the strong and the weak, the joyful and the brokenhearted. His invitation is always open.

Every time we gather for the Holy Eucharist, we respond to that invitation. We come to the Lord's table, where Jesus offers Himself fully to us, His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. Nourished by His Word and strengthened by His presence, we are united with Him in a personal and profound way. The Eucharist is not merely a ritual we attend; it is an encounter with the living Christ who desires to dwell within us.

This Sunday's Gospel presents the Parable of the Wedding Feast. A king prepares a magnificent banquet for his son's wedding and sends servants to invite the guests. Many, however, refuse to attend. Some are too busy, while others simply do not care. Still others reject the invitation outright and mistreat the king's messengers.

Yet the king does not give up. He wants the banquet hall full. He sends his servants into the streets and crossroads to invite everyone they can find. The rich and the poor, the known and the forgotten, the good and the bad are all welcomed. The feast is ready, and the king wishes everyone to share in his joy.

This parable reveals God's heart. He never stops inviting us. No matter where we are in life or how far we may have wandered, He continues to call us to Himself. His invitation is an invitation of love, mercy, and communion.

Many people today are like the first guests in the Gospel. Life has become so busy and demanding that God is often pushed to the margins. Work, responsibilities, worries, and countless distractions can occupy our attention, leaving little room for prayer, worship, and the nourishment of our souls. The Gospel gently challenges us to ask: Do I still make time for the Lord? Do I recognize His invitation as a gift?

The parable also speaks of the wedding garment. The issue is not about wearing expensive clothes or meeting social expectations. Rather, the wedding garment symbolizes the disposition of our hearts. God invites everyone to His banquet, but He asks us to come with hearts open to His grace and ready to be transformed by His love. We are called to clothe ourselves in faith, humility, repentance, charity, and a sincere desire to follow Christ.

Each Mass is a foretaste of the heavenly banquet awaiting us. Here and now, the Lord gathers us around His table and feeds us with the Bread of Life. Here and now, heaven touches earth. Here and now, we are reminded of our ultimate destiny, eternal communion with God. How sad it would be if we were too distracted, too indifferent, or too preoccupied to accept such a wonderful invitation.

The banquet is prepared. The Lord continues to call each of us by name. He invites the lonely, the weary, the struggling, and the hopeful. He invites those who feel close to Him and those who feel distant. He invites us not because we deserve it, but because He loves us.

The banquet of eternal life begins here at the Eucharistic table. Every Mass offers an opportunity to respond to His call with grateful and willing hearts. The question remains: Will we grace the occasion? Will we accept the Lord's invitation and come to His banquet?

Fr. Pascual Abaya IV

Your Friend in the Jesus,

Many are invited

but few are chosen

Matthew 22:14

CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, Oct. 11, 2026
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm

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

Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2026
Tuesday of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2026
Wednesday of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, Oct. 15, 2026
Memorial of St. Teresa of Jesus
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, Oct. 16, 2026
Friday of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, Oct. 17, 2026
Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch
Masses at 7:00am & 12:00pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am
Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, Oct. 18, 2026
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2nd Collection for World Mission Sunday
Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm

SCRIPTURE

Parties and banquets are events we anticipate. Whether we realize it or not, invitations also come with a lot of responsibility. Our host sets the parameters for the event, so we can plan how we will dress and what we need to bring.

The First Reading and the reading from the Gospel this week are easy to relate to our own lives and times. From these readings, we learn that we are invited to be part of God's heavenly banquet. We can choose to accept his invitation and we are prepared to participate in the banquet that he sets. A subtler message of the readings, how ever, has us look closely at who really accepts God's invitation and comes prepared to celebrate at his banquet. Some seem worthy of the banquet, while others make excuses or blatantly refuse the invitation. With a feast ready and no one to celebrate, both those who were doing bad and good were invited. All but one of these unexpected guests came prepared for the occasion. The insulted host showed no mercy to the one guest who came improperly dressed, but the party giver welcomed those who came prepared despite the little notice they had.

We are all invited to God's heavenly banquet, but we must be ready. Paul's message directs our preparation to the words and actions of Jesus. It is never too soon to care fully consider the invitation, clothe ourselves in Christ, and prepare for the eternal banquet.

SHARING FAITH

How well are you wearing your baptismal garment? What actions have stained it? How can you clean the stains?

Some of the invited guests offer excuses about why they cannot be there. What excuses do you use for not doing God's will? How can you stop making excuses and move into action?

Psalm 23 offers words of comfort. Read through it and talk about how these words comfort you. When do you most need comfort? How does God provide it?

LIVING THE LITURGY

Invite younger members of your family to help set the table for dinner. Make an ordinary dinner into a banquet celebration of God's love by adding flowers and candles on the table.

Plan to invite someone to your house who you have not seen in a while. Take time to reconnect with that person over a meal.

Compile a list of types of parties and banquets that you attend. Discuss the expectations that come with each invitation and the expected behavior and attire at each event. Which invitations help you to live better as a disciple of Christ? Are there any that lead you away from Christ?

REFLECTIONS

Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress (Philippians 4:14)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

September 28 - October 4, 2026

Offertory Collection		
Sunday	$	5,585.00
Weekday	$	905.94
Other Feasts, Solemnities, Holy Day	$	0.00
Online Giving	$	1,583.10
Total Offertory	**$**	**6,444.69**
Other Collection		
Repairs & Maintenance	$	25.00
Diocesan Collection	$	5.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	$	744.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	$	567.99
Total	**$**	**9,416.03**

ICSC STEWARDSHIP PRAYER (OCT.)

Lord Jesus Christ,

We serve in your name
as did your apostles before us.
And we live, as they did,
in anxious times, painfully
aware of sin's presence in the
world; a world in need of
your Father's mercy.

As your disciples, we also live
in hope, confident that your light
is breaking through the changing
moods of life – healing,
embracing and transforming
as your presence moves deep
within us.

Help us see every hour of our
lives as a moment of grace:
A time when we open our hearts
to you in prayer, discover your
Truth in our work and leisure
and live each moment as
blessings to one another.

Make us better stewards of the
great wealth of gifts you have
bestowed upon us. And show us
how to teach others to open their
hearts to those who hunger,
thirst or who are strangers.

Refresh our minds,
renew our faith, and
inspire us to proclaim your
Gospel with a new energy in
word and in deed for you live
and reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

The weekend of October 18th, we will take up a 2nd Collection for World Mission Sunday. "Let us be charitable about the missions, remembering that the Lord who said: 'Go teach all nations' is the same Lord who bewailed: 'I have mercy on the multitudes.'" - Blessed Archbishop Fulton Sheen (National Director for the Pontifical Mission Societies between 1950-1960) This year marks the 100th years of World Mission Sunday. To support the Pontifical's Mission, please visit our website at honolulucathedral.org or text "MISSIONS26" to 53555. Your gift is tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. For more information, please visit their website at https://pontificalmissions.org/home Thank you for your support and generosity.

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.

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SAINT FOR THE WEEK

"Christ has no body now but mine. He prays in me, looks through my eyes, speaks through my words, works through my hands, walks with my feet and loves with me here."

St. Teresa of Avila, (1515 - 1582), Doctor of the Church, Feast Day October 15