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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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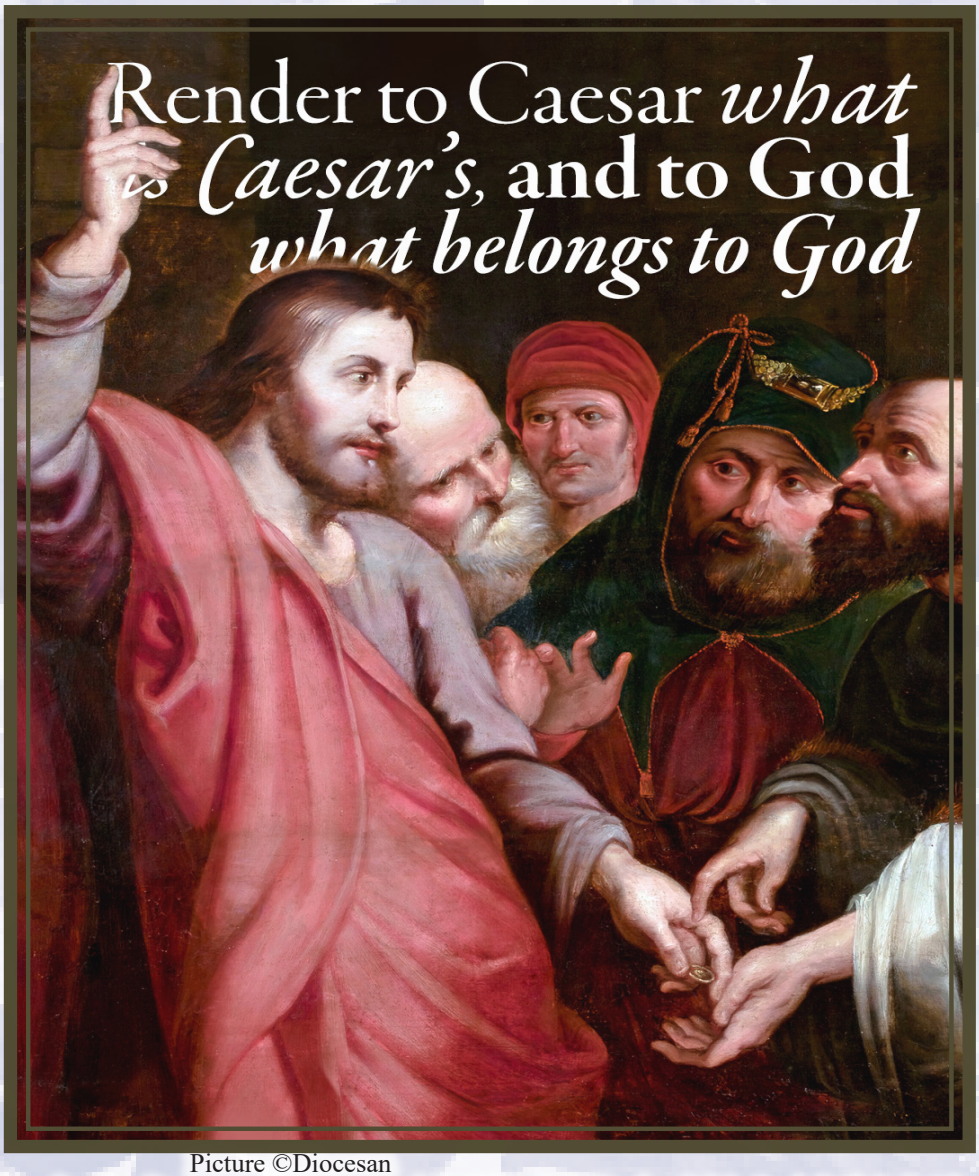
OCTOBER 18, 2026
29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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This 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

Next week's Readings: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Exodus 22:20-26; Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Alleluia - John 14:23; Matthew 22:34-40

FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

"GIVING BACK TO GOD WHAT BELONGS TO GOD"

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, joy, and hope!

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus' adversaries, particularly the Pharisees, once again try to entrap Him. They pose a question meant to put Him in a no-win situation: "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" If Jesus supports paying taxes, He risks angering the people who resent their Roman occupiers. If He opposes the tax, the Romans could report Him as a rebel. Knowing their hypocrisy and hidden intentions, Jesus asks for a coin and points to its image. When they say it bears Caesar's image, He responds with the now-famous words: "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Jesus' answer goes far beyond a discussion of taxes. It reminds us of our dual responsibilities. We are citizens of our country, called to contribute to the common good and to fulfill our civic duties. At the same time, we are citizens of God's Kingdom, called to live according to His will and commandments.

At times, tensions arise between Gospel values and those promoted by the world. At other times, questions about public life touch deeply on matters of faith and morality. In such situations, Jesus teaches us that our first allegiance must always be to God. While we respect legitimate civil authority, we must never forget that God is the Lord of our lives.

What makes this teaching especially meaningful is that Jesus Himself lived it perfectly. Throughout His earthly life, He sought not His own will but the Father's. Even when obedience led Him to suffering and death on the Cross, He remained faithful. He shows us that true freedom is not found in doing whatever we want but in choosing what is right and good before God.

The Gospel also invites us to reflect on a deeper question: What belongs to God? The coin belonged to Caesar because it bore his image. But we belong to God because we bear His image. Our lives, gifts, talents, time, families, and everything we possess are ultimately gifts He has entrusted to us. We are not owners but stewards of these blessings.

This understanding brings us to the heart of Christian stewardship. God has generously shared His love with us through His Son, Jesus Christ. In gratitude, we are called to offer our time in service, our talents for the good of others, and our resources to build up His Kingdom. We live out this stewardship in our families, our parish community, our workplaces, and our service to those most in need.

Our world often promotes self-interest, personal gain, and the pursuit of power. Yet these paths can leave the human heart empty. Lasting purpose and joy come when we recognize what belongs to God and willingly place our lives in His hands. When God is at the center, we find the direction, meaning, and peace our hearts long for.

As we gather around the Lord's table this Sunday, let us ask ourselves: Do I give God only a portion of my life, or do I offer Him my whole heart? May we renew our commitment to live faithfully as disciples of Christ and return to God what already belongs to Him. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Peace, always guide us to her Son and help us become faithful stewards of all God's gifts.

Your Friend in the Jesus,

Fr. Pascual Abaya IV

Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God

Matthew 22:21

CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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

Monday, Oct. 19, 2026
Memorial of Ss. John de Brebuef & Issac Jogues
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2026
Tuesday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2026
Wednesday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, Oct. 22, 2026
Thursday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, Oct. 23, 2026
Friday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, Oct. 24, 2026
Saturday of the 29th 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. 25, 2026
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm

SCRIPTURE

Believe it or not, in a month or so the secular holiday season will already be in full swing. No doubt, you will be receiving Christmas cards in the mail at this time. Whose cards do you look forward to receiving the most? Often, the best cards are the ones that come with updated information on old friends or family.

Paul and his peers knew that they needed to keep in touch with the small Christian communities that they couldn't visit frequently. The success of the early church depended on the strength of the bonds that early Christian leaders maintained with one another even though they were divided by distance and culture. Even though communication has greatly improved since Paul's time, forming and maintaining strong bonds still takes work that comes from faith in the relationship, the love of others, and hope that they will respond to our efforts.

In the Old Testament, the bond the people form with the Lord is the foundation for our faith. Isaiah uses very strong language to tell us about our deep and powerful bond with the Lord, who calls each of us by name. Like any earthly bond, we must nurture our relationship with God, too. Jesus shows this to the Pharisees in this story from Matthew. When the Pharisees test Jesus' allegiance between Caesar and God, Jesus reminds them that true bonding is not in earthly things but comes from God and leads us to an everlasting relationship with him.

SHARING FAITH

What are the strongest bonds of friendship or family in your life? Do these bonds help you to grow closer to God? Have they ever prevented you from growing closer to God?

What bond exists between Christian leaders and the community today? How can we strengthen this bond?

How is bonding with others part of our Christian faith?

LIVING THE LITURGY

Take time this week to write a letter to someone who you haven't reached out to in a while. Update the person with all of your news and inquire after his or her life.

Discuss the principles that help to maintain the bond in your family or your small Christian community. Assign symbols to some of these values and create a family or community crest that illustrates the principles that keep you bonded together. Put the completed crest in a visible spot so that you can refer back to it often.

Decide how you can strengthen your bond with the clergy of your faith community. Perhaps you might invite a priest or deacon to share dinner with your family or your small Christian community.

REFLECTIONS

We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly (1 Thessalonians 1:2)

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

October 5 - 11, 2026

Offertory Collection		
Sunday	$	4,230.00
Weekday	$	810.23
Other Feasts, Solemnities, Holy Day	$	170.00
Online Giving	$	3,580.39
Total Offertory	**$**	**8,810.62**
Other Collection		
Repairs & Maintenance	$	10.00
Diocesan Collection	$	118.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	$	1,332.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	$	636.99
Total	**$**	**10,906.62**

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 "CATHEDRAL BASILICA" 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.

SACRED HEARTS OPEN HOUSE

Sacred Hearts Academy is hosting an open house for girls age 2 - grade 12 on November 15, 11:00AM. For more information, please contact the Admissions Office at 808-734-5058 ext. or visit their website at www.sacredhearts.org

ST. LOUIS OPEN HOUSE

St. Louis School is hosting an open house for boys grade K - 12 on November 4 & 18, 3:00PM. For more information, please contact the Admissions Office at 808-739-4832 or email at admissions@saintlouishawaii.org

SAINT FOR THE WEEK

"There is no evil to be faced that Christ does not face with us. There is no enemy that Christ has not already conquered. There is no cross to bear that Christ has not already bome for us and does not now bear with us."

Pope John Paul II, (1920 - 2005), Pope, Feast Day October 22