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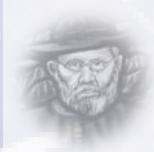


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MASS SCHEDULE

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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NOVEMBER 8, 2026
32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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This week's Readings: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Wisdom 6:12-16; Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 4:13-14; Alleluia - Matthew 24:42a, 44; Matthew 25:1-13

Next week's Readings: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Alleluia - John 14:4a, 5b; Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

"MEETING CHRIST TODAY, AWAITING HIM TOMORROW"

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, joy, and hope!

Many things in life happen unexpectedly. Even with the advanced warnings we receive before hurricanes, tornadoes, and other natural disasters, uncertainty remains. We do not always know how severe the impact will be or how our lives may change afterward. In the face of such events, some people respond immediately to the call to seek safety, while others delay, believing they still have plenty of time. Often, they finally decide to act only when the danger becomes real and unavoidable.

In a similar way, the Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids invites us to reflect on the importance of spiritual readiness. The parable is not simply about who remembered to bring enough oil for their lamps. It is ultimately about our relationship with the Lord and our readiness to welcome Him whenever He comes. Jesus reminds us that God's Kingdom will come at a time we do not expect. The wise bridesmaids lived in hopeful anticipation of the bridegroom's arrival, and because they were prepared, they entered the joy of the wedding feast.

The Christian life is a journey of preparation, rooted not in fear but in love. Each day offers an opportunity to grow closer to Christ, deepen our faith, and allow His grace to transform us. When the Lord comes, whether at the end of our earthly lives or at the fulfillment of His Kingdom, our prayer is that He will find us watching, waiting, and faithful.

As I reflect on this Gospel, I am reminded of my years in Scouting. From an early age, I joined the Cub Scouts and later the Boy Scouts. One lesson that has stayed with me throughout my life and priesthood is the Scout motto: "Be Prepared." At first, it meant being ready for outdoor activities, emergencies, and daily responsibilities. Over time, however, I came to understand its deeper meaning. Life brings many unexpected challenges, moments of uncertainty, and opportunities to serve others. Being prepared means staying attentive, resilient, and ready to respond with faith and courage.

For Christians, this same spirit of preparedness takes on even greater significance. We are called to prepare for the Lord's coming by nurturing our relationship with Him each day through prayer, acts of charity, the Sacraments, and faithful discipleship. Spiritual readiness is not something we accomplish in a single moment. We cultivate it over a lifetime of walking with Christ.

The Eucharist is one of the greatest ways the Lord prepares us for His coming. Every Sunday and each time we gather for Mass, Christ meets us in a profound and personal way. He offers Himself to us in His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. As we approach the altar, we are invited not only to be physically present but also to be spiritually attentive, bringing our joys, struggles, hopes, and fears before Him.

Preparing for Mass means opening our hearts to God's presence, allowing Him to speak to us through His Word, and nourishing us through the Holy Eucharist. The more we learn to recognize Christ in the Eucharist, the more ready we become to recognize Him when He comes in glory.

May we never take His presence for granted. Instead, may we strive each day to keep the lamp of faith burning brightly, nourished by prayer, sustained by the Sacraments, and strengthened by acts of love. Then, whenever the Lord comes, we will be ready to meet Him with joyful hearts and to hear His words: "Come, share your Master's joy."

And so, the question remains for each of us. If the Lord were to come today, would our hearts be ready to welcome Him?

Your Friend in the Jesus,

Fr. Pascual Abaya IV



STAY AWAKE
FOR YOU KNOW
NEITHER THE DAY
NOR THE HOUR

Matthew 25:13

CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, Nov. 8, 2026
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm

Monday, Nov. 9, 2026
Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2026
Memorial of St. Leo the Great
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2026 - **Veterans' Day Holiday**
Cathedral offices closed
Memorial of St. Martin of Tours
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am
Mass at 12:00pm

Thursday, Nov. 12, 2026
Memorial of St. Josaphat
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, Nov. 13, 2026
Memorial os St. Fracis Xavier Cabrini
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, Nov. 14, 2026
Saturday of the 32nd Week in Ordinary Time
Masses at 7:00am & 12:00pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am
Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, Nov. 15, 2026
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
2nd Collection for Campaign Human Development
Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm

SCRIPTURE

Today's readings speak to our inherent need to seek the presence of God. The First Reading personifies divine Wisdom. The passage not only promises that Wisdom can be found by those who seek her, but that she actually goes out in search of those who love her. Psalm 63 compares the longing for God with physical thirst — the most fundamental need of living creatures. In the Gospel, Matthew describes the kingdom of God with the parable of the ten bridesmaids awaiting the bridegroom whose arrival, while later than expected, is assured.

We do not just wait passively for the arrival of the kingdom, though. We are to live our lives as those who long for and love the kingdom. This Sunday's readings describe how we are to wait even in our passive moments. In the First Reading, we are told that Wisdom comes to those who demonstrate their love for her by watching at dawn, thinking of her, and keeping vigil. And, of course, that is just what the wise bridesmaids do in this Sunday's Gospel. They prepare themselves for a long time of keeping vigil so that the arrival of the bridegroom, however late it may be, will be joyful and bright.

Take these readings into your heart as you prepare for the time of Advent, when we keep the lamps burning bright as we await the coming of Christ our Light into the world.

SHARING FAITH

Today's readings describe the quieter side of faithful living. How often do you take time for silent contemplation or meditation in your life?

How can you fill this Advent with a contemplative mood, rather than giving in to the secular Christmas rush?

The bridesmaids in today's Gospel ignore the panic of their companions because they know that they need to stay focused on the bridegroom. With so much need in the world and so many people clamoring for help, is there a point at which it is okay to say no? How do you identify that point?

LIVING THE LITURGY

Make a contemplative space at home with a candle and a Bible. Model using this space yourself, and mention that it is available to your family members.

With your family or faith sharing group, talk about the expectations of a bridesmaid. How are these responsibilities similar to the responsibilities of the Christian awaiting the kingdom?

With your family or faith sharing group, get out markers and paper and have each person draw a symbol or write a parable of the kingdom of God. When you are finished, share your work with one another. How do you envision the kingdom differently? What different aspects of the kingdom were brought out in different people's work?

REFLECTIONS

Therefore, console one another with these words. (1 Thessalonians 4:18)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

October 26 - November 1, 2026

Offertory Collection		
Sunday + All Saints	$	7,035.00
Weekday	$	805.00
Other Feasts, Solemnities, Holy Day	$	50.00
Online Giving	$	1,356.73
Total Offertory	**$**	**9,246.73**
Other Collection		
Repairs & Maintenance	$	393.00
Diocesan Collection	$	35.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	$	1,365.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	$	616.00
Total	**$**	**11,655.73**

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 (NOV.)

Gracious and loving God,

As the autumn season continues its transformation; and the days become shorter, the earth cooler; as we anticipate joining family and friends in joyful celebration on Thanksgiving Day,
we pause to give You thanks and praise for the abundant blessings You have bestowed upon us:

For life and health, safety and comfort, food and nourishment, we are sincerely grateful.
Through your Spirit, open our hearts so that we may be even better stewards of these rich and unmerited gifts.

Show us how to be a blessing for the poor, sick, lonely and all who suffer.

And help us nurture the gift of faith, revealed to us by your Son, Jesus Christ,
our greatest gift,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever.

Amen.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Are you ready for ADVENT? 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.

OFFERTORY GIVING

Looking for convenient, safe and secure way of giving to our church? We have an online giving featured 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.

CAMPAIGN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Nearly 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

In this weekend's Gospel, the wise bridesmaids are prepared for the bridegroom's arrival. Couples can set aside time for their marriage before daily demands crowd it out. Worldwide Marriage Encounter, recognized by the Vatican, invites couples to step away from work, bills and chores and focus on each other. Join WWME Hawai'i for a residential weekend Feb. 19-21, 2027, at St. Anthony Retreat Center in Kalihi Valley, O'ahu. Priests are also welcome to renew their vocation and strengthen parish relationships. Apply at www.hawaiiwwme.org or contact Brian and Claudine Perry at (808) 276-5721 or brian.claudine.perry@wwme.org.

SAINT FOR THE WEEK

"With the sign of the Cross, I shall more certainly break through the ranks of the enemy than if armed with shield and sword."

St. Martin of Tours, (316 - 397), Bishop, Feast Day November 11