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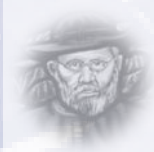



MASS SCHEDULE

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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NOVEMBER 29, 2026
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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This week's Readings: First Sunday of Advent - Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Alleluia - Psalm 85:8; Mark 13:33-37

Next week's Readings: Second Sunday of Advent - Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14
2 Peter 3:8-14; Alleluia - Luke 3:4-6; Mark 1:1-8

FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

"ENTERING THE HOLY SEASON OF ADVENT"

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, joy, and hope!

How blessed we are to be given yet another opportunity to be renewed by God's grace. As we enter the holy Season of Advent, the Church invites us into a time of joyful expectation as we await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. We prepare not only to celebrate His birth at Christmas, but also to welcome Him more deeply into our hearts and to look forward with hope to His glorious return.

Advent reminds us that the Lord comes to us each day. He comes through the celebration of the Sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist. He comes through His living Word proclaimed among us. He comes through our encounters with one another as members of the Body of Christ. And He comes through the poor, the suffering, and all who long for compassion and mercy. As disciples of Jesus, we are called not only to welcome Him but also to bring His light and love into others' lives.

As we journey through this Advent season, we do so with renewed hope. In a world often marked by division, uncertainty, violence, and suffering, we place our trust in the promise that Christ is Emmanuel, "God with us." He is the light that no darkness can overcome. Advent assures us that God has not abandoned His people. Rather, He continues to come into our lives, healing our wounds, renewing our hearts, and guiding us toward His Kingdom of peace, justice, and love.

Whenever we prepare for an important celebration, we devote time and energy to ensure everything is ready. We attend to every detail, so the occasion is joyful and meaningful. In the same way, Advent calls us to prepare spiritually for Christ's coming. Beyond decorating our homes and planning Christmas festivities, we are invited to prepare the manger of our hearts so Jesus may find a worthy dwelling place within us.

We can prepare for His coming through daily prayer, meditation on Sacred Scripture, and participation in the Sacraments. We are encouraged to seek God's mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where we experience His loving forgiveness and healing grace. Faithful participation in Sunday Mass, attending daily Mass when possible, and observing the Holy Days of Obligation deepen our communion with Christ. Advent also calls us to continue the Church's mission of charity by reaching out to those in need, sharing our blessings, and becoming signs of God's compassion in the world.

This sacred season is also a privileged time for self-reflection and spiritual renewal. It invites us to examine the areas of our lives that need conversion and growth. The Lord calls each of us to let go of attitudes, vices, and choices that draw us away from Him and to embrace the life of discipleship more fully. Just as Jesus called His first disciples to be witnesses of His love, He calls us today to be instruments of hope, reconciliation, and peace in a world longing for His presence.

Our Advent journey begins now. Let us walk together in faith, hope, and love. May this season be filled with abundant grace and spiritual blessings. May our hearts be watchful and ready to welcome Christ anew into our lives, families, parish, and world.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, who waited with faith-filled hope for the birth of her Son, accompany us throughout this holy season and help us prepare our hearts for Christ's coming.

A blessed and grace-filled Advent to all.

Your Friend in the Jesus,
Fr. Pascual Abaya IV



WATCH, THEREFORE; YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN THE LORD IS COMING

Mark 13:35

CHURCH'S CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, Nov. 29, 2026
First Sunday of Advent
Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm

Monday, Nov. 30, 2026
Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2026
Tuesday of the 1st Week of Advent
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2026
Wednesday of the 1st Week of Advent
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Thursday, Dec. 3, 2026
Memorial of St. Francis Xavier
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Friday, Dec. 4, 2026
Friday of the 1st Week of Advent
Masses at 6:30am & 12:00pm

Saturday, Dec. 5, 2026
Saturday of the 1st Week of Advent
Masses at 7:00am & 12:00pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 - 11:00am
Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, Dec. 6, 2026
Second Sunday of Advent
Masses at 8:00am/10:00am/12:00pm/5:00pm

SCRIPTURE

Every new year gives us opportunities to contemplate our old ways and consider new possibilities. As we begin the new liturgical year with Advent, Isaiah invites us — almost — to blame God for all our struggles and frustrations. "Why do you let us wander from you," asks the Prophet. Come in power and wake us. Shake us up and make us do your will, he says. Wouldn't it be great if we could ask God to make us be the people we want to be? It's not that simple. But then again, it really does all depend on God. God who is the potter, the one with the vision of what shape we can take and how to get us there. We are but the clay in his hands. This is a reality we embrace with humility and joy. If we surrender ourselves to God despite our failings and habitual weaknesses, God can and will fashion us into a work of beauty that can come only from his hands.

Paul knows that, too. "God is faithful," he tells us. We don't lack anything we need, not because we are such a storehouse of treasure, but because God's fidelity won't fail us. There's comfort in knowing that we, just like with the potter's clay, are formed more by God's work than by ours. But lest we become complacent, the Gospel offers a final admonition not to take things for granted: "Watch!"

SHARING FAITH

Have you ever longed to rant at God and ask why he doesn't just fix you? In what areas of your life do you find yourself repeating the same mistakes and stumbling over the same obstacles?

Do you feel like a divine hand has brought you to the place where you are now? Do you detect the work of the divine potter in your life?

Many people didn't recognize Jesus the first time he came. If he returned this Advent and visited you, how would you recognize him?

LIVING THE LITURGY

As you go through your week, try to be especially attentive to God's faithfulness in your life. Where do you see it? Through whom is it manifested?

Every time you look at your watch or glance at a clock to check the time, think of the last word of this Sunday's Gospel: "Watch." See if you can go through the week with an intentional awareness that our time is limited.

Discuss ways that you can minimize the commercialization of your Christmas celebration. Set aside the money saved and use it to purchase canned goods for a food pantry.

REFLECTIONS

"Yet, O Lord, you are our father; / we are the clay and you the potter: / we are all the work of your hands" (Isaiah 64:7).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

November 16 - 22, 2026

Offertory Collection		
Sunday	$	4,304.00
Weekday	$	797.07
Other Feasts, Solemnities, Holy Day	$	50.00
Online Giving	$	3,720.75
Total Offertory	**$**	**8,314.87**
Other Collection		
Repairs & Maintenance	$	0.00
Diocesan Collection	$	272.00
Special Collection (Intentions, etc.)	$	677.00
Other Collection (Gallery, etc.)	$	453.00
Total	**$**	**10,273.82**

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.

CATHEDRAL BICENTENNIAL SERIES

From the First Mass to the Bicentennial. Faith Under Persecution commemorates the anniversary of the death of Father Alexis Bachoelot and remembers the clergy and lay Catholics who suffered during the early years of the Catholic mission in Hawai'i. This event will focus on one of the most difficult but important chapters in the history of the Church in the islands: the years when Catholic worship was suppressed, missionaries were expelled, and Catholic converts endured hardshipfor remaining faithful.

Join us for this Historial Presentation on Saturday, December 5th at 10:30am. Walking Rosary down Fort Street Mall at 11:15am. Ending with Holy Mass at 12:00pm. Light refreshment to follow.

Located at the Cathedral Catholic Community Center (Kamiano Center) at 1159 Fort Street Mall.

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

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

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Advent begins this weekend with Jesus' call to stay awake. In the rush of daily life, marriages can slip into autopilot. Worldwide Marriage Encounter gives couples time to be fully present to each other and to recognize and overcome barriers to effective listening. 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.**

CATHEDRAL GALLERY

ADVENT is here! Please visit us and browse our Advent items/gifts!
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, email:cbgallery@rcchawaii.org or call 808-585-3311.

SAINT FOR THE WEEK

"It is not the actual physical exertion that counts towards one's progress, nor the nature of the task, but by spirit of faith with which it is undertaken."

St. Francis Xavier, (1506 - 1552), Priest, Missionary, Feast Day December 3