

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, April 25

Fourth Sunday of Easter

2nd Collection for Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00a/12:00/6:00p

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Monday, April 26

Monday of the Fourth Week of Easter

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Tuesday, April 27

Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Easter

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Wednesday, April 28

Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Easter

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 a.m.

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Thursday, April 29

Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena, *Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Friday, April 30

Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter

Masses at 6:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Saturday, May 1

Saturday of the Fourth Week of Easter

Mass at 7:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 a.m.

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Sunday, May 2

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00a/12:00/6:00p

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Cathedral closed after each Mass

Quote of the Week

"... we shall be like him ..." 1 John 3:2.

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory Collection

4/12 – 4/18

Sunday Offering with Palm Sunday	\$ 4,021.50
Weekday with Holy Thursday	\$ 671.30
Online Giving	\$ 2,905.05
Feasts & Solemnities with Easter	\$ 120.00
Total Offertory	\$ 7,717.85

Other Collection

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 350.00
Marriage	\$ 1,000.00
Car Blessing	\$ 245.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 145.00
Others (Gallery, Candles, Intention etc.)	\$ 819.50
Total	\$ 10,277.35

Living the Liturgy

- Look up the word *cornerstone* in the dictionary or encyclopedia and reflect on its meaning. Then consider what cornerstone convictions you hold.
- Keep an eye out for news stories of people who were adopted in infancy and find their birth parents as adults. Reflect on the impact and significance of discovering whose child one is. What does it mean to realize you are a child of God?
- Provide cotton balls for sheep, green construction paper or felt for a pasture, and blue for water. Help your family set up a scene in which you can "shepherd" the cotton-ball sheep to the good green grass and the clean, still water. Talk about all that God provides for our needs and the responsibility we have to use his gifts well and wisely. Discuss the needs of others and how we can help Jesus provide for them by giving and sharing.

Sharing the Faith

- John's letter has a "too good to be true" quality when it asserts, we are, indeed, children of God. What else is "too good" and true about your faith?
- If Jesus is a shepherd, then we must be sheep. How would you defend that metaphor among those who might view the comparison negatively?
- Invite each family member to name a quality of Jesus the Good Shepherd. Why did you choose that particular quality? What can you do to imitate the quality you chose?

Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Calendar

- See upcoming activities
- RSVP for special events
- Easily add parish events to your phone's calendar

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April 25, 2021 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Acts 4:8-12 / Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 36, 28, 29 / 1 John 3:1-2 / John 10:11-18

In our diverse culture, the words of Acts may sound narrow and partisan: There is no salvation through anyone but Jesus. "Elitist" might be the kindest comment some would toss at those assertions. And perhaps they would sound arrogant if Jesus didn't also say, "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). Jesus is the only shepherd, because it is only his voice that the sheep hear and recognize. Jesus knows his sheep, and in the Bible that means understanding and intimacy. Remember, Jesus is a king who reigned from a cross. He never lorded it over others but sacrificed himself for them. The first letter of John says Jesus' own rejected him and refused to "know" him (3:1). Here, too, knowing refers to the deep understanding that results from intimate relationship. That intimacy was what many of Jesus' contemporaries rejected. Having rejected him, they also reject his followers. As Christ's followers, we recognize his voice. In ancient times, sheep grazed freely, and flocks became intermixed. But shepherds had only to call and their sheep would hear and follow, responding to their shepherd's voice and no other. Jesus says, "the Father loves me" (John 10:17) because he willingly and obediently laid down his life. His sacrifice brought us into the sheepfold, or better, into the family of God, making us God's children. That's what we are now, but in the future, we know only this: we will resemble Jesus and be forever like him.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "Fifth Sunday of Easter"

Acts 9:23-31 / Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 / 1 John 3:18-24 / John 15:1-8

From the Rector's Desk

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10: 11

How are your Easter days going along? Are we still in high spirits celebrating God's gift of salvation through the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ? Do we continue to cherish and celebrate the joy of being adopted sons and daughters of God? Although we are still in this pandemic condition, is Alleluia our song?

The Sundays of Easter are celebrated so that we are invited to ponder on the goodness of God for all of us. Despite the denial of His disciples, the unbelief of Thomas, the inability of the disciples on the road to Emmaus to recognize their master, and so on, Jesus assured them of His continued faithfulness and mercy. He was a loving shepherd who never left His flock even amid danger and death.

Jesus continues to manifest such tenderness of love and care. The image of the Good Shepherd is a revelation of the true identity of God. That God never abandons, God never gets tired of looking for His lost sheep and God in His deepest love sacrificed His Son for our sake. That indeed God is love, gracious and merciful.

While we ponder on Jesus as the Good Shepherd, it is also an opportunity to pray for vocations, especially to the priesthood. Through the Ministry of the Priesthood, the Good News of Salvation will continue to be proclaimed and bring life and light in this world of sin, darkness, and death. That hope may continue to be alive and that peace and joy may reign in the hearts of all people.

I would also like to take this opportunity to ask for your prayers. For twenty-five years, God called me to embrace the priestly life. He bestowed upon me a gift so precious that I do not deserve. He chose me to be His priest and carry out the mission to proclaim His message of goodness, kindness, mercy, truth, justice, and love.

I knew then and till now that this gift is not to be kept for my keeping but a gift to be shared for His people wherever He sends me. He continues to sustain me with His grace and mercy. And reminding me of His call, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily, and follow Me." Thus, I say, "Grateful and Blessed!"

I thank my family, especially my mom, who nurtures me with her kindness and love. To all of you who had been and still are part of this journey for your prayers and support. May the Lord bless and keep you, and may He let His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

In Thanksgiving, I will be offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on April 26, 2021, at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa at 6:30 PM. With CDC guidelines and Diocesan protocols are still in place during this time of the Pandemic, seats are limited and available through the registration process on our parish website. The Mass will be live-streamed for those who are not able to come in person.

Pray for me and for all the priests that we may remain steadfast and faithful. Let us continue to pray and support vocations so that more will spread the Good News of Jesus Christ!

God bless you all!

Your friend in Jesus,
Fr. Pascual

25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

Reverend Father Pascual G. Abaya, IV



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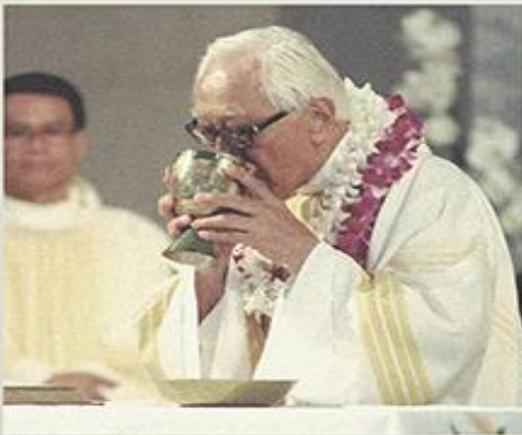
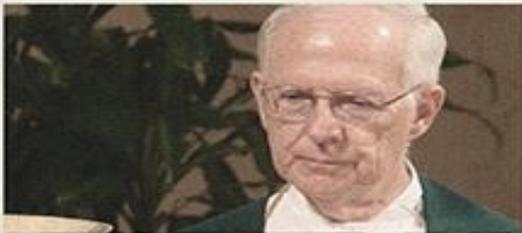
We would like to wish our beloved Pastor and
Rector of the Cathedral Basilica,
Fr. Pascual G. Abaya IV
a most Happy and Blessed 25th Anniversary of
Presbyteral Ordination!

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DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND SECOND COLLECTION

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY
APRIL 24 & 25

Our retired priests dedicated themselves over many years to the service of God's people, and we are grateful for the service they have rendered to our community. Your donations supplement the diocesan pension fund, covering the costs of sustenance, housing, medical and dental insurance, and other needs as our retired priests move into their elder years. *They were there for us. Let's be there for them now.*



GIVE GENEROUSLY ON APRIL 24/25 OR YOU MAY
DONATE ONLINE TODAY: WWW.CATHOLICHAWAII.ORG/DPRF

Today, our Second Collection will be for the Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund. This is a different collection from the Religious Retirement Fund that is done each December. In concert with Good Shepherd Sunday, we are asked to prayerfully consider giving generously to this collection that will directly support our priests who are in their retirement years. They have given their lives shepherding our communities, and we pray that they are adequately cared for, in this next chapter of their lives.