



# *Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus*

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## *January 18, 2026 - Second Sunday in the Ordinary Time (A)* *Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.*

**Isaiah 49:3,5-6; Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34**

St. John the Baptist introduced Jesus to his disciples, saying, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (Jn. 1:29). Why is Jesus called by this strange title, the Lamb of God?

This title is linked to the Jewish feast of Passover, which commemorates the Israelites' time under the Pharaoh's oppressive rule in Egypt. God, through Moses, told Pharaoh to let his people go. Each time Pharaoh refused, God sent a plague. The final and most terrible was the death of every firstborn child in Egypt. To save the families of Israel, they were told to smear their doorposts with the blood of a lamb. The angel would pass over these blood-marked houses, sparing their children. They were saved by the blood of the lamb.

Finally, the Pharaoh acknowledged the power of the God of Israel and allowed Israel to leave Egypt. This was only temporary, as he later sent his soldiers to pursue the Israelites. This relentless pursuit parallels modern challenges we face, such as addictions or personal struggles that threaten our spiritual freedom. On the night before they left, under Moses' leadership, the Israelites ate a final meal of roast lamb. The lamb became a sign and symbol of their liberation from slavery and oppression. The Exodus, or Going Out, is commemorated in the Passover meal, which Jesus celebrated with his disciples at the Last Supper.

Jesus is the new Lamb of God, bringing freedom from the oppression of evil and sin. It is no coincidence that his sacrificial death occurred at Passover. He is the Lamb who sacrifices himself to deliver us from sin. Why do power and self-giving rarely coexist in our world? This paradox is resolved in Jesus, who unites them in a profound way. He does so because he is both our Lord and our Servant. As Lord, he can take away our sins; as Servant, he sacrifices his life for us.

Our Lord Jesus continues to be the Lamb of God, feeding us through his very self in the Eucharist.

The Church proclaims, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper." Imagine whispering these words today, feeling their power within you. We recognized Jesus and welcomed him into our lives, allowing him to work through us despite our weakness and sinfulness. We respond by saying, "Lord, I am not worthy that you enter under my roof. But only say the word, and my soul will be healed." This is both our petition and our declaration that the Lamb of God has the power to heal, liberate, and transform us. We are not only healed and liberated but also configured to Jesus.

This is profoundly beautiful. Our life as Baptized Christians is defined by what we receive. We become what we receive. The one we receive in communion gives meaning to who we are. Our second reading, from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians, captures this well. St. Paul greets the Corinthians and us with these words: "To you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy" (1 Cor. 1:2). We are called to nothing less than holiness. Only the holy can enter heaven.

We share not only in the identity of Jesus but also in his mission on earth through Baptism. Jesus remains the Lamb of God, feeding us with his very self in the Eucharist.





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He continues to serve, love, and liberate humanity from all forms of oppression, especially through the witness and ministry of all baptized Christians.

Fr. Manny Hewe, Pastor

## A Journey of Joyful Witness to Doing all things with Love.



### We worship what we believe; we live what we worship. Gestures in the Holy Mass: **STANDING & SITTING**

In the celebration of Mass, we raise our hearts and minds to God. As creatures of body and spirit, we do not confine our prayer to our minds and hearts. It is also expressed through our bodies. When our bodies are engaged in prayer, we pray with our whole person. Using our entire being in prayer helps us pray with greater attentiveness. The gestures have profound meaning and, when performed with understanding, can enhance our participation in the Mass.

**STANDING** is a sign of respect and honor, so we stand as the celebrant, representing Christ, enters and leaves the assembly. From the earliest days of the Church, this posture has been understood as the stance of those who have risen with Christ and seek what is above. When we stand for prayer, we assume our full stature before God, not in pride but in humble gratitude for what God has done in creating and redeeming each of us. By Baptism, we share in the life of God, and standing acknowledges this gift. We stand for the proclamation of the Gospel, which recounts the words and deeds of the Lord. The bishops of the United States have chosen standing as the posture for receiving Communion.

**SITTING** is the posture for listening and meditation, so the congregation sits for the pre-Gospel readings and the homily and may also sit during the meditation after Communion. All should strive to sit attentively during the Mass rather than simply at rest.



The Order of Christian Initiation  
continues their  
faith formation sessions:

**Tuesday – January 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**and looks at the**  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation.**  
**If you are interested in**  
**deepening your**  
**relationship with Christ,**  
**please join us at 6:30pm this**  
**Tuesday in Room 210.**

For more information, please contact the parish office @ (808) 521-1700.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offering next Weekend is for**  
(January 24 & 25, 2026)

**The Church in Latin America And Black & Indian Mission**



Your gift will go to help fund programs such as evangelization  
and catechesis for these missions.

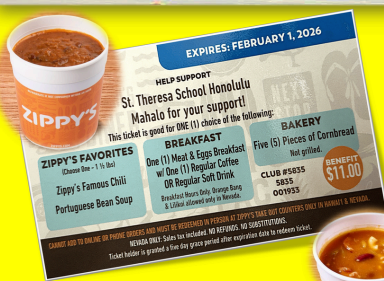
**Mahalo for your generosity!**



### Help Support St. Theresa School

STS will be selling Zippy's  
tickets after Sunday  
masses this weekend  
– Jan. 17 & 18 –

**Mahalo for your generosity!**



### **ST. THERESA SCHOOL** **PA'ANI PEPA**



Doors open 5 PM, Dinner at 5:30 PM, and Gameplay at 6:15 PM @ STS Hall

\*\*\*Get your free game card and raffle ticket at the school office on school days between 12-3 PM only.



# Weekly Offering Report

## For January 5, 2026 - January 11, 2026



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Website: [www.stshi.org](http://www.stshi.org)

### Weekly Collections Online Giving

SUNDAY Mass Offering	\$ 11,442.55	\$ 1,348.82
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\*\*\* Looking for convenient, safe and secure way of giving to our church? We have online giving feature in our website, just click on the link and go through the easy-to-follow steps to go about it. We also have a Giving Kiosk beside the statue of St. Damien. Please have a look at these methods for your church contributions. We thank you for your continued support in fulfilling the mission of the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa. \*\*\*

We will provide a complete report on the donations and updated expenses for the church fence and security project as soon as they are available. In the meantime, we would like to encourage you to reflect and pray to consider donating more towards the church fence and security project the construction of which is in progress.

Please continue to pray with us for the completion of this important project for the safety and security of our church and school.

*Parish Savings with the Diocese as of November 30, 2025* **\$ 25,098.87**

*Outstanding PV Loan with the Diocese as of November 30, 2025* **\$ 283,904.02**

### Second Collections:

January 24-25 for the Church in Latin America and Black & Indian Mission

February 7-8 for the Augustine Educational Foundation

*Mahalo for your generosity.*



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## OHANA PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

**Saturday, January 24**

**9:00 to 10:45 a.m.**

ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY  
(5 days before distribution)  
<https://www.cocathedral.org/>

### SCHOOL OFFICE STAFF AND FACULTY MEMBERS

- Principal/Music 1-8 - Conception (Bernie) Gora
- Vice Principal/Math 8 & Discovery - Lauren Ramirez-Asaeda
- Executive Administrative Assistant/LA 6 - Faith Leasiolagi
- Admission Clerk/Office Assistant - Stephanie Lou Odayog
- Dean of Discipline/Athletic Director/4 & 5 Health/Art - Francine Caetano-Fontanilla
- Preschool Director/Teacher - Magdalena Collins
- PK-8 PE & MS Health - Jayven Bumanglag
- Preschool Aide - Elaine Jane Gonzalez
- Kindergarten Aide & Resource Teacher - Lenie Macadangdang
- Kindergarten Teacher - Leilani Tanaka
- PK, Kindergarten Religion & Liturgy Coordinator - Sr. Ana Fua Dela Cruz, SPC
- 1st Grade - Marvin Macadangdang
- 2nd Grade/Sacramental Prep - Faith Afu
- Creative Music K-3 - Johnelle Silva
- 3rd Grade Teacher - Sibel Mestanova
- 4th Grade Teacher - Laura Gabriel
- 5th Grade Teacher - Taiena Finau
- Middle School Social Studies & Math 6 - Alyssa Yabes
- 7 & 8 Language Arts/7 & 8 Home Economics - Dr. Frances Wong
- Middle School Religion - Shaun Agtarap
- Math 7 - Christian Raquepo
- Middle School Japanese/7 & 8 Arts/ Marketing - Tiani Quon
- MS Science - Peter Park
- Permanent Sub - Bernadette Lopez
- Maintenance - Edwin Kaaihue
- Custodian - Romeo John Cabarrubias





**:We are in need of volunteers:**

Anyone interested to help please call the Parish office  
at (808)521-1700 so we can put you on the schedule.  
**Mahalo!**

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday  
from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm  
(Closed during Lunch break from 12:00 - 1:00 pm)

Saturdays  
from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm  
Sundays  
from 7:30 am - 11:30 am

## MASS SCHEDULES

### Sunday Mass

6:30 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 6:00 pm

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 pm

### Daily Mass

Mon – Thurs: 6:30 am

Fri – Sat: 8:00 am

### Vietnamese Mass (VHM)

Daily Mass:

Mon. Tues. & Thur. at 5:30 pm

Saturday Vigil at 7:00 pm

Sundays at 3:30 pm

### Holy Hour/Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession

Wednesdays

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena at 6:00 pm

Holy Hour/Benediction & Confessions at 6:15 pm

(First Wednesdays of the month with Bishop)

## PASTORAL TEAM & PARISH STAFF

### Fr. Manuel Hewe

Pastor

### Sr. Mercedita Estrella, SPC

Dir. of R.E. & Pastoral Associate

### Tyra Lamb

Safe Environment Liaison

### Pinky Mendoza

Office Coordinator

### Jennifer Asuncion

Office Secretary

### Francis Leasiolagi

Deacon

### Jonathan Lam

VHM Deacon

### Bernie Gora

Director of Music

### Ray Lamb

Deacon

### Roy Matsuo

Retired Deacon

### Fr. Anthony Tran

VHM Chaplain

### Ryan and Ashley Agcaoili

Coordinators of Youth Ministry

### Grace Young

Communications Coordinator

### Earl Morita

Church Grounds Maintenance

### Samy Ratum

Facilities Custodian

### Noraliza Tapecc

On-Call Church Custodian

### Felipe Tan

Accountant

### Joan Mabag

Custodian

*"How lovely is Your  
dwelling place, O  
Lord God of Hosts."  
Psalm 84:1*



## Daily Mass Readings

[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

**January 19, 2026**

*Monday of the Second Week in  
Ordinary Time*

1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22

**January 20, 2026**

*Tuesday of the Second Week in  
Ordinary Time*

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28

**January 21, 2026**

*Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and  
Martyr*

1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51;  
Mark 3:1-6

**January 22, 2026**

*Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection  
of Unborn Children*

1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12

**January 23, 2026**

*Friday of the Second Week in  
Ordinary Time*

1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19

**January 24, 2026**

*Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales,  
Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27;  
Mark 3:20-21

**January 25, 2026**

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Isaiah 8:23—9:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,  
17; Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17