



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

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## *January 25, 2026 - Third Sunday in the Ordinary Time (A)* *Sunday of the Word of God*

**Isaiah 8:23-9:3; Psalm 27:1,4,13-14; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17; Matthew 4:12-23**

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Mat. 4:19). Consider this the most important text message you received this week, and forward it with a reflection on your response.

This invitation from our Lord Jesus is a fitting theme for this weekend, the Sunday of the Word of God. On September 30, 2019, the late Pope Francis declared that every Third Sunday of Ordinary Time would be celebrated as the Sunday of the Word of God. The Word of God is essential to all the Church's liturgical celebrations. There could be no liturgical celebrations without listening to the Word of God. God speaks to his people when the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church (cf. GIRM, no. 29). After the proclamation, we conclude by saying, "the Word of the Lord."

The invitation to come and follow Jesus presupposes listening. Listening is the first act of discipleship, for one can't be a disciple without listening. To be a disciple means learning from the master. Listening is a posture for accessing the divine life and the wisdom of our Lord. Without it, we live in a dead spot, devoid of life or connection.

It is unpleasant to feel disconnected and isolated. Like Israel of old, as described by Prophet Isaiah, the people sat in darkness, living under the shadow of death, with no prospect of relief. They were disconnected, with no comforting words from God. Amid the shadow of death, Prophet Isaiah announced God's promise that a powerful light would one day dispel the darkness, change their condition, and bring them joy (cf. Is 8:23-9:3).

Jesus is the fulfillment of the words of the prophet Isaiah. He entered the towns and villages of Galilee, proclaiming: "Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand" (Mat. 4:17). God's power, working through him, swept through the towns and villages, lifting the burden of unhappiness from people's shoulders, giving them a new sense of meaning, curing their sicknesses, and liberating them from the power of the devil (cf. Mat 4:23-25). This manifestation of God's power in Jesus now invites people to join his company, offering a loving and meaningful relationship. "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Had Peter and the first disciples ignored Jesus' words, their lives would have remained on the shoreline, tending their nets. They would have continued to catch fish, never crossed borders, and never encountered the marvelous workings of God. Because they listened and followed him, they realized they were not just ordinary fishermen but could, with Jesus, be light to the world. Their response shows what is involved in responding to Jesus' invitation: they listen, leave their old life behind, stay with Jesus, and become sharers in the mission.

Following our Lord is an ongoing reminder and invitation for all of us. We call ourselves Christians, meaning little Christs or like Christ, and our vocation is to live with him, in him, and for him, growing into his likeness. One way to grow in Christ is to read the Bible and allow it to speak to us with joy and eagerness, as the psalmist proclaims, "The Lord is my light and salvation." The Word of God is the superior and inexhaustible means of nourishing our souls and illuminating our lives. "For man does not live by bread alone, but by the Word of God that comes from his mouth" (Mat 4:4). It is like the bloodstream that brings nourishment and vitality to every area of our bodies,





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even as they are darkened by sin.

The good news is that when we listen, ponder, and accept it in faith, God enters our lives, bringing renewed vitality and surprising wisdom. God's Word is dynamic, not frozen artifacts on the pages of the Bible. It has power like the rain and snow from heaven that come down and do not return until they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful; it shall not return empty but shall do what pleases God, achieving the end for which he sent it (cf. Is. 55:10-11).

If we listen to his voice and open the door, he will come into us and eat with us; we will be with him (cf. Rev. 3:20). His entrance brings light, for he who listens to the Lord will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life (cf. John 8:12). As the psalmist proclaims, "The Lord is my light and salvation." This light grows brighter as we become more familiar with the Word of God, make time for prayer, seek forgiveness, and regularly receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

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: KNEELING

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.

In the early Church, kneeling signified penance. It was so closely associated with penance that early Christians were forbidden to kneel on Sundays and during the Easter season, when the Liturgy was marked by joy and thanksgiving. In the Middle Ages, kneeling came to signify homage, and more recently it has signified adoration, especially before the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. For this reason, the bishops of this country have chosen to kneel throughout the Eucharistic Prayer.



The Order of Christian Initiation continues their faith formation sessions this **Tuesday - Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>**



and looks at the  
**Sacrament of  
Anointing of the Sick.**

If you would like to better understand this sacrament or 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.



*"It is good to serve God in darkness and trial!  
We have only this life to live by faith."*

~ Thérèse of Lisieux ~



**Save the date!**

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

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| STS HALL | FEB 13  | 5:30 PM |
| 5:30 PM  | 6:15 PM | 6:15 PM |

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 12, 2026 - January 18, 2026



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

### Weekly Collections Online Giving

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| SUNDAY Mass Offering | \$ 9,000.00 | \$ 576.66 |
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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 December 31, 2025* **\$ 28,870.44**  
*Outstanding PV Loan with the Diocese as of December 31, 2025* **\$ 281,028.46**

### Second Collections:

January 24-25 for the Church in Latin America and Black & Indian Mission  
 February 7-8 for the Augustine Educational Foundation  
 February 14-15 for the St. Theresa School Assistance

*Mahalo for your generosity.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offering this 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!**



### 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 Ondayog
- 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 26, 2026**

***Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus,  
Bishops***

2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5;  
Mark 3:22-30

**January 27, 2026**

***Tuesday of the Third Week in  
Ordinary Time***

2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19;  
Mark 3:31-35

**January 28, 2026**

***Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas,  
Priest and Doctor of the Church***

2 Samuel 7:4-17; Mark 4:1-20

**January 29, 2026**

***Thursday of the Third Week in  
Ordinary Time***

2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29; Mark 4:21-25

**January 30, 2026**

***Friday of the Third Week of  
Ordinary Time***

2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17;  
Mark 4:26-34

**January 31, 2026**

***Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest***  
2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mark 4:35-41

**February 1, 2026**

***Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time***  
Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Corinthians  
1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12a