



Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

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October 11, 2026 - Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

My Response to God's Invitation

Isa. 25:6-10; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4,5,6; Phil. 4:12-14,19-20; Matt. 22:1-14

"I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life" (Ps. 23). Why do we long to live in the house of the Lord? Because it is our refuge and the source of strength. The house of the Lord is not merely a physical structure; it is a sanctuary for our souls, a place to find solace and answers to life's persistent questions. It is a haven where our spirits are lifted, and our faith is strengthened as we respond to God's invitation.

Today's readings remind us of God's graciousness and the mystery of human response. The Gospel presents a parable of a king who hosts a wedding banquet for his son and invites people to celebrate. This illustrates God's graciousness in inviting us to partake in his feast.

In the first reading, the Prophet Isaiah describes God giving his people a feast of the finest food and wine. God promises to clear away anything that blocks our way, end death, wipe away our tears, and forgive our sins (cf. Isa. 25:6-8). This shows God's generosity. The responsorial Psalm repeats this idea, saying we will not lack anything. But how should we respond to God's kindness?

According to the Prophet Isaiah, we should behold, contemplate, adore, and proclaim God's salvation (cf. Isa. 25:9). We are to witness our Lord's incredible work, see beyond life's mundane aspects, and embrace something grander. Each of us has felt lost, hopeless, or burdened by life's challenges. Yet in those moments, we must fix our gaze on God's works. In the second reading, St. Paul shares that he finds strength in God, enabling him to endure any situation, good or bad (cf. Phi. 4:12). In response to God's grace, he praises and glorifies Him, remembers those who share his hardships, is gracious to others, and prays for them.

The Gospel presents us with a challenging story. It shows us a God who wants everyone to know His love. In the parable, a king prepares a banquet for his son's wedding and sends his servants to invite everyone. This illustrates that God is generous and offers His grace to all.

But how do people respond to this invitation? The parable shows that many respond with little interest. The guests refuse to come, even after being asked twice. Some even mistreat the king's servants. This may sound extreme, but Jesus wants us to see the stark contrast between God's generous invitation and the harsh response of some people. God is upset by how His invitation is treated, so He sends His servants to invite everyone, both good and bad. The feast continues, open to all, and many accept the invitation. Still, at the end, the king throws out one guest for not wearing the wedding garment. This reminds us that while God invites everyone, we need to make an effort, be spiritually ready, and show we are worthy of His invitation. God first invited us to His kingdom at our Baptism. In Baptism, we were named, welcomed, and given new life through Jesus Christ. The white cloth we received signs our dignity as children of God, temples of the Holy Spirit, and members of Christ's Body. Isn't that amazing?

The three readings invite us to notice the amazing things God does in our lives. Sometimes we miss Him or become less aware of His work because we focus



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on what we lack rather than being grateful for His goodness and sharing it with others.

Let us consider how we respond to God's grace, and let us make the responsorial our prayer this week: "I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life."

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.

The HOLY EUCHARIST, Jesus' gift of a personal and enduring relationship.

I have always admired how people from other Christian denominations openly say they have a personal relationship with Jesus. It is a beautiful thing to share. As Catholics, though, we have an even deeper reason to make this claim. What could bring us closer to Jesus than receiving him fully—his human and divine nature—in the Holy Eucharist? Is there anything more personal than sharing in his Body and Blood? This relationship is not just something we talk about or imagine; it is a gift from Jesus himself, who said, "This is my Body, this is my Blood; eat and drink." "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him (cf. Mat 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Jn. 6:54-56). When we accept this gift with faith, we are truly united with him, and he lives in us.

It is important to be spiritually aware of Jesus. We bow with reverence before the Blessed Sacrament or when the ciborium with the Lord's presence passes by. But when we receive the Holy Eucharist, Jesus enters into union with us. We say "Amen," which means "I believe." He is with us—not because he becomes part of us, but because we become part of him.

Also, while the altar is holy, after Communion we become like the altar because Christ enters our bodies. This is why we should remain silent after Holy Communion. Silence is our deep response to the mystery of being united with God. In this quiet, our personal relationship with God is cared for and grows. So, take your time and do not rush to leave the church after Communion. Spend a few moments in silence. We have been given the gift of a personal and lasting relationship. (Fr. MAH)



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FEEDING AMERICA

**OHANA PRODUCE PLUS
Food Distribution**

Saturday, October 24th

9:00 to 10:45 a.m.

**Pre-registration after mass
at Church Lanai
Oct. 17 & 18**

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

Weekly Offering Report

For September 28, 2026 - October 4, 2026



SAINT THERESA SCHOOL
CONTACT INFORMATION
 Office Phone: 808-536-4703

Weekly Collections Online Giving

SUNDAY Mass Offering	\$ 10,825.00	\$ 542.00
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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. ***

<i>Parish Savings with the Diocese as of August 31, 2026</i>	\$ 276,791.80
<i>CCST Columbaria Savings as of August 31, 2026</i>	\$ 4,873.20
<i>Outstanding PV Loan with the Diocese as of August 31, 2026</i>	\$ 257,560.72



THE JUNIOR KNIGHTS AND JUNIOR DAUGHTERS OF ST. PETER CLAVER PRESENTS

KUTZ & KLOTHES

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

WHEN
OCTOBER 17, 2026
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

WHERE
ST. THERESA PARISH HALL
712 N. School St., Honolulu, HI 96817

HELP US STOCK THE KLOTHES CLOSET!

- Collection of new or gently used clothing and monetary donations received after every Mass Sunday, **October 4th and October 11th**.
- Junior Knights and Junior Daughters will be outside after Mass to accept donations and answer your questions.
- Please look for our Juniors who will be wearing Purple T-Shirts!

Your generosity will help provide free clothing and haircuts to children and teens in our community.
MAHALO FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Second Collections:

October 10-11 for the Repairs and Maintenance

October 17-18 for the World Mission Sunday

Mahalo for your generosity.

2nd Offering this Weekend is for



**Repairs and Maintenance
 of our
 Parish Buildings**
 (Oct. 10 & 11, 2026)

Mahalo for your generosity!



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SCHOOL OFFICE STAFF AND FACULTY MEMBERS

- Principal/Music 1-5 - Conception (Bernie) Gora
- Vice Principal/ELA 5 - Lauren Ramirez-Asaeda
- Administrative Assistant - Faith Leasiolagi
- Admissions Office Assistant - Stephanie Lou Ondayog
- Preschool Director/Teacher - Magdalena Collins
- Preschool Aide - Elaine Jane Gonzalez
- Preschool Aftercare - Janna Isidro
- Kindergarden Teacher - Taiena Finau
- Kindergarten Aide - Lenie Macadangdang
- 1st Grade - Marvin Macadangdang
- 2nd Grade - Faith Afu
- 3rd Grade Teacher - Sibel Mestanova
- 4th Grade Teacher - Laura Gabriel
- 4 Religion/4 & 5 Art - Francine Caetano-Fontanilla
- 5th Grade/Math 5-8 -
- 5-8 Science/STEM - Delwin Dang
- 6th Grade/Social Studies 5-8 - Alyssa Yabes
- 6-8 ELA/6-8 Home Economics - Dr. Frances Wong
- 7th Grade/Religion 5-8 - Shaun Agtarap
- 8th Grade/Japanese 5-8/Art 7-8 /PR Media - Tiani Quon
- PK-8 PE - Jayven Bumanglag
- Creative Music K-3 - Johnelle Silva
- Music 6-8 - Kukahi Lee
- Maintenance - Edwin Kaaihue
- Custodian - Romeo John Cabarrubias

St Theresa School - Job Opportunity!!



Math Teacher
needed for
Grade 5-8
includes
5th Grade
Homeroom

To apply: Please call the Office @ (808)536-4703

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

Fr. John Akau

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Anthony Tran

VHM Chaplain

Sr. Mercedita Estrella, SPC

Dir. of R.E. & Pastoral Associate

Ryan and Ashley Agcaoili

Coordinators of Youth Ministry

Tyra Lamb

Safe Environment Liaison

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Communications Coordinator

Pinky Mendoza

Office Coordinator

Bernie Gora

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Earl Morita

Church Grounds Maintenance

Jennifer Asuncion

Office Secretary

Ray Lamb

Deacon

Samy Ratum

Facilities Custodian

Francis Leasiolagi

Deacon

Roy Matsuo

Retired Deacon

Noraliza Tapeç

On-Call Church Custodian

Jonathan Lam

VHM Deacon

Marlowe Sabater

Deacon

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

October 12, 2026

*Monday of the Twenty-eighth Week in
Ordinary Time*

Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1;

Luke 11:29-32

October 13, 2026

*Tuesday of the Twenty-eighth Week in
Ordinary Time*

Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41

October 14, 2026

*Wednesday of the Twenty-eighth Week
in Ordinary Time*

Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46

October 15, 2026

*Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

Ephesians 1:1-10; Luke 11:47-54

October 16, 2026

*Friday of the Twenty-eighth Week in
Ordinary Time*

Ephesians 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7

October 17, 2026

*Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch,
Bishop and Martyr*

Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12

October 18, 2026

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b;

Matthew 22:15-21