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October 18, 2026 - Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Give the Lord Glory and Honor!

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Matthew 22:15-21

This weekend's Scripture readings remind us to remain loyal to God and to give glory and honor to His name (cf. Isa. 43:7, 1 Cor. 6:15-20).

In the Gospel, we learn that the Pharisees and Herodians conspired to trap Jesus and discredit him by asking whether paying taxes to Caesar was lawful: "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" (Mat 22:17). They raised the sensitive issue of taxation, which people at that time despised paying to the foreign ruler, to ensnare Jesus. Their question was malicious, aiming to force Jesus to take a side on whether paying taxes was lawful. However, Jesus avoided their trap. Instead of choosing a side, he redirected their attention to a higher level of awareness: understanding who they ultimately belonged to and where their loyalty should lie.

Jesus asked whose image and inscription were on the coin. The coin showed Tiberius Caesar, the emperor, and called him "pontifex maximus," or high priest of Rome. By using these coins, people acknowledged Caesar's authority. Jesus told them to give to Caesar what belongs to him and to give to God what belongs to God (cf. Mat 22:20-21). He reminded everyone that there is only one Lord and that we bear His image. Just as the coin belongs to Caesar, we belong to God. So when we say, "Give to God what belongs to God," it means giving our whole selves, because we are made in His image.

The issue of paying taxes to Caesar shifted to putting things in the right order: God comes first, and everything else follows. The psalm says, "Give the Lord glory and honor" (Ps 96:7b). This reminds us that God should be at the center of our lives, guiding our choices and shaping how we see the world. We belong to God, and He knows what is best for us. He gives us guidance through the Ten Commandments, brings us together as a Church, and nourishes us with the Sacraments to support our spiritual journey and mission. Our loyalty should always be to God above all. We say this in the preface of the Mass: "It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God" (Preface of Sundays in Ordinary Time III).

But how do we honor and give glory to God? The Lord's Prayer, which we have known since childhood, shows us three important ways:

First, we promise to keep God's name holy and to honor Him. By attending Sunday Mass, we proclaim His glory and thank Him for everything in our lives—our successes and failures, joys and sorrows, struggles and hopes. We recognize that all we have belongs to Him.

Second, we strive to do God's will on earth as it is in heaven. Our choices and actions should be guided by prayerful discernment. This means being good citizens and choosing leaders and groups that respect every person's dignity and care for the environment.

Third, we are called to forgive those who have wronged us. God has forgiven us generously, so we should forgive others and show mercy. This also means



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praying for people with different beliefs or for those who have lost their way. By doing this, we honor God and bring glory to His name.

Finally, since we belong to God, we give back to Him. The Bible teaches us to give ten percent of our talents, time, and treasure. This is only a small part of all He has given us. What we give to God is not lost but a way to show our thanks. We return what is already His, and He promises to bless us many times over (cf. Lev 27:30, Prov 3:9-10).

We came from God, journey toward Him through Jesus in the Holy Spirit, and leave this world carrying nothing but the narrative of our lives, hoping it brings glory and honor to God. We answer to God for all that we have and do, not to Caesar.

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.

“Let us proclaim the mystery of faith!”

"The mystery of faith!" These words are proclaimed after the consecration. They express our awe at the change of bread and wine into the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, something we cannot fully understand. The Eucharist is truly the "mystery of faith" and the heart of what we believe.

So, let us always remember that our Christian faith is rooted in the Eucharist and nourished at the Eucharistic table. Faith and the sacraments are always connected. When we hear God's word, our faith awakens and grows as we encounter the Risen Lord in the sacraments. We express our faith in the rite, and the rite strengthens it. This is why the Sacrament of the Altar is at the heart of the Church's life: "Thanks to the Eucharist, the Church is reborn ever anew."

When our faith in the Eucharist truly deepens, we become more involved in Church life and more dedicated to Christ's mission. Throughout history, every major reform in the Church has stemmed from a renewed belief in the Lord's presence in the Eucharist. (Fr. MAH)

St Theresa School - Job Opportunity!!

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

WE ARE HIRING

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



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FEEDING
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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 October 5, 2026 - October 11, 2026



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

Weekly Collections Online Giving

SUNDAY Mass Offering	\$ 9,662.50	\$ 867.55
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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. ***

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



October-Rosary Month 2026

Rosary Rally @ the Grotto

6:30 pm (except Wed - 7pm)



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Assigned Rally Prayer Leaders but All are Welcome!				1 Altar Servers K of PC	2 Lectors Youth Ministry	3 EMHC Legion of Mary FCC
4 Chuukese Marian Devotees	5 Vietnamese Community	6 LEM Social Ministry Ushers	7 Religious Education Music:STS 7:00 pm	8 Altar Servers K of PC	9 Lectors Youth Ministry	10 EMHC Legion of Mary FCC
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25 Chuukese Marian Devotees	26 Vietnamese Community	27 LEM Social Ministry Ushers	28 Religious Education Music:STS 7:00 pm	29 Rosary Procession	30 Lectors Youth Ministry	31 EMHC Legion of Mary FCC



YOU'RE INVITED!

JOIN US

Second Collections:

October 17-18 for the World Mission Sunday
 October 24-25 for the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal - 2026
Mahalo for your generosity.

2nd Offering this Weekend is for



**ONE IN CHRIST,
United in Mission**
 100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
 World Mission Sunday
 October 18, 2026



Let us be charitable about the mission, remembering that the Lord who said: "Go forth and evangelize" is the same Lord who blessed: "Thou money on the multitude."

— Blessed Father J. A. Green
 National Director
 The Pontifical Mission Societies USA
 (1960-1966)

The World Mission Sunday collection grants funds to mission dioceses, which help to underwrite the basic physical footprint that keeps missionary life going: where priests live, where sisters live, where children are catechized, where formation and pastoral work can happen, and where Holy Mass can be celebrated, often for the first time.

Mahalo for your generosity!

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- 1st Grade - Marvin Macadangdang
- 2nd Grade - Faith Afu
- 3rd Grade Teacher - Sibel Mestanova
- 4th Grade Teacher - Laura Gabriel
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- 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
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- PK-8 PE - Jayven Bumanglag
- Creative Music K-3 - Johnelle Silva
- Music 6-8 - Kukahi Lee
- Maintenance - Edwin Kaaihue
- Custodian - Romeo John Cabarrubias



The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults Faith Formation sessions continue this Tuesday, October 20th.

The OCIA faith formation sessions are for those seeking to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, but we welcome those who would like to know more about the Catholic faith.

Come join us!

Our topic this week is:

"The Church: Reflecting the Light of Christ"

Tuesday - October 20th at 6:30pm, room 107 (STS Bldg.)

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



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

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Fr. John Akau

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Deacon

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



Daily Mass Readings

www.usccb.org

October 19, 2026

Memorial of Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs [In the Dioceses of the United States]

Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21

October 20, 2026

Tuesday of the Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time

Ephesians 2:12-22; Luke 12:35-38

October 21, 2026

Wednesday of the Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time

Ephesians 3:2-12; Luke 12:39-48

October 22, 2026

Thursday of the Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time

Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 12:49-53

October 23, 2026

Friday of the Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time

Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59

October 24, 2026

Saturday of the Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time

Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 13:1-9

October 25, 2026

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 22:20-26; 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Matthew 22:34-40