



Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

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October 25, 2026 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Love of God and Love of Neighbor

Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-3,3-4,47,51; I Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Matt 22:34-40

We tend to focus on what matters most to us, investing our time and energy in what we care about, such as our belongings, hobbies, and families. But above all, loving God and others truly matters, because in the end, what matters most is how much we loved God and our neighbors.

This message speaks to us because it reflects what Jesus teaches in today's Gospel. He teaches that the greatest commandments are to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves (Mat 22:37-39). These two forms of love are closely linked, and we show our love for God by caring for others.

The Book of Exodus illustrates this kind of love in action. God instructs the Israelites to care for strangers, widows, and orphans and to return borrowed items before sunset (cf. Ex 22:20-22). He shows special care for those in need. This reminds us that God always stands with the weak and vulnerable. We show our love for God by caring for those in need. Without this love, our teachings lose meaning, Christian symbols become mere decorations, and our ministry and outreach lack real purpose or hope for building a true Christian community.

Every vulnerable person's life matters, regardless of race or background, because all are made in God's image. This basic truth lies at the heart of our Christian faith and shapes our understanding of human dignity from conception to natural death (cf. CCC 355, 1701). Without it, justice cannot exist.

As Catholics, we should base our choices on these moral values, especially when we vote. We need to examine a candidate's views and policies to determine whether they align with these values, while considering key issues such as racism, the environment, poverty, and the death penalty. However, if a candidate supports legal abortion, we have a moral duty not to vote for them (cf. *Evangelium Vitae*, 73-74). Intentionally taking innocent human life is always wrong and must be opposed (cf. *Christifideles Laici*, 1988).

The U.S. Catholic Bishops' Conference says ending abortion is a top priority because it is a direct attack on life (cf. *Forming Conscience for Faithful Citizenship* no. 22). Since *Roe v. Wade* in 1973, millions of innocent lives have been lost to abortion. At present, there are approximately 1.1 million abortions annually in the U.S. — about 3,014 each day, 126 per hour, and many are happening even now.

Protecting the weakest begins with defending unborn lives, because without life, no other rights matter. We cannot claim to love God if we ignore those who cannot defend themselves. Likewise, it is dishonest to support the vulnerable while backing leaders who support legal abortion. The candidates we choose should reflect our true beliefs and values.



Standing up for human life from conception to natural death is not merely a political issue. It is also a struggle against deeper forces that seek to shape our hearts and minds. This requires self-reflection, prayer, and discernment.



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As we work to build a Kingdom of God grounded in God's love and care for all, especially the weak and vulnerable, as proclaimed by our Lord Jesus, let us make choices that align with our beliefs and values.

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.

"God feeds himself to us in the Holy Eucharist!"

We all have a deep longing for more. The idea of a "satisfaction guarantee" can be misleading because we are never fully satisfied and always want more. This longing points to our desire for something infinite, ultimately a desire for God. God wants to give us more of himself, and there is always more to receive.

Our relationship with God is meant to grow, not stagnate. It is like a fire of love that keeps burning in our hearts. We feel a deep thirst and longing for more closeness with God, as the song says: "There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us. There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God."

God gives us more of himself in the Holy Eucharist.

I remember a story about a nurse at St. Luke Hospital in the Philippines and how the Holy Eucharist helped her. In addition to her hospital job, she sold personal items to others. She worked two jobs to support her family and her two siblings, who were still in college. To save money, she skipped lunch and spent her break attending noon Mass. She said the Eucharist gave her strength. She often used her break time in the chapel to pray and rest.

If God feeds us through the Holy Eucharist, we would rather miss parties or games than the Holy Mass. Miracles can happen when we are open to receiving the Holy Eucharist without holding back. (Fr. MAH)

ALL SOULS DAY

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed



HOLY MASS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2026

12:00 NOON

KING STREET CATHOLIC CEMETERY

839 S. KING ST., HONOLULU, HI

CELEBRATED BY

BISHOP MICHAEL T.T. CASTORI, S.J.

All are invited to join us in prayer
for the faithful departed, especially those
laid to rest in this historic Catholic cemetery.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

Street parking only.

Carpooling is highly encouraged.



November 1 is All Saints Day, and this year, we celebrate this beautiful feast on a Sunday! Let us honor all the saints and celebrate our call to holiness by wearing white attire to Mass.

Calling all children and youth ages 0-17! Come dressed as your favorite saint and join our entrance procession as we celebrate these holy men and women who inspire us to follow Jesus!

Sunday-November 1 All Saints Day

ALL ATTEND MASS IN WHITE

Parade of Saints - for children ages 0-17



Weekly Offering Report

For October 12, 2026 - October 18, 2026



SAINT THERESA SCHOOL
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Weekly Collections Online Giving

SUNDAY Mass Offering	\$ 10,672.00	\$ 570.83
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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

2nd Offering on Oct. 24 & 25 is for



Support the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal
to strengthen parishes, schools, and ministries, bringing
hope and God's love to those in need.

Mahalo for your generosity!



Second Collections:

October 24-25 for the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal - 2026
 November 14-15 for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development
Mahalo for your generosity.



The Order of Christian Initiation for
 Adults Faith Formation sessions
 continue this Tuesday, October 27th.

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:
"Four Marks of the Church"

as we learn what makes our Church one, holy, catholic and apostolic.

Tuesday - October 27th at 6:30pm, room 107 (STS Bldg.)

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



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 - Lauren Ramirez-Asaeda
- 4 Religion/4 & 5 Art - Francine Caetano-Fontanilla
- 5th Grade/Math - Bernie Gora
- 6-7 Math - Fr. John Akau
- 8th Grade/Math - Dcn Ray Lam
- 5-8 Science/STEM - Delwin Dang
- 6th Grade/Social Studies 4-8 - 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 4-8 - Kukahi Lee
- Maintenance - Edwin Kaaihue
- Custodian - Romeo John Cabarrubias

Come join our daily rosary at 6:30 pm at the grotto. There will also be a rosary procession on Oct. 27th. Come wearing white dress or shirts or your ministry shirts. You may bring your own candles and flowers to offer.



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

Grace Young

Communications Coordinator

Pinky Mendoza

Office Coordinator

Bernie Gora

Director of Music

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 26, 2026

Monday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

Ephesians 4:32–5:8; Luke 13:10-17

October 27, 2026

Tuesday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

Ephesians 5:21-33; Luke 13:18-21

October 28, 2026

Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16

October 29, 2026

Thursday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

Ephesians 6:10-20; Luke 13:31-35

October 30, 2026

Friday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

Philippians 1:1-11; Luke 14:1-6

October 31, 2026

Saturday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

Philippians 1:18b-26; Luke 14:1, 7-11

November 1, 2026

Solemnity of All Saints

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a

SERVANT OF THE LITTLE WAY:
A Vision of Love, Service, and Holiness
Journeying towards the 100th-Year Parish Foundation Anniversary
1931 - 2031

At the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, we see our calling as special. We are more than volunteers — we are **Servants of the Little Way**.

Serving the Church means more than giving our time. It shows our love for Jesus Christ, responds to His grace, and helps us live our faith every day.

Through Baptism and the Eucharist, we become united as members of the Mystical Body of Christ. When we receive the Body and Blood of our Lord, we are called to be His presence in the world by loving, serving, and bringing His light to those who need it most.

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, our patroness, teaches us that holiness is not reserved for those who do great things. It begins with ordinary people doing simple things with great love. A smile, a prayer, a kind word, a helping hand, or a quiet sacrifice offered without recognition—these small acts, when done for love of God, reveal His presence in our world in powerful ways. St. Thérèse teaches us that no act of love is too small if it comes from the heart. No matter how we serve—at the altar, at the doors, teaching, caring for the sick, helping those in need, or doing quiet tasks—every act of loving service matters when we offer it to God.

This is the Little Way: doing small things with great love.

We call ourselves Servants of the Little Way because it reflects who we are and how we aspire to live. A volunteer helps with a task, but our calling goes deeper. We are brothers and sisters in Christ, united by faith, strengthened by the Eucharist, and sent to serve.

In God's Kingdom, greatness is not about position, recognition, or authority. It is about love, humility, and service. Jesus calls us to serve one another (cf. Matthew 23:8–11; Galatians 5:13; 1 Peter 4:10). We serve not only because there is a need but because we belong to Christ. We do not seek praise or recognition, but to glorify God. We do not merely want to help; we want to love as Christ loves us. We do not ask how little we can give, but how much love we can put into what God has given us. We measure our holiness not by how much we do, but by how much love we put into what we do.

As we look forward to the 100th anniversary of the founding of Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa Parish on July 19, 2031, we journey toward becoming Servants of the Little Way. We renew our commitment to Christ, deepen our faith, grow closer together, and build a legacy of love for future generations.
(Fr.MAH)





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FY2025-2026 FINANCIAL REPORT TO PARISHIONERS

	Jul '25 - Jun 26	Jul '24 - Jun 25	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
40000 · OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS	\$ 699,620.00	\$ 640,064.00	\$ 668,913.00
42000 · OTHER REGULAR INCOME	\$ 237,377.00	\$ 232,699.00	\$ 240,411.00
45000 · REVENUE SUBJECT TO GET	\$ 47,702.00	\$ -	\$ -
47000 · UNUSUAL (NON-SCHEDULED) INCOME	\$ 179,617.00	\$ 51,859.00	\$ 43,654.00
Total Income	\$ 1,164,316.00	\$ 924,622.00	\$ 952,978.00
Expense			
50000 · EMPLOYMENT COSTS	\$ 325,296.00	\$ 305,739.00	\$ 325,746.00
51000 · PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 2,654.00	\$ 2,728.00	\$ 2,834.00
51500 · INSURANCE	\$ 166,733.00	\$ 150,715.00	\$ 208,927.00
51700 · LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	\$ 6,442.00	\$ 6,035.00	\$ 12,950.00
52000 · SUPPLIES AND OTHER SERVICES	\$ 173,243.00	\$ 151,137.00	\$ 120,400.00
52900 · FUNDRAISING EXPENSE	\$ 22,776.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
53000 · REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$ 109,744.00	\$ 150,980.00	\$ 43,000.00
54000 · UTILITIES	\$ 102,000.00	\$ 87,454.00	\$ 91,400.00
55100 · Diocesan Assessment	\$ 138,768.00	\$ 137,148.00	\$ 138,771.00
55310 · Subsidy to School	\$ 120,148.25	\$ 49,861.40	\$ -
56000 · INTEREST EXPENSE	\$ 6,158.00	\$ 10,939.00	\$ 8,650.00
57000 · TAXES	\$ 2,447.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
58000 · DEPRECIATION	\$ 105,273.00	\$ 92,297.00	\$ 85,544.00
Total Expense	\$ 1,281,682.25	\$ 1,147,833.40	\$ 1,038,522.00
Net Ordinary Income	\$ (117,366.25)	\$ (223,211.00)	\$ (85,544.00)
Other Income			
70000 · TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASST	\$ 786,136.00	\$ 236,292.00	\$ -
Net Other Income	\$ 786,136.00	\$ 236,292.00	\$ -
Net Income	\$ 668,769.75	\$ 13,081.00	\$ (85,544.00)

PARISH SAVINGS & LOANS WITH THE DIOCESE

	As of 6/30/2026	As of 6/30/2025
PARISH SAVINGS WITH THE DIOCESE	\$ 276,328.97	\$ 78,747.95
PARISH COLUMBARIA SAVINGS WITH THE DIOCESE	\$ 4,864.83	-
PARISH LOAN TO TO THE DIOCESE	-	\$ 44,385.43
PARISH PV LOAN TO THE DIOCESE	\$ 263,488.52	\$ 298,205.14