



Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

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October 4, 2026 - Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

How Am I Living the Kingdom of God?

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:9,12,13-14,15-16,19-20; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, our patron, shares her experience of the Kingdom of God. She said, "I understand, and I know from experience that the kingdom of God is within you. Jesus does not need books or teachers to instruct souls; He teaches without the noise of words. Never have I heard Him speak, but I feel His presence within me at every moment. He guides and inspires me in what I must say and do. I find myself receiving insights when I least expect them, not only during prayer but also in my daily activities." She reminds us that the Kingdom is part of our everyday lives. For her, the Kingdom is Jesus himself, always present within her, guiding and inspiring her in all she does.

The Kingdom of God means that a loving God is always with us. It is not just a feeling or a thought but Jesus truly being part of our lives. Jesus is at the center of the Kingdom and our foundation. Without him, we could not stand. His presence helps us do good and make a difference for others. Like a vineyard, we are called to care for our lives and help them grow.

In today's parable, each character represents someone. The landowner is God, and the tenants are the people. The story warns us not to misuse what we have or to be ungrateful. The servants who are killed are the prophets, and the son is Jesus, who is rejected and put to death (cf. Mat 21:33-43).

It is hard to imagine the vineyard workers turning against the owner. Even though he was generous and gave them everything they needed, the tenants took advantage of him. They ignored and hurt his messengers, even his own son. They refused to give the owner what was his and tried to keep the vineyard for themselves. By acting this way, they lost their honesty and dignity. Only the owner's mercy can help them recover what they lost.

This sad story reminds us of Isaiah's song about a friend who owns a vineyard and is heartbroken when it fails to bear good fruit. God's people, like the vineyard, squandered their blessings and failed to bring justice and righteousness, thereby ruining the vineyard (cf. Is 5:1-7). We can feel the owner's pain for the people he loved and trusted, who turned away from him.

This story might also resonate with parents who have seen their children change for the worse, becoming rebellious, unfair, or even cruel, even though the parents did their best. These changes often happen slowly, like a bolt on a car tire loosening little by little until the tire finally comes off. We might wonder if we could have done something differently. Still, we should not stop loving or give up on our loved ones because of pain. Pain can lead us to a deeper, more selfless love. Real love does not break in a storm; it stands firm when things get tough.

In our parish, I know wonderful parents who always tell their children they love them at the end of every phone call, and I truly admire that. Life gets busy, and we often rush from one thing to the next without pausing to say those important words: "I love you." Sometimes, hearing those three words is all someone needs. Let us remember how powerful it is to say we love someone, even if we do not explain it.



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Sometimes we take the opportunities and blessings God gives us for granted. God knows we may ignore His love, yet He never stops loving us. No matter what happens or how far we go, He never gives up on us. Still, that does not mean we should keep making poor choices or grow lazy. We should remember that God guides us through our wisdom, our conscience, the people around us, and the results of our actions. Jesus gently warns us, "The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit" (Mat 21:43). If we do not pay attention to our choices, we might lose God's blessings. God gives, and God takes away.

We are all workers in God's vineyard, called to bear fruit, especially fruit that lasts forever. Our lives are like a vineyard we need to tend. As in today's parable, God asks us to "produce or share" by giving back to Him the fruits of what we have received: our talents, time, and treasure. Let us remember that no one ever went broke from being generous, but many have ruined themselves by spending carelessly or by giving in to vice. In the end, we will answer for how we spent our lives. We cannot take with us what we received, only what we have given.
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.

Why is the final blessing at Mass important?

Have you noticed that the priest gives a final blessing at the end of Mass, just before saying, "Go in peace"? Have you ever thought about why this matters?

After we receive the Word of God and the Eucharist, Mass doesn't simply end when we leave the church. The final blessing, known as the Dismissal Rite, sends us back into the world with God's blessing. When the priest blesses everyone in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, it reminds us that we don't leave Mass the same as we arrived. We go out after having worshipped God and received His grace, and we are now sent out with His blessing.

The words "Go in peace" are more than a polite way to end Mass. They are a call to go out and live out what we have received. After hearing God's Word and participating in the Eucharist, we are meant to bring these gifts into our homes, workplaces, families, and communities. What we celebrate at the altar should guide how we speak, forgive, work, serve, and treat others after we leave.

Why rush to leave the moment the Church dismisses us with God's grace? Stay until Mass is truly finished, when you have been blessed and sent forth.
(Fr. MAH)



The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults Faith Formation sessions continue this Tuesday, October 6th.

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:

"Saving Death and Resurrection of Christ"

as we learn about God's work in creation.

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

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



St Theresa School - Job Opportunity!!

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Weekly Offering Report

For September 21, 2026 - September 27, 2026



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 Office Phone: 808-536-4703

Weekly Collections Online Giving

SUNDAY Mass Offering	\$ 8,112.00	\$ 850.00
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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. ***

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
11 Chuukese Marian Devotees	12 Vietnamese Community	13 LEM Social Ministry Ushers	14 Religious Education Music STS 7:00 pm	15 Altar Servers K of PC	16 Lectors Youth Ministry	17 EMHC Legion of Mary FCC
18 Chuukese Marian Devotees	19 Vietnamese Community	20 LEM Social Ministry Ushers	21 Religious Education Music STS 7:00 pm	22 Altar Servers K of PC	23 Lectors Youth Ministry	24 EMHC Legion of Mary FCC
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 10-11 for the Repairs and Maintenance

October 17-18 for the World Mission Sunday

Mahalo for your generosity.

2nd Offering on next 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



Feast of St. Therese

Market Fair and Family Day

SATURDAY | 10 OCT 2026 | 9 AM - 2 PM

Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa | 712 North School St.

snacks / food / vegetables / plants /
crafts / bingo and other games for
children and young at heart and
many more

Proceeds will go to our church roofing project
and support for St. Theresa School



Save the Date

COME JOIN US!

FAMILY- JOY- FUN - ALL- FRIENDS- FAMILY- JOY- AL

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



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

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Deacon

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Retired Deacon

Noraliza Tapeç

On-Call Church Custodian

Jonathan Lam

VHM Deacon

Marlowe Sabater

Deacon

Felipe Tan

Accountant

Joan Mabag

Custodian

Daily Mass Readings

www.usccb.org

October 5, 2026

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

Galatians 1:6-12; Luke 10:25-37

October 6, 2026

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

Galatians 1:13-24; Luke 10:38-42

October 7, 2026

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14; Luke 11:1-4

October 8, 2026

*Thursday of the Twenty-seventh Week in
Ordinary Time*

Galatians 3:1-5; Luke 11:5-13

October 9, 2026

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

Galatians 3:7-14; Luke 11:15-26

October 10, 2026

*Saturday of the Twenty-seventh Week in
Ordinary Time*

Galatians 3:22-29; Luke 11:27-28

October 11, 2026

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14,
19-20; Matthew 22:1-14

ST. THERESE of the CHILD JESUS **Patroness of Missions**



St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, together with St. Francis Xavier, is known as a patron saint of missions. Her deep love for God is at the center of her mission and fuels her passion. In her diary, she wrote, "I understood that the Church had a Heart and that this Heart was burning with Love. I understood it was Love alone that made the Church's members act, that if Love ever became extinct, apostles would not preach the Gospel, and martyrs would not shed their blood. I understood that Love comprised all vocations, that Love was everything. That it embraced all times and places...in a word, that it was."

She always wanted to make love known and cherished, which inspired her to dream of becoming a priest, an apostle, and a martyr. She once said, "I feel I have the courage of a crusader. I should like to die on the battlefield to defend the Church." Her experience of God's love and her own love for Him form the foundation of missionary work. She hoped to die as a martyr so she could truly live and be united with Jesus. This close relationship with God is at the heart of the missionary spirit. As the late Pope St. John Paul II said, we can only understand or fulfill our mission if we look to Christ, who sends us to share His message (cf. *Redemptoris Mater* # 8).

St. Thérèse's mission is not confined to the walls of a Carmelite monastery. Despite physical limitations, she immerses herself in the Church's missionary activity. She dedicates her life and sufferings to sinners, priests, missionaries, those in purgatory, and those without faith. Her selfless acts of prayer and sacrifice, which she calls 'the little way,' are more powerful than words. The 'little way' is a path of spiritual growth and service to others through small, everyday actions done with great love.

In her diary, she wrote, "Ah! It's a prayer. It is a sacrifice that gives me all my strength; these are the invincible weapons that Jesus has given me. They can touch souls more effectively than words, as I have often experienced. The zeal of a Carmelite embraces the whole world. I want to be a daughter of the Church, as our Holy Mother St. Teresa was, and to pray for the Holy Father's intentions, which I know will embrace the whole world. This is the general goal of my life."

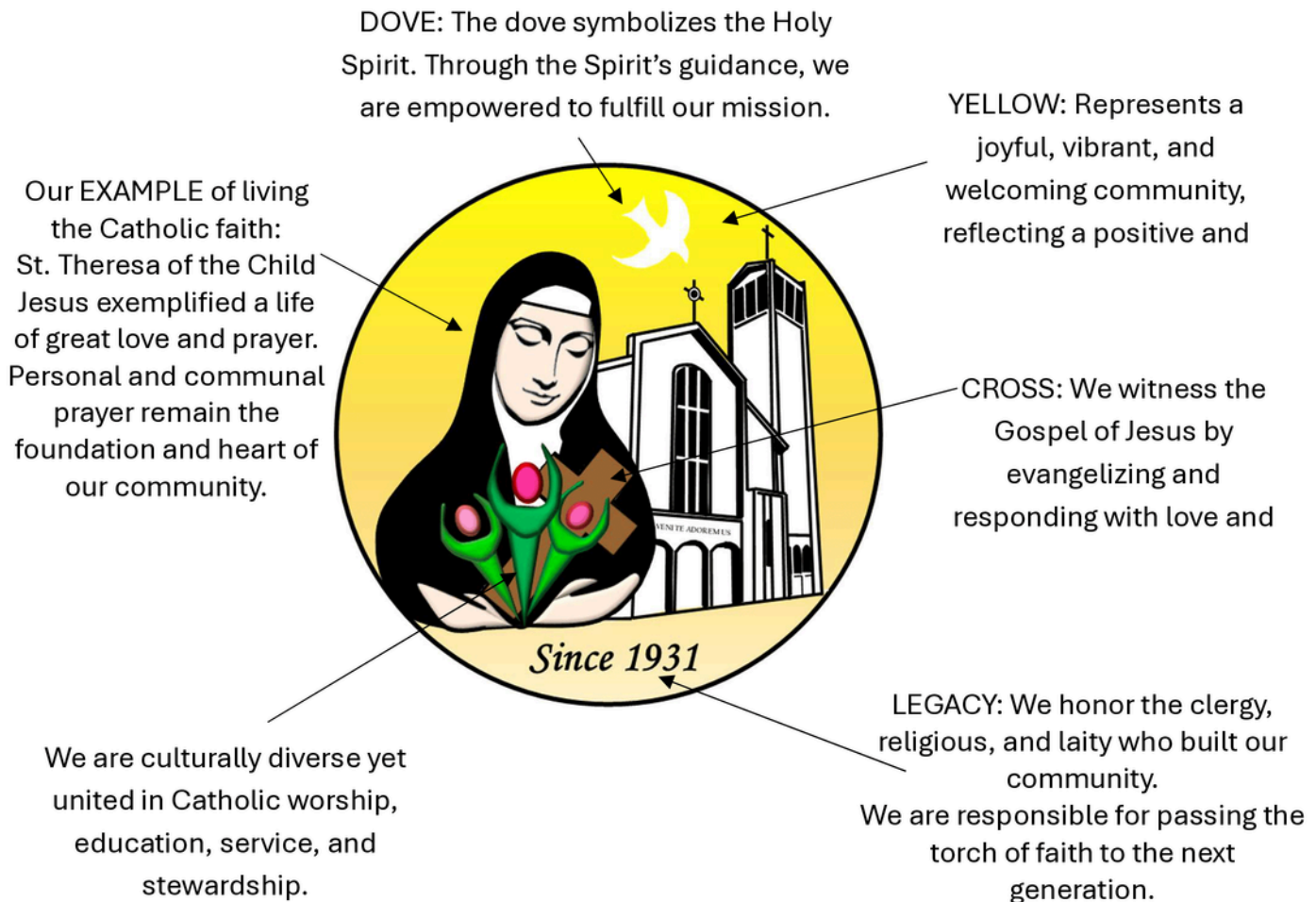
She believes that prayer and sacrifice can touch souls more deeply than words alone. She accepts her role as a daughter of the Church and prays for the Holy Father's intentions, which encompass the whole world. The mission is not primarily about what we do but about who we are; it is less about reaching distant places than about our hearts being fully united with the Lord.

St. Thérèse had a passionate missionary heart, strengthened by the hope and power of prayer and sacrifice. Although she suffered greatly and could not always perform her usual duties in the convent, she remained joyful. She never complained or burdened her community, but trusted God completely, as a child trusts their father. Her joyful attitude in suffering, which she attributed to her strong faith and love for God, gave others hope and showed how faith and love can change lives.

St. Thérèse's joyful spirit serves as an example for missionaries and for anyone facing life's challenges. In a world filled with problems and reasons to feel discouraged, true missionaries and everyday Christians find joy in faith in Christ (cf. *RM* #21). Her attitude is a model for all missions. (Fr. MAH)

HAPPY FEAST DAY, WEEK OF ST. THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS!

Explanations of the logo of the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa Church



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