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November 15, 2026 - Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Do Not Bury the Gifts God Has Given You

Prov 31:10-13,19-20,30-31; Psalms 128:1-2,3,4-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Matt 25:14-30

The late Pope Francis once reminded us, "Do not bury the talents God has given you. Do not be afraid to dream big."

Each of us is blessed with gifts from God. Some have the gift of leadership; others have the gift of teaching, serving, encouraging, giving, or simply comforting someone who is hurting. No gift is too small when offered with love.

Today's readings remind us that God is not asking how much we have but what we have done with what He has given us.

The woman described in the Book of Proverbs shows us that real beauty is not just about looks but about a caring heart, helping those in need, and living a life that honors God. St. Paul tells us to live as children of light, clothed in faith and love. It is worth asking ourselves: Am I bringing light to others, or am I letting fear, selfishness, or indifference hide the light God put in me?

In the Gospel, two servants used their talents well and were rewarded. The third servant was afraid and hid his talent. Because of this, he was cast into darkness, while the other two received even more and became rich (cf. Matt 25:29-30). How often do we do the same? We put off praying, hold back forgiveness, hesitate to help, or assume someone else will step in. While we wait, chances to show love pass us by.

The parable of the Talents urges us to live with purpose and use our gifts to help others. It reminds us that faith should grow and bear fruit, not stay the same or be unused. We are called to live as children of light, take part in the world, and use our gifts to benefit others.

God does not demand we always be perfect in our deeds, but he asks for faithfulness. A small act of kindness, a word of encouragement, a generous gift, or even a moment spent with someone who feels forgotten can become a powerful instrument of God's love.

Before we leave the church today, let us make a promise: We will not bury our gifts. We will put them to work! Reach out to someone who feels alone. Forgive someone who hurt you. Help someone in need. Show your faith in action. One day, when we stand before Jesus, what will matter most is not our titles, possessions, or achievements, but whether we loved well and used our gifts for Him.

Do not let fear steal your calling. Do not let selfishness squander your blessings. Do not let the world go without the goodness God placed within you. Let your faith shine. Let your love make a difference. Let your life be a gift to others. God has given you gifts. The world needs them. Your neighbor is waiting. Today is your opportunity to begin. Go forth—not to bury your blessings, but to multiply them in love.

When your earthly journey is complete, may you hear the words every faithful disciple long to hear: "Well done, my good and faithful servant. Come, share your Master's joy!" (Matt. 2521,23).

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.

Sacrifice lies at the center of our worship

In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we recall, make present, and celebrate Jesus' once-for-all sacrifice at Calvary in an unbloody manner. Our offering is completed by being united with His sacrifice.

By offering our gifts, we engage in a meaningful exchange. The priest says, "Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father." We respond, "May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church." This affirms that the sacrifice benefits both us and the entire Church.

When we give our offering, we thank God, but true thanksgiving goes beyond words or feelings. It is an act of sacrifice. The word "sacrifice" comes from the Latin "sacer," meaning "to make sacred, to consecrate, to make holy." We should ask ourselves: Am I truly making a sacrifice?

Sacrifice reminds us of our true identity. We recognize that we are gifts from God and are accountable to Him for all we have. (MAH)

PROMISE: SERVANT OF THE LITTLE WAY

I am called to be more than a volunteer. As a Servant of the Little Way, I will serve Jesus Christ with faith, humility, and love, always remaining in communion with Him through the Holy Eucharist and with the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Inspired by St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, my patroness, I believe holiness begins with ordinary actions done with extraordinary love. I will offer my smile, prayers, kind words, helping hands, and quiet sacrifices as gifts of love to God.

Whether I serve at the altar, welcome others, teach, care for the sick, help the poor, or perform unseen tasks, I will remember that no act of love is too small when offered to God.

I promise to serve not for praise, recognition, or position, but to glorify God. I will strive to be humble, generous, faithful, and compassionate toward all I meet.

I will not ask, "How little can I do?" but rather, "How much love can I put into what I do?"

I will measure the greatness of my service not by how much I accomplish, but by how much love I give.

I promise to love as Christ loves me, to serve as Christ serves, and to see every person as a brother or sister in Him.

As I journey with my parish toward the 100th anniversary of the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa on July 19, 2031, I commit to deepening my faith, strengthening unity with others, and building a lasting legacy of love for future generations.

This is my calling. This is my promise. This is my path to holiness. I am a Servant of the Little Way. I will do small things with great love for Jesus every day of my life. Amen.

Signed: ____ / ____ / ____

OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults Faith Formation sessions continue this Tuesday, November 17th.

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

"Celebration of the Paschal Mystery"

Tuesday - November 17th at 6:30pm, room 107 (STS Bldg.)

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



Weekly Offering Report
For November 2, 2026 - November 8, 2026

	Weekly Collections	Online Giving
SUNDAY Mass Offering	$ 9,219.00	$ 1,092.18

*** 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 September 30, 2026	**$ 183,607.59**
CCST Columbaria Savings as of September 30, 2026	**$ 4,877.21**
Outstanding PV Loan with the Diocese as of September 30, 2026	**$ 254,577.53**



Second Collections:

November 14-15 for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development
November 21-22 for the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal - 2026

Mahalo for your generosity.



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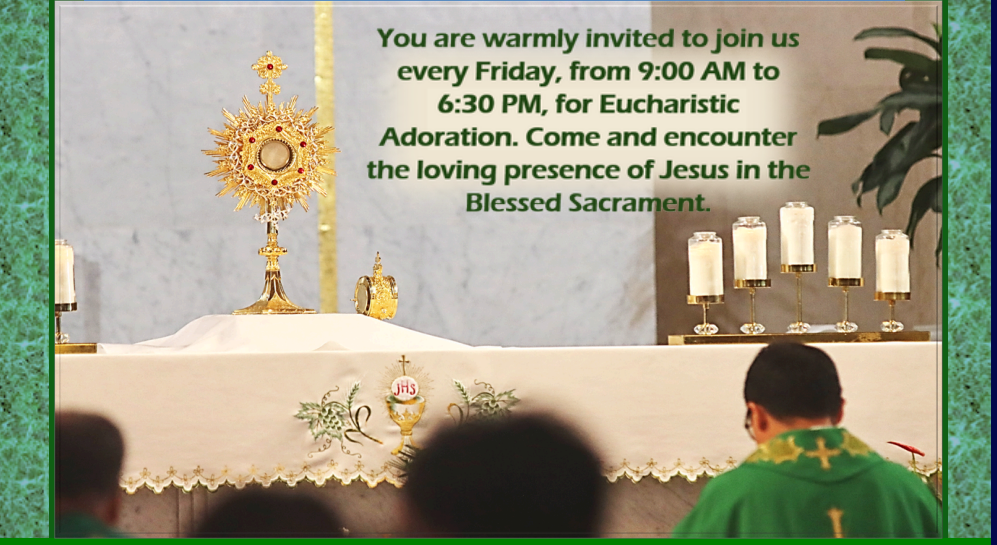
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- Admissions Office Assistant - Stephanie Lou Ondayog
- Preschool Director/Teacher - Magdalena Collins
- Preschool Aide - Elaine Jane Gonzalez
- Preschool Aftercare - Janna Isidro
- Kindergarden Teacher - Taiena Finau
- Kindergarten Aide - Lenie Macadangdang
- 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



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
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Ryan and Ashley Agcaoili
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Jonathan Lam
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Marlowe Sabater
Deacon

Felipe Tan
Accountant

Joan Mabag
Custodian



Daily Mass Readings

www.usccb.org

November 16, 2026
Monday of the Thirty-third Week in Ordinary Time
Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Luke 18:35-43

November 17, 2026
Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22; Luke 19:1-10

November 18, 2026
Wednesday of the Thirty-third Week in Ordinary Time
Revelation 4:1-11; Luke 19:11-28

November 19, 2026
Thursday of the Thirty-third Week in Ordinary Time
Revelation 5:1-10; Luke 19:41-44

November 20, 2026
Friday of the Thirty-third Week in Ordinary Time
Revelation 10:8-11; Luke 19:45-48

November 21, 2026
Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Revelation 11:4-12; Luke 20:27-40

November 22, 2026
The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII

DIOCESE OF HONOLULU

E HIKI MAI KOU AUPUNI

November 1, 2026

"The Lord is the refuge of the poor." Psalm 14:6

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Peace be with you!

Sunday, November 15, 2026, is the 10th World Day of the Poor, whose theme this year is "The Lord is the refuge of the poor." In his message for this day, Pope Leo XIV says, "Christians are called not only to seek refuge in God, but also to become a refuge for others in God… sharing as an expression of the Kingdom of God."

That same Sunday, our diocese parishes will hold the annual second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Through this U.S. Bishops' national initiative, support for CCHD assists the participation of persons experiencing poverty in our country to address this complex challenge and build a better future for all. Twenty-five percent of the funds collected for CCHD in our diocese stay right here in Hawai'i. Your contributions have helped local survivors to recover after natural disasters, provided transitional housing and job training for women coming out of prison, and supported non-profit organizations helping low-income families build and own affordable housing.

I wholeheartedly encourage all to give generously to this year's CCHD collection. During November, as we prepare our Thanksgiving tables, let us make room in our hearts—and in our giving—for all working to "build the Kingdom." Let us all celebrate the holidays as "one 'ohana," sharing our blessings and the words Jesus taught us and called us to pray and to live; "Thy Kingdom Come---E Hiki Mai Kou Aupuni." Mahalo!

Devotedly in Christ,

+ Michael T.T. Castori SJ

Most Reverend Michael T.T. Castori. SJ
Bishop of Honolulu

CULTIVATING AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

Gratitude is a profound response to God, who is merciful and generous. It is not a single act but a continual practice, growing as we make thankfulness a habit in every situation (cf. 1 Thess 5:18).

Consider these nine practical ways to cultivate gratitude:

1. **Notice your blessings.** Reflect on the gifts you have, such as family, friends, faith, and opportunities. Each stage of life brings new blessings, and God often surprises us with both l arge and small gifts (cf. Ps. 103:1-5).

2. **Reflect on the source of your gifts.** We do not earn them; God is the true source of all we have. Blessings may come through others, but God is behind them all. Appreciate God's generosity (cf. Deut. 8:18).

3. **Remember that gifts are meant to be shared.** Our talents, resources, and even ourselves are given to benefit others, not just ourselves. Share what you have received as a gift (cf. Mat 10:8; Prov 11:24).

4. **Recall your blessings regularly.** Remembering both significant and small moments from the past and present helps keep gratitude alive. Like Israel, we should not forget what the Lord has done (cf. Ps 78:7).

5. **Practice gratitude consistently.** Both easy and difficult times offer opportunities to be thankful. In all you do or say, act with gratitude (cf. 1 Cor 10:31).

6. **Avoid obstacles to gratitude.** Self-pity and resentment can hinder thankfulness. Avoid questions such as: Why me? Is life fair? Why did she get that chance? (cf. 1 Kings 21:1-4; James 3:14).

7. **Express gratitude daily.** Make it a habit to say thank you and show appreciation. The more you practice, the easier it becomes. Gratitude fosters contentment, maturity, and balance (cf. Eph 5:20).

8. **Center your prayer on gratitude.** Heartfelt prayer is filled with thankfulness. Grateful people turn to God in prayer, forgive others, and appreciate their goodness (cf. Lk. 6:37, Eph. 4:32).

9. **Embrace a Eucharistic spirit.** The word "Eucharist" comes from Greek and means thanksgiving: "we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks." Giving thanks to God does not add to His greatness, but it helps us grow in His grace (cf. 2 Pt. 3:18). Regularly and humbly receiving the Body and Blood of Christ in the Holy Eucharist helps us become more loving, grateful, and ready to serve, filling us with gratitude. (MAH)