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November 16, 2025 - 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

You Will Secure Your Lives with Perseverance!

Mal. 3:19-20a; Psalm 98:5-6,7-8,9; 2 Thess. 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19

In this Sunday's gospel, our Lord Jesus provides words of warning and reassurance to all who believe in Him: "You will be hated by all because of My name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance, you will secure your lives" (Luke 21:17-19).

Toward the end of the liturgical year, before entering the Advent season, the Church guides our minds and hearts to reflect on the end times and to look forward with hope to our Final Judgment. It is an opportunity the Church provides for us to consider this: What is the destiny of human life? What is the end, the goal, and how do we attain it? What can we do to achieve the outcome that God desires for us? What do we hope for?

The images of the destruction of the physical world and the conflict of powers and principalities in our liturgical readings are meant to awaken our faith. In particular, the images of the end times, such as wars, earthquakes, plagues, famines, and insurrections (cf. Lk. 21:5-19), are apocalyptic images intended to reveal something beautiful and important, rather than frighten us. They are meant to help us realize that the powers governing our world—such as dishonesty, deception, corruption, and the destructive force of sin—will eventually come to an end.

Prophet Malachi reflects on this by saying, "For the day is coming, blazing like an oven when all the proud and all the evildoers will be stubble" (Mal 3:19). When judgment arrives, those ungodly people—those who live in lies, deception, greed, and corruption—will face their end. However, those who live righteously and rely on God will experience healing and redemption (cf. Mal 3:20). His message is a call to look forward to God's healing and redeeming acts, to stay alert against the corruption of worldly powers, and not to be deceived by the influences of dishonesty and fleeting comfort, nor to be discouraged by life's trials.

The warning from St. Paul to the early followers of Jesus in the second reading echoes the words of the Prophet Malachi. St. Paul rebukes the Christians of Thessalonica for their complacency, living disorderly, meddling in others' affairs, and being very nosy about others' business. He encourages them to work and never grow tired of doing good for the Lord (2 Thess. 3:7-9). This advice is also for us! We are called to focus on doing good for the Lord instead of wandering aimlessly.

Remember, Jesus has already triumphed over sin through His Passion, death, and resurrection. This victory is available to all His followers; indeed, we all have access to this incredible grace. All the Sacraments we celebrate in the Church are our encounters with the Risen Lord. They are visible signs of God's invisible grace that confer sanctifying grace upon us. Our Lord Jesus never ceases to exist as Emmanuel among us. He, the Word made flesh and who dwelt among us, continues to stay with us through the Holy Eucharist. It is the tangible presence of His promise, "I will be with you until the end of time" (Matt. 28:20). It is the source of our ongoing renewal when accepted in faith.

Yes, through our Lord Jesus, we begin with victory. Let us trust Him and hold on to what He said: "You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance, you will secure your lives" (Luke 21:17-19).



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With this confidence, let us nurture it by praying with the Word of God through Lectio Divina. Listening to God's words, especially when facing today's challenges, is essential. "When you say, 'it's impossible,' God says, 'All things are possible' (Lk. 18:27)." When you say, 'I am tired,' God says, 'I will give you rest' (Mt. 11:28)." When you say, 'Nobody loves me,' God says, "I love you" (John 3:16)." When you say, 'I can't do it,' God says, "I can do all things" (Phil. 4:13)." When you say, 'I feel all alone,' God says, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you' (Heb. 13:5)." When you say, 'I'm afraid,' God says, "I have not given you a spirit of fear" (2 Tim. 1:7)."

Fr. Manny Hewe, Pastor

PHILIPPINES

PILGRIMAGE TOUR



January 25–February 10, 2026

INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 16 days/15 nights
- ✓ Round-trip air fare & all accommodations
- ✓ 15 breakfasts, 8 lunches, and 7 dinners included
- ✓ Manila, Bicol, Iloilo, Cagayan de Oro, Tarlac, Bulacan, Pampanga, Bacolod and more!

\$4800

USD PER
PERSON

For more information, please contact Nita Ayag (808-778-9636) or Jenny Asuncion (808-940-5618)

Chaminade University School of Nursing

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS

Sunday, November 16, 2025
6:30AM to 12:30PM

- Learn about risk factors
- Signs and symptoms
- Stages of lung cancer
- Receive handouts and win prizes
- Get your blood pressure screened for free!



PILGRIMS OF HOPE: THE END TIMES

The end of the world has been a popular topic throughout history. Many people dedicate their energy to determining when the end times will occur. Some modern authors have made millions from books predicting the approach of the end. Often, these works convey the message that "You have to be good because the end is near."

It is essential to remember that the timing of the end of the world is a mystery known only to God the Father, not even to the angels in heaven or the Son (cf. Matt. 24:36). Therefore, any claims about knowing the exact date of the end times are simply self-deception.

However, the Catechism of our Catholic Church teaches that the end time is definite, and we are currently in the midst of it. It begins with the resurrection of Jesus and continues until His second coming. But before our Lord's return, the Church will face a final trial, and the faith of many believers will be tested. The persecution during her earthly journey will reveal the "mystery of iniquity" in the form of a religious deception that offers people an apparent solution to their problems but at the expense of abandoning the truth (cf. CCC 675).

As we journey through the end times, we are moving toward the final judgment—the Second Coming of the Lord. This is not a time for fear, but for anticipation, prayer, and hope. We can have faith in this event because we walk in the victory of our Lord—His triumph over sin and death. We are called to remain steadfast in our faith, stay faithful until death, and persevere—knowing that God will reward us with the crown of life at the end.

Fr. MAH

2nd offering for this weekend (Nov. 15th & 16th)



Mahalo for your generosity!



Weekly Offering Report

For November 3, 2025 - November 9, 2025



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Weekly Collections Online Giving

SUNDAY Mass Offering	\$ 9,035.50	\$ 822.41
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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. ***

We will provide a complete report on the donations and updated expenses for the church fence and security project as soon as they are available. In the meantime, we would like to encourage you to reflect and pray to consider donating more towards the church fence and security project the construction of which is in progress. Please continue to pray with us for the completion of this important project for the safety and security of our church and school.

Parish Savings with the Diocese as of September 30, 2025 **\$ 28,604.33**
Outstanding Parish Loan with the Diocese as of October 31, 2025 **FULLY PAID**
Outstanding PV Loan with the Diocese as of September 30, 2025 **\$ 289,656.65**

Second Collections:

November 15 - 16 for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development
 November 29-30 for the St. Theresa School Assistance

Mahalo for your generosity.



CCST Fence Project



West Honolulu Vicariate Presents
JUBILEE YEAR 2025 SPIRITUAL CONFERENCES
 @ Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa (with Holy Hour and Confession)

November 19, 2025 @ 6:00 PM - Speaker: Fr. Steve Nguyen
 Theme: **GRATEFUL HEARTS: A PATHWAY TO HOPE**

December 17, 2025 @ 6:00 PM - Speaker: Fr. Manny Hewe
 Theme: **WAITING: AN ACT OF HOPE**

“Christian waiting is filled with meaningful presence because the gifts of Jesus Christ are not only meant for the future; they also have an impact on our present. Although Jesus is present in a hidden way, He communicates with us through various means. Learning to wait patiently is a way of growing in hope.”

SCHOOL OFFICE STAFF AND FACULTY MEMBERS

- Principal/Music 1-8 - Conception (Bernie) Gora
- Vice Principal/Math 8 & Discovery - Lauren Ramirez-Asaeda
- Executive Administrative Assistant/LA 6 - Faith Leasiolagi
- Admission Clerk/Office Assistant - Stephanie Lou Ondayog
- Dean of Discipline/Athletic Director/4 & 5 Health/Art - Francine Caetano-Fontanilla
- Preschool Director/Teacher - Magdalena Collins
- PK-8 PE & MS Health - Jayven Bumanglag
- Preschool Aide - Elaine Jane Gonzalez
- Kindergarten Aide & Resource Teacher - Lenie Macadangdang
- Kindergarten Teacher - Leilani Tanaka
- PK, Kindergarten Religion & Liturgy Coordinator - Sr. Ana Fua Dela Cruz, SPC
- 1st Grade - Marvin Macadangdang
- 2nd Grade/Sacramental Prep - Faith Afu
- Creative Music K-3 - Johnelle Silva
- 3rd Grade Teacher - Sibel Mestanova
- 4th Grade Teacher - Laura Gabriel
- 5th Grade Teacher - Taiena Finau
- Middle School Social Studies & Math 6 - Alyssa Yabes
- 7 & 8 Language Arts/7 & 8 Home Economics - Dr. Frances Wong
- Middle School Religion - Shaun Agtarap
- Math 7 - Christian Raquepo
- Middle School Japanese/7 & 8 Arts/ Marketing - Tiani Quon
- MS Science - Peter Park
- Permanent Sub - Bernadette Lopez
- Maintenance - Edwin Kaaihue
- Custodian - Romeo John Cabarrubias



**You are invited to join the
OCIA as they continue their
formation journey and become familiar
with the Catholic faith as we will be
learning about "The Paschal Mystery of Christ"**



**If you are interested in
deepening your relationship
with Christ, please join us.**

Tuesday, November 18th at 6:30pm in Room 210 (school building)



Mahalo and may you have a blessed week!

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

Sr. Mercedita Estrella, SPC

Dir. of R.E. & Pastoral Associate

Tyra Lamb

Safe Environment Liaison

Pinky Mendoza

Office Coordinator

Jennifer Asuncion

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Deacon

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Communications Coordinator

Samy Ratum

Facilities Custodian

Noraliza Tapeç

On-Call Church Custodian

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

November 17, 2025

***Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of
Hungary, Religious***

1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57,
62-63; Luke 18:35-43

November 18, 2025

***Tuesday of the Thirty-third Week in
Ordinary Time***

2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10

November 19, 2025

***Wednesday of the Thirty-third Week in
Ordinary Time***

2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28

November 20, 2025

***Thursday of the Thirty-third Week in
Ordinary Time***

1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44

November 21, 2025

***Memorial of the Presentation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary***

1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59;
Luke 19:45-48

November 22, 2025

***Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and
Martyr***

1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40

November 23, 2025

***The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus
Christ, King of the Universe***

2 Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:12-20;
Luke 23:35-43