



Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

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November 2, 2025 - The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed ***We shall also be united with him in the resurrection***

Wisdom 3:1-9; Psalm 23:1-3a,3b-4,5,6; Romans 5:5-11; John 6:37-40

The Feast of All Souls Day always follows All Saints Day because it reminds us of our communion as one family of the Triune God. According to the old catechism, the Church consists of three realities: the Triumphant Church, the Militant Church, and the Suffering Church.

We celebrated the "Triumphant Church" yesterday, November 1st, honoring those who have passed and are now sharing in God's glory in heaven. We remember their faithfulness in bearing witness to their faith, their examples of holiness, and the enduring stories they left behind during their lives, such as those of Sts. Damien and Mother Marianne, as well as our patron, St. Therese of Lisieux. We recognize the power of their prayerful intercessions on our behalf; they are our allies in heaven!

While we honor the saints, we also celebrate our identity as children of God. We are the "Militant Church," called to bear witness to the holiness of life. This noble calling belongs to all baptized Christians, stemming from the grace of the Sacrament of Baptism. Without any merit of our own, we have been washed, consecrated, and justified in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (cf. Rom 5:1). Through the grace of the Holy Spirit, we are to live out this holiness militantly. The character of this holiness is articulated in the Beatitudes, which challenge us to intentionally embrace poverty of spirit, dependence on God, social justice, mercy, forgiveness, and a sincere pursuit of what is good, right, and holy (Mat 5:3-10; Lk 6:20-23).

Today, we remember the faithful departed who have died but are not yet prepared to face God. We refer to them as the "Suffering Church," currently undergoing a period of purification and in need of our prayers. As the Book of Revelation states, "Nothing unclean enters heaven, nor anyone who does abominable things or lies" (Rev 21:27). Offering Masses for the souls of the departed reflects our belief in Purgatory, which is defined as "a state of final purification after death and before entrance into heaven for those who died in God's friendship but were only imperfectly purified; a final cleansing of human imperfection before one can enter the joy of heaven" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1031, 1472).

We entrust the souls of the faithful departed to the mercy of God, so that they may be made just in His sight (cf. Wis. 3:1).

Purgatory is a merciful doctrine; without it, those who commit minor sins would be permanently excluded from heaven. The practice of praying for the faithful departed has its roots in the Old Testament, particularly in the Book of Maccabees. Judas Maccabees prayed and offered sacrifices for Jewish soldiers who had died while wearing forbidden pagan amulets. The Second Book of Maccabees states, "Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out," and "Thus, [Judas Maccabees] made atonement for the dead, that they might be freed from sin" (2 Maccabees 12:43-46). Our prayers and sacrifices for the dead are considered a good and holy act (cf. 2 Maccabees 12:45).

The souls in Purgatory cannot pray for themselves; however, we can assist them through our prayers and our communion with the saints in heaven, especially by offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. This is the highest form of prayer in the Church—the perfect sacrifice made possible through our Lord Jesus, as a result of His passion, death, and resurrection. It transcends time and space, uniting the faithful in heaven, on earth, and in Purgatory as one community.



In the Gospel, we hear, "This is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day" (John 6:39). These are beautiful and reassuring words. We are all entrusted to Jesus, who promises to keep us under His care. In Him, we will be raised on the last day, granting us eternal life.

As we pray for one another and share each other's burdens, we also remember in our prayers all the deceased—not just our loved ones, but all who have passed away. In His divine love and mercy, we ask that He purify their souls so that they may attain the holiness necessary to partake in the beatific vision of heaven. The most powerful prayer we can offer for them is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Fr. Manny Hewe, Pastor

Chaminade University School of Nursing

COLON CANCER AWARENESS

St. Theresa's Church
Sunday, November 2, 2025
6:30am - 12:30pm

Join Us to Learn More About Colon Cancer

- Play a fun game & win a prize!
- Free blood pressure screenings!



This event will feature engaging information, fun and educational activities, and delicious treats while promoting the importance of early detection and prevention.

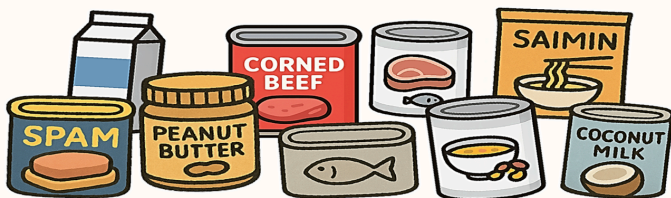
FOOD PANTRY
CO-CATHEDRAL OF ST. THERESA

Food Drive

Join us in helping local families in need.
Your generosity provides real, tangible support to our community.

We are accepting donations of unexpired non-perishable and shelf-stable foods:
meat/fish in oil, soups, sauces, beans, dried pasta, instant saimin, dry milk, cereal, juice

DROP OFF:
Parish Office or Drop Box at
mauka side exit of church



PILGRIMS OF HOPE: OFFERING PRAYER FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Lord, for your faithful people, life is changed, not ended" (Preface I, Mass for the Dead).

For us Catholics, our faithful departed—parents, brothers, sisters, and relatives—are never far from us. We remember and offer our prayers for them in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. In our parish, we dedicate the month of November to offer prayers for them.

The Church teaches that praying for the departed and offering Masses for them is not only an act of great mercy (cf. 2 Mac. 12:46) but also a profound sign of our love for our spiritual family, a love that transcends even death. Just as we pray for one another in life, we can extend our prayers beyond death, helping those in need of purification so that they may ultimately encounter God's loving presence, for nothing unclean enters heaven, nor anyone who does abominable things or lies (cf. Rev 21:27). There is a place where the souls are purified, which we call Purgatory.

We believe that Purgatory is a state of final cleansing after death and before entering heaven, where those who die in God's grace and friendship but are not entirely free from venial sins or have not fully satisfied the consequences of their transgressions are cleansed (CCC #1030, 1472).

The souls in Purgatory cannot pray for themselves; however, we can assist them through our prayers, sacrifices, and our communion with the saints in heaven, especially by offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. This is the highest form of worship in the Church—the perfect sacrifice made possible through our Lord Jesus, as a result of His passion, death, and resurrection. It transcends time and space, uniting the faithful in heaven, on earth, and in Purgatory as one community.

By offering Mass intentions, we not only participate in the Church's prayer life but also receive spiritual benefits that enrich our faith journey. One's monetary intention offering contributes to providing for the temporal needs of the parish in a small way. This donation is often used to help others in need. This act of giving, both spiritually and materially, is a profound expression of our faith and love for God and our community.

Fr. MAH

Weekly Offering Report

For October 20, 2025 - October 26, 2025



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Weekly Collections Online Giving

SUNDAY Mass Offering	\$ 9,544.00	\$ 919.13
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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 8 - 9 for the Archdiocese for the Military Services USA
 (every 3 yrs)
 November 15 - 16 for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development
Mahalo for your generosity.



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

“Mary, the Church's first and most perfect Mother”



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

Tuesday, November 4th 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

Office Secretary

Francis Leasiolagi

Deacon

Jonathan Lam

VHM Deacon

Ray Lamb

Deacon

Roy Matsuo

Retired Deacon

Marlowe Sabater

Deacon

Fr. Anthony Tran

VHM Chaplain

Bernie Gora

Director of Music

Ryan and Ashley Agcaoili

Coordinators of Youth Ministry

Grace Young

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 3, 2025

Monday of the Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time

Romans 11:29-36; Luke 14:12-14

November 4, 2025

Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Romans 12:5-16ab; Luke 14:15-24

November 5, 2025

Wednesday of the Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time

Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33

November 6, 2025

Thursday of the Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time

Romans 14:7-12; Luke 15:1-10

November 7, 2025

Friday of the Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time

Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8

November 8, 2025

Saturday of the Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time

Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16:9-15

November 9, 2025

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22



I WANTED TO BE A SAINT! The first desire of the Pilgrims of Hope

We are a holy people of God, a people set apart, destined to be holy (cf. 1 Pt 2:9; 1 Pt 1:16).

In sports, players are often declared MVPs (Most Valuable Players) for their exceptional skills, sportsmanship, leadership, and contributions to their team's success. Typically, the award is decided by a panel of sports writers and broadcasters.

The saints can also be called MVPs because they live what it means to follow Jesus. They witness, they fight, they teach, they inspire, and they lead others to what they believe in. So, they not only avoid sin but also choose to live a virtuous life. But unlike the sports' MVPs, they are not just honored and remembered; they are invoked to intercede on our behalf. They are our allies in Heaven, constantly interceding with God on our behalf. Their fraternal concern greatly helps our weakness, extending the merits they acquired on earth through the one mediator between God and humanity, Christ Jesus. Their intercession makes us feel supported and connected, and by their fraternal concern, our weakness is greatly helped (cf. LG 49, 1 Tim 2:5, CCC 956).

They are in Heaven and forever share in the glory of God. The Book of Revelation describes them as the great multitude, people from every nation and race, who now stand before God's throne. They were the ones who survived the time of great distress and remained faithful witnesses of Jesus (Rev 7:14-15). We celebrate their fidelity to God and consider them our models to imitate and follow. This is one reason we choose our saints during the confirmation process.

Celebrating All Saints Day reminds us of our vocation, the call to holiness. Like them, we are all destined to be holy and make a meaningful impact. We are all created in God's image. We are meant for God and destined to share in God's glory (cf. Rom. 8:29; 1 Cor. 2:7). This dignity is a gift given to us and is elevated through the Sacrament of Baptism. God planted the seed of holiness at our baptism (cf. CCC 1266). It is a gift from God. We are to nurture this gift of holiness—to nurture means to cultivate, to take care of, to grow, because, like plants, it will die, or like a computer, it will be infected with a virus, or like a seed, it will not become a plant and bear fruit. We should not be ashamed to say, "I wanted to be a saint!" or "I wanted to be an MVP!"

The Beatitudes found in the gospels of Matthew and Luke, from the Latin word 'beatus' meaning 'happy,' perfectly describe the saints (cf. Matt. 5:3-10; Lk. 6:20-26). They are happy people, regardless of their circumstances. Whether poor, persecuted, or insulted, they remain faithful to God, or they never stop looking at God, as St. Carlo Acutis said, "Sadness is looking at ourselves, happiness is looking towards God." The saints trust God amid difficulties and choose the way of the blessed. They choose to be merciful amidst cruelty. They choose meekness amidst arrogance. They choose to be clean of heart amidst deceit. They choose to be peacemakers amidst hatred.

Like the saints, we are called to choose to live virtuous lives amidst the vices of the world. We are not just to avoid sins but to be the forefront of witnesses of virtues, the MVP. Where do we start, or how are we to begin?

Consider paying attention to the four cardinal virtues: fortitude, prudence, justice, and temperance. To walk in holiness is to choose to practice the cardinal virtues intentionally and make them habitual. We called them cardinal because they act like "hinges," which is the meaning of the word "cardinal." They serve as foundational principles for all other virtues. **Prudence** - to exercise caution and discernment in our words and actions; to practice being considerate, judicious, and cautious in words and actions. **Fortitude** - to endure for the benefit of others; courage in pain and adversity. **Justice** - to treat others equitably and justly, imitating the mercy of God. **Temperance** - to live a life marked by self-restraint, especially concerning material accumulation; to practice moderation, self-denial, and mortification. Of course, these spiritual disciplines are to be accompanied by regular prayer, a life of charity, especially Holy Confession, and our active participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, which should be the foundation and means of our striving to live a life of holiness.

Remember, we are holy people, a people set apart, the people of God, destined to be MVPs. Fr. MAH

The Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa's 95th Parish Anniversary Logo

The Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa Church (CCST) was founded on July 19, 1931, and was later elevated to the status of a Co-Cathedral on July 28, 1985. This elevation was a significant recognition of our church's pivotal role in the Diocese of Honolulu, allowing us to share in the spiritual leadership that serves the larger Hawaii Catholic community.



This year, 2025, marks the 94th anniversary of our beloved Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa Church since its foundation. In 2026, we will celebrate the 95th year of our founding. The logo for this significant milestone not only captures the meaning of our shared journey but also our unity as a community of faith. It is our shared history and faith that bind us together, making us part of something much larger than ourselves—a spiritual family united in our love for God and for one another.

The logo's expanding circular orange image, transitioning to yellow, symbolizes our parish's remarkable growth in liturgical, sacramental, and social ministries. This growth is a tangible sign of the fruits of the nourishment we receive through the Most Holy Eucharist and the

enduring presence of the Holy Spirit. It is also a testament to our unwavering commitment and dedication to our faith.

The church figure within the circle symbolizes our humble dependence on God. It represents the church as a body, with Christ as its head, in whom we live, move, and have our being (cf. Acts 17:28). This figure serves as a visual reminder of our collective reliance on God's grace and guidance in all aspects of our church life and mission.

The shade of blue lines of the church building emphasizes trust in divine providence and the love for Jesus exemplified by St. Thérèse of Lisieux. Her life and teachings, particularly her 'Little Way'—a path of spiritual growth that emphasizes doing the small things with great love, even in the face of difficulties and challenges—serve as a model for living our faith and our love for Jesus. This 'Little Way' is our way in responding to the church's perpetual invitation to come and adore the Lord, 'venite adoremus,' which finds its completion in our active participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. It is a spiritual heritage of the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, which we are grateful to be part of, and one that will continue to shape our growth as children of God, Pilgrims of Hope, yearning for the treasures of heaven. (Fr. MAH).

"I will spend my heaven doing good on earth."

St. Therese of the Child Jesus