



# Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

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

November 23, 2025

2 Sm. 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5; Col 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43

### **“Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord” (Ps. 122:1).**

Today, we join the entire Church in joyful celebration and proclamation that our Lord Jesus Christ is the King of the Universe! We declare that He is our King because He lives forever and continues to influence our lives for eternity.

Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, is not just a figure from the distant past that we remember. We proclaim Jesus' eternal presence and powerful influence in our lives, and therefore, we declare that he has supreme authority over everything; that he is our redeemer, having made us his through his blood, and now we belong to him; that he is the head of the Church; and that we acknowledge that God has given him the nations of the world as his special possession and domain.

The gospel reading offers a glimpse of Jesus's kingship. This passage emphasizes the final moments of his earthly life, when he was crucified on the cross between two thieves. One of them, the good thief, makes a plea that is meant for everyone who recognizes the need for a Savior: "Jesus, remember me when you enter upon your Kingdom." Jesús' response, "today you will be with me in Paradise" (Lk. 23:43), fulfills everything we could ever desire or hope for—being forgiven and being with Jesus in his reign. The thief, who accepted the punishment for his crime, sees Jesus as a fellow sufferer but also recognizes his salvation in this dying Jesus. His plea is a call for all of us who seek forgiveness and wish to renew our lives. We are like the good thief. Our personal lives can't truly make sense until we understand whose we are and accept ourselves for who we are.

The cross is the very throne of our King. When he was hanging on the cross, he was challenged to save himself, and people believed him to be the true Messiah. But he did not give in to the temptation. The greatness of Jesus' kingship was proven when he chose not to use his power to save himself but rather to save others. Jesus claimed his kingship not during his glorious moments—such as the Transfiguration, the multiplication of the loaves, healings, and miracles—but during the lowest point of his life, when he was powerless on the cross. His dying on the cross is the victory of love—the greatest love anyone can show is to give his life for his friends (cf. John 15:13). This victory of love delivered us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us to the realm of his heavenly Father, where we have an inheritance along with him (cf. Col. 1:13-14). Imagine—if he had run away or come down from the cross, none of us would have that inheritance. We would still belong to darkness and night, and nothing would be reconciled; nothing forgiven. All that is good and beautiful in our human nature flows from the cross, where Jesus became our Savior and our King.

Jesus Christ, our King, has shown his love and faithfulness to everyone without holding back. No matter who we are, what mistakes we've made, or how sinful we may feel, God reaches out to us through Jesus and assures us that we are His beloved children and that He loves us completely and forever. Because of this, each of us can do the same for him. It is the essence of Jesus' kingship, not through domination and control, but through sacrificial love—giving himself so that those who follow him can find renewal, strength, and inspiration through his incredible love and humble service.

Consider doing a self-examination this week and reflecting on the words of St. Teresa of Avila.





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Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks with compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which He blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, and yours are the feet, yours are the eyes. You are His body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

*Fr. Manny Hewe, Pastor*



**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 Season of Advent"**



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

**Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Room 210 (school building)**



***Mahalo and may you have a blessed week!***

## Parish Advent Retreat and Penance Service

**Theme: Pilgrims of Hope**

**Waiting: An Act of Hope**

**Speaker: Fr. Manny Hewe**

**Wednesday December 17, 2025**


**6:00 PM – Parish Retreat**

**7:00 PM – Penance Service**

**ALL ARE INVITED!**

**Bring family and friends**

The Chaminade University Nursing Students will be presenting and educating on ADHD Awareness. Please join us on Sunday, November 23, 2025 from 6:30 am - 12:30 pm where you will learn about the risk factors, the different signs and symptoms, and types and management of ADHD. Did you know that people with ADHD often have faster, more flexible thinking, which can boost creativity and problem-solving! We will also have snacks, fun games to play, and free blood pressure screenings. See you there!








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- Play a fun game and win prizes

**Chaminade University School of Nursing**





**PILGRIMS OF HOPE:**

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This victory of love has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness. It has moved us into the realm of His Heavenly Father, where we inherit alongside Him (cf. Col. 1:13-14). Imagine if He had come down from the cross; then none of us would share that inheritance. We would still belong to darkness and night, and nothing would be reconciled, nothing would be forgiven. All that is good and beautiful in our human nature flows from the cross where Jesus became our Savior and our King. Thank you, Lord Jesus!

**Fr. MAH.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offering next weekend  
November 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> is for the**

**St. Theresa School Assistance**



***Mahalo for your generosity!***







# Weekly Offering Report

## For November 10, 2025 - November 16, 2025

### Weekly Collections Online Giving

SUNDAY Mass Offering	\$ 9,331.50	\$ 961.93
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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 29-30 for the St. Theresa School Assistance  
December 13-14 for the Retirement Fund for Religious

*Mahalo for your generosity.*



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

**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



**:We are in need of volunteers:**

Anyone interested to help please call the Parish office  
at (808)521-1700 so we can put you on the schedule.  
**Mahalo!**

## 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 Tapecc

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](http://www.usccb.org)

**November 24, 2025**

*Memorial of Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc,  
Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*  
Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Luke 21:1-4

**November 25, 2025**

*Tuesday of the Thirty-fourth Week in  
Ordinary Time*  
Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11

**November 26, 2025**

*Wednesday of the Thirty-fourth Week in  
Ordinary Time*  
Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;  
Luke 21:12-19

**November 27, 2025**

*Thursday of the Thirty-fourth Week in  
Ordinary Time*  
Daniel 6:12-28; Luke 21:20-28

*Thanksgiving Day [In the Dioceses of  
the United States]*

Sirach 50:22-24; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9;  
Luke 17:11-19

**November 28, 2025**

*Friday of the Thirty-fourth Week in  
Ordinary Time*  
Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33

**November 29, 2025**

*Saturday of the Thirty-fourth Week in  
Ordinary Time*  
Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36

**November 30, 2025**

*First Sunday of Advent*  
Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14;  
Matthew 24:37-44





## PILGRIMS OF HOPE: CULTIVATING AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

God blesses us in every way, so we can, in turn, bless others.

We all have many reasons to be thankful—life, family, friends, home, faith, community, church, ministry, and all the spiritual and material blessings that surround us. Even the blessings we experience every day, like our senses of taste, sight, hearing, touch, the ability to talk and walk, our memory, understanding, and even our appetite, are a cause for profound gratitude. It's often only when we lose any of these that we realize their true importance.

Practicing daily gratitude to God is a healing act for our souls. The attitude of thankfulness not only promotes a sense of well-being but also helps change our perspective. Instead of being focused on wanting more, we learn to value what we already have. Gratitude can release us from a victim mentality, enhancing our sense of humor and problem-solving abilities.

The attitude of gratitude shifts our focus from the blessings themselves to the one who blesses, from objects to a person, and from the gift to the Giver. Imagine if we only focus on gifts or possessions; we lose sight of who we truly are. We are created to give glory and praise to God.

The Gospel of Luke provides a classic example of the importance of gratitude, as seen in the story of ten lepers whom Jesus miraculously healed (cf. Lk. 17:11-19). This will be the gospel reading for the day. We will see that only the Samaritan returned to give thanks, while the other nine likely celebrated with their family and friends. The Samaritan's act of returning to the Lord emphasizes what we should do not only on Thanksgiving Day but also every time we celebrate the Holy Mass.

We give thanks to God through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, because our act of thanksgiving alone is insufficient. Jesus is the only one who has ever offered perfect worship to the Father, and we join our thanksgiving with His perfect sacrifice.

During the Offertory, the simple act of mixing the wine and water at the altar symbolizes our profound unity with the Lord. The priest's words, 'Through the mystery of this water and wine, we may share the divinity of Christ who humbles himself to share our humanity,' remind us of this unity. As Christ bears us all and takes on our sins, we understand that the water represents us all, while Christ's blood is symbolized in the wine. When the water is combined with the wine in the chalice, we are united with Christ, and we join with Him in offering worship to the Father.

We sincerely demonstrate this unity by giving thanks to God as we begin the great Eucharistic Prayer. The priest says, "Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God." And we respond: "It is right to give him thanks and praise." Then the priest continues: "Father, it is our duty and our salvation always and everywhere to give you thanks." This statement underscores the significance of gratitude in our lives. Giving thanks is not just a duty, but it is also our salvation, a result of our condition of being alive and saved through God's healing, merciful, and forgiving presence in our lives.

Remember, all life is a gift. The attitude of gratitude is a deep disposition before our God because our God is rich in mercy and never outdone in generosity. Gratitude, a beautiful virtue, is not a single, one-time expression; it is like breathing—breathing in and breathing out, inhaling and exhaling. Therefore, as baptized Christians, we approach life, people, and events with a constant "attitude of gratitude." It is a choice that grows through our habit of giving thanks in all circumstances.



Here are nine practical ways to cultivate an attitude of gratitude:

1. **Recognize your many blessings.** Recall the abundant gifts you have received: family, friends, faith, and opportunities. Each moment and stage of life brings new blessings; we are gifted repeatedly. God always surprises us with gifts, big and small.

2. **Reflect on the origin of gifts.** We do not earn gifts; God is the source of our blessings. While blessings come through other people, God remains their ultimate source. Appreciate God's generosity! (Deut. 8:18).

3. **Recall often: gifts are for sharing.** All we are and possess are gifts. Our qualities, talents, and riches are meant to be shared, not hidden or hoarded. Whatever you receive as a gift, give it as a gift (cf. Mat 10:8; Prov 11:24).

4. **Remember, remember, remember.** Consistent remembrance is key to keeping our gracious moments, both big and small, past and present, alive. Like Israel, we must never forget the Lord's deeds (Ps 78:7; 103:3).

5. **Be grateful in every season.** Gratitude is not just a virtue for good times; both prosperous moments and tough times are opportunities to give thanks. Whatever you say or do, do it all with gratitude (cf. 1 Cor 10:31).

6. **Guard against the enemies of gratitude.** Self-pity and resentment replace genuine thankfulness. Stop asking: Why me? Is life ever fair? Why did she get that opportunity? (1 Kngs 21:1-4; James 3:14)

7. **Practice acts of gratitude daily.** Express and demonstrate thankfulness regularly; cultivate the habit of showing gratitude. Each act of appreciation makes the next easier, and "Thank you" should come easily from your lips. Gratitude fosters contentment, a sign of a mature and integrated personality (Eph 5:20).

8. **Place gratitude at the center of your prayer.** Prayer from the heart is full of thankfulness. Grateful people naturally turn to God in prayer, quickly forgive others' faults, and recognize the goodness in others.

9. **Become a Eucharistic person.** The Greek word Eucharist 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. Sharing Christ's love in the Holy Eucharist can transform us into loving, grateful, serving people, filled with gratitude.

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Pastor