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November 8, 2026 - Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Be Ready and Keep Your Lamp Lit

Wisdom 6:12-16; Psalm 63:2,3-4,5-6,7-8; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

In today's gospel, Jesús shares another parable about the Kingdom of God. It is about a wedding feast and the need to be prepared to join the celebration. As we reflect on this message, let us pray that God grants us the grace to listen attentively, stay awake, and be ready for the Lord's coming.

The first two readings remind us that God continually offers us something beautiful and noble. The first reading teaches us that Wisdom actively seeks us and makes herself known. God takes the initiative, always reaching out to us with His grace. However, we must also do our part by cooperating and seeking Wisdom with open hearts and eyes. Those who long for and pursue Wisdom will find comfort and solace in her embrace (cf. Wis 6:12-16). Wisdom is Jesus, who continually comes to offer himself to us. St. Paul reminds the Thessalonians and us to be vigilant in meeting Jesus. He comes at the time he chooses. But will we be attentive to his coming? What are we doing to receive him?

The parable of the foolish and wise virgins powerfully concludes the two readings. The ten virgins were tasked with welcoming the bridegroom. Indeed, we can surmise that the bridegroom is Jesus, the Wisdom that comes to us, and the ten virgins symbolize humanity, all of us. We are told that some were wise, and others were foolish. Both the foolish and the wise waited for the bridegroom's arrival. They all had their lamps. They were physically present where the bridegroom would come. They were all eager to meet the bridegroom, but all of them dozed off while waiting for the bridegroom's arrival. It is human to get tired and sleepy; we all have moments of weakness and impatience. However, the difference lies in the preparedness of the wise and the foolish virgins.

The wise ones brought extra oil for their lamps, while the foolish did not anticipate the delay and ran out. When the call finally came, only those who were fully prepared could join the celebration. By contrasting the prepared and unprepared virgins, Jesus reminds us of the importance of spiritual readiness and the consequences of neglecting it. We must always be prepared for the Lord's coming in our lives, in whatever form it takes. As in the parable, life is full of sudden calls, surprises, and interruptions. Those who are ready can seize opportunities and respond well to the unexpected. As someone said, our human existence may be lost if we see our time now only as a gift, not as a responsibility to and for the future. We must recognize that our time on this earth is both a gift and a responsibility.

Waiting for the bridegroom symbolizes the uncertainty of how long or short our lives will be and when we will face death and judgment. The lamp represents the Christian faith, while oil represents good works. Both are necessary, for faith without works is meaningless (Jas 2:17). We are called to be watchful for our encounter with Jesus, who comes to us every day, and to be loving in our dealings with others, since those lacking good works will be excluded from the joyful celebration, for they have nothing to celebrate. Our Lord Jesus exhorts his disciples: "Let your light shine before men and women that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven" (Matt 5:16).

Let us keep in mind the joyful context of a wedding feast. The Lord invites us to a feast of joy and love. Our vigilance is not about fear but about anticipation and

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eagerness to join the feast. Let us live in readiness, out of love and desire, to fully participate in the feast of God's abundant love. We anticipate and celebrate it in the Holy Eucharist. Like the wise virgins, we have something to celebrate; we offer our time, talent, and treasure to God in union with the Sacrifice of our Lord Jesus.

May our loving God bless us with wisdom and guide us in our daily endeavors as we strive to live in expectation and readiness for Jesus' coming whenever our time comes. Remember, like the wise virgins, we carry our own lamp, keep it generously prepared, and keep it lit now and always.



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.

HOLY EUCHARIST: CONSECRATION

During Mass, the consecration is a moment of silence and reverence. The priest bows deeply and recites words spoken for centuries. Although nothing appears to change outwardly, this moment is profoundly significant, as the Church teaches that heaven and earth unite and that even angels show reverence.

When the priest says, “This is my Body… This is my Blood,” the bread and wine undergo transubstantiation. Their appearance remains, but their substance becomes Jesus Christ—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. The Church teaches that this is not symbolic or merely a reminder but the real presence of Christ.

At consecration, the sacrifice of Calvary becomes present. This is not a repetition but a participation in the one sacrifice of the Cross. The Church teaches that Christ does not descend again; instead, we are drawn into His eternal sacrifice through the priest’s actions. For this reason, angels surround the altar during Mass. Though they do not receive Communion, they offer adoration. The same angels present at the Incarnation and the Resurrection now witness Christ humbling Himself under the appearance of bread and wine as God gives Himself to His people.

Silence marks this moment, for words are insufficient. The congregation kneels, bells ring, and the priest genuflects in recognition of Christ’s presence. The Church teaches that the transformative power present at consecration is also offered to us: Christ becomes present so that we may become like Him.

During consecration, do you observe passively, or do you recognize that heaven is present before you? (Fr. MAH)

OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults Faith Formation sessions continue this Tuesday, November 10th.

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!

We will continue our discussion of

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

Tuesday - November 10th at 6:30pm, room 107 (STS Bldg.)

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

Co-Cathedral of St.Theresa of the Child Jesus
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Weekly Offering Report
For October 26, 2026 - November 1, 2026

	Weekly Collections	Online Giving
SUNDAY Mass Offering	$ 11,648.00	$ 540.28

*** 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. ***

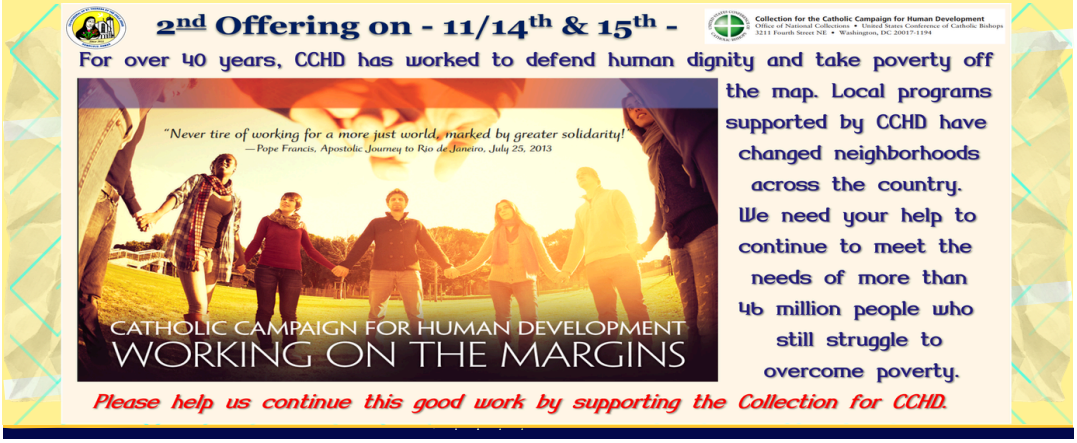
Parish Savings with the Diocese as of September 30, 2026	**$ 183,607.59**
CCST Columbaria Savings as of September 30, 2026	**$ 4,877.21**
Outstanding PV Loan with the Diocese as of September 30, 2026	**$ 254,577.53**



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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- 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 - 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
Dir. of R.E. & Pastoral Associate

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Coordinators of Youth Ministry

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Communications Coordinator

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Director of Music

Earl Morita
Church Grounds Maintenance

Jennifer Asuncion
Office Secretary

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Deacon

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Facilities Custodian

Francis Leasiolagi
Deacon

Roy Matsuo
Retired Deacon

Noraliza Tapec
On-Call Church Custodian

Jonathan Lam
VHM Deacon

Marlowe Sabater
Deacon

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 9, 2026
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

November 10, 2026
Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Luke 17:7-10

November 11, 2026
Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop
Titus 3:1-7; Luke 17:11-19

November 12, 2026
Memorial of Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
Philemon 7-20; Luke 17:20-25

November 13, 2026
Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
[In the Dioceses of the United States]
2 John 4-9; Luke 17:26-37

November 14, 2026
Saturday of the Thirty-second Week in Ordinary Time
3 John 5-8; Luke 18:1-8

November 15, 2026
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30

SERVANT OF THE LITTLE WAY:
A Vision of Love, Service, and Holiness
Journeying toward the 100th Year Parish Foundation Anniversary
1931 – 2031

A Pledge of Faith, Love, and Generosity

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we prepare to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa Parish on July 19, 2031, we have a wonderful opportunity to renew our faith, strengthen our community, and prepare our church for the years ahead.

Our church is more than a building. It is our spiritual home, a sacred place where generations have gathered to celebrate the Eucharist, receive God's grace, raise their children in faith, and encounter Jesus Christ.

YES! I want to donate to repair the CCST Church Roof
Pledge Information

I pledge to contribute to the repair of the CCST Church Roof in the sum of:

☐ 500.00 ☐ 1,000.00 ☐ 2,000.000 ☐ Other amount

The donation will be fulfilled: ☐ One time ☐ Monthly over six months ☐ Monthly over one year

Payment Information:

I would like to pay by: ☐ Check ☐ Cash ☐ Credit Card through Online Giving →

SCAN ME

Donor Information:

Name & Signature: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Date: _____

Please submit this form to the parish office, or you may offer it during the offertory.
If you have questions, please contact: Jenny Asuncion/Pinky Mendoza
Phone Numbers: (808) 521-1700
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Mahalo for your love and support!

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.

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Signed: ____/____/____

Today, we have an important responsibility to repair and protect our church roof so this sacred home can continue serving our parish family for years to come. I invite every family and parishioner to join this special pledge campaign. Every gift matters when it comes from a generous heart. What matters most is not how much we give, but the love and faith we share.

Let's remember, we are not merely fixing a roof. We are protecting our spiritual home and investing in the faith of those who will come after us.

Please take time to pray and consider making a pledge that fits what you can give. May our generosity be a lasting sign of faith and love, a legacy our children and grandchildren will appreciate.

Also, the **Promise: Servant of the Little Way,** our five-year journey, will be available on two Sundays during the feast of Christ the King. Please take time to read and pray with it, then sign it, take a photo of your copy, and bring it to any Mass during Advent and Christmas to offer it and place it in a jar.

Let's offer this as a spiritual gift to our families and children, helping bring people to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Let's pray for many spiritual gifts, especially peace, hope, and love, in our community and the world.

May St. Therese of the Child Jesus, our patroness, inspire us to do small things with great love.

With gratitude and blessings,

Fr. Manny Hewe

The Junior Knights and Junior Daughters of St. Peter Claver

Junior Knights and Junior Daughters Are a Cut Above the Rest:
Kutz & Klothes - Youth Helping Youth Through Faith and Service



The Junior Knights and Junior Daughters of St. Peter Claver recently brought service and community together through their initiative, Kutz & Klothes. This was a youth-led outreach effort providing free professional haircuts and clothing to children and families in our community. What made this ministry especially meaningful was that our Juniors helped create the outreach themselves. Through their own planning, collaboration, and teamwork, they identified an opportunity to serve other young people and helped turn the idea into action. Their ministry is centered on a simple but powerful message: "Youth Helping Youth." Kutz & Klothes gave our Juniors an opportunity to live that mission by caring for their peers in a practical and personal way.

Throughout the event, our Junior Knights and Junior Daughters took an active role in making the day successful. They waved signs to welcome people into the event, assisted with signing in families, guided children and families to the clothing stations, and helped the volunteer barbers and stylists by sweeping and keeping the areas ready for the next participant. Their involvement demonstrated that young people do not have to wait until adulthood to make a difference. With hearts for service, they become leaders in their community.

Kutz & Klothes reached families experiencing a variety of circumstances, including underserved families, adopted children, and children who have experienced difficult or disrupted home situations. Some youth who attended had not previously had the opportunity to receive a professional haircut. In addition to receiving much-needed haircuts, children and families were able to select donated clothing. This helped practical needs while providing an experience centered on dignity, welcome, and belonging.

More than anything, Kutz & Klothes demonstrated what can happen when young people are encouraged to see a need and work together to respond to it. For our Juniors, this was more than a service project. It was a lesson in leadership, compassion, and Catholic service. They were able to see firsthand how their ideas could positively affect another young person's life.

We are deeply grateful to our volunteer barbers and stylists, clothing donors, families, parish community, and everyone who supported this outreach. Most of all, we are proud of our Junior Knights and Junior Daughters for embracing their ministry of "Youth Helping Youth" and demonstrating that faith becomes especially powerful when it is put into action.









ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII

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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