



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

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## March 1, 2026 - Second Sunday of Lent (A)

### ~ With Jesus, the Victory is Ours ~

**Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 33:4-5,18-19,20,22; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9**

Our Lord Jesus is always glorious, whether hungry, misunderstood, mobbed by the crowd, abandoned, or dying on the cross—circumstances his disciples often could not perceive. His glory in every situation is rooted in his obedience, love, and union with the Father, which he shares with those who follow him. This is the strength St. Paul mentioned in his letter to Timothy: strength from above to bear the hardships of the Gospel (cf. 2 Tim 1:8). In this strength, he confidently proclaimed that nothing could separate us from the love of God, whether tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, or sword (cf. Rom 8:35-39).

Jesus is glorious in all circumstances and victorious over sin and death. I dare say we will be victorious if we remain with him.

Jesus was victorious over the devil's temptations (cf. Matthew 4:1-11). This is the good news we heard last Sunday. We learned that the Spirit led him to the desert after his baptism. He fasted for forty days and nights, after which the devil came to him. Imagine not eating or drinking for that long. Jesus must have been hungry, thirsty, and tired. These are the conditions the devil exploits, offering something attractive and pleasurable, an easy way out. But Jesus taught us to dismiss the devil's offer immediately and not engage in dialogue, because the devil is the Father of Lies. We heard his firm response, "It is written." Self-knowledge, familiarity with the word of God, and an understanding of who God is are essential here. Unlike Adam and Eve, who dialogued with the devil and were deceived and thrown out of paradise, we are to cut temptation off immediately. Do not dialogue with the devil, but surrender to God through prayer and embrace the discipline of penance. With Jesus, we will be victorious, and to him alone will we surrender our lives!

This Sunday, the Transfiguration of Jesus reveals his victory. We are told that he was transfigured while in prayer, and an overwhelming heavenly light emanated from him. The presence of Moses and Elijah, which showed that he is the fulfillment of the Old Covenant, drew the attention of Peter, James, and John and prompted Peter to want to stay and build dwellings on the mountain (cf. Matt 17:2-4). Jesus brought them to that mountain to prepare them for the scandal of the cross and for his coming suffering and death. His victory is different from the ways of the world; it follows God's plan, which is often difficult to understand because it is the Way of the Cross. Only through the grace of God will we see the good news beyond his suffering and death.

The message of the transfiguration is that suffering and glory, loss and victory, death and resurrection are connected. Nothing worthwhile in life is ever straightforward; nothing valuable is plain and easy. If we are victorious with the Lord, we will also experience failures. If Jesus promises strength, we will experience weakness. If Jesus promises rest, we will have anxiety. If Jesus gives us courage, we will have doubts. If Jesus tells us to follow him, there are crosses in our lives to carry. His transfiguration invites us to place our faith in God, our Father, as the Responsorial Psalm says: "Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you" (Ps 33:22). More profound and worthy of reflection in the transfiguration is the voice of the Father,

similar to what was said at his baptism in the Jordan River: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him" (Matt 17:5; Matt 3:17). These words are more worthy of our reflection than imagining Jesus' dazzling white appearance. It is like paying attention to the challenging words during the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday:



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"Repent, and believe in the Gospel," rather than just following the tradition of receiving ashes.

Listening is essential to our walk with Jesus; the same is true of repenting and believing in the Gospel. Listening is a key element of prayer. If prayer is a dialogue with God, we must listen; if we listen, we must find time and place. When we make a habit of listening to God in prayer, through his grace, we will grow in awareness and union with him. Only then will our strength be from God, not from ourselves. Our strength in walking with Jesus comes from attentive listening. As long as we listen to him, we will persevere and be victorious, as Abraham did when called by God. Though he was already seventy years old, he followed God's direction (cf. Gen 12:4).

Let us remember that there is no burden in life we cannot overcome if we find time in prayer to listen to Jesus, the source of our glory and victory.  
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. Gestures in the Holy Mass: ORANS & SILENCE

In the celebration of Mass, we raise our hearts and minds to God. As creatures of body and spirit, we do not confine our prayer to our minds and hearts. It is also expressed through our bodies. When our bodies are engaged in prayer, we pray with our whole person. Using our entire being in prayer helps us pray with greater attentiveness. The gestures have profound meaning and, when performed with understanding, can enhance our participation in the Mass.

**ORANS.** The priest often uses this ancient prayer posture, with his hands slightly raised to his sides. Orans means “praying.” Early Christian art often depicts saints and others standing in this posture, offering their prayers and surrendering themselves, with hands uplifted to the Lord, in a gesture that echoes Christ’s outstretched arms as he offered himself on the Cross.

**SILENCE.** “Silence in the Liturgy allows the community to reflect on what it has heard and experienced, and to open its heart to the mystery celebrated” (Sing to the Lord, no. 118). We gather in silence, setting aside the concerns of the world and entering into the sacred action. We reflect on the readings in silence. We also take time for silent reflection and prayer after Holy Communion. These moments of silence are not merely empty; they are opportunities to enter more deeply into what God is doing in the Mass and, like Mary, to keep “all these things, reflecting on them” in our hearts (Lk 2:19).

## Diabetes Prevention

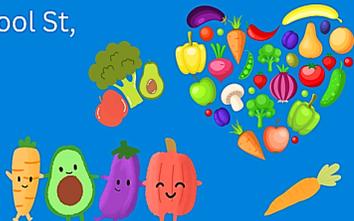


- 03/01/2026
- 6:30am- 12:30
- Free Blood pressure readings!!!



St. Theresa, 712 N School St,  
Honolulu

Join Chaminade public health students to learn about diabetes prevention and enjoy games and prizes!



## CONTRIBUTION/TAX LETTER FOR 2025



If you haven't picked up your tax letter, they are available at the church lanai after mass.

Thank you for your continued support to our church.

# Weekly Offering Report

## For February 16, 2026 - February 22, 2026



**SAINT THERESA SCHOOL**  
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 Office Phone: 808-536-4703

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### Weekly Collections Online Giving

SUNDAY Mass Offering	\$ 10,536.50	\$ 606.38
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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 January 30, 2026* **\$ 275,204.63**  
*Outstanding PV Loan with the Diocese as of January 30, 2026* **\$ 273,148.94**

### Second Collections:

March 7-8 for the Facilities Improvement  
 March 14-15 for the Catholic Relief Services

*Mahalo for your generosity.*

*Come, join us!*

STATION I



Jesus is condemned to death

STATION II



Jesus takes up his cross

STATION III



Jesus falls the first time

STATION IV



Jesus meets his mother

STATION V



Simon helps Jesus carry the cross

STATION VI



Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

STATION XIV



Jesus is buried in the tomb

## Stations of the Cross

every Friday @ 6:30 PM

Feb. ~~20~~, ~~27~~, Mar. 6, 13, 20 & 27

at the Church

STATION VII



Jesus falls the second time

STATION XIII



Jesus is taken down from the cross

STATION XII



Jesus dies on the cross

STATION XI



Jesus is nailed to the cross

STATION X



Jesus is stripped of his clothing

STATION IX



Jesus falls the third time

STATION VIII



Jesus speaks to the women of Jerusalem

### 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 - Taiena Finau
- 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 Homeroom/Math 5 & Middle School/MS Science - Dr. Peter Park
- 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 Raquipo
- Middle School Japanese/7 & 8 Arts/ Marketing - Tiani Quon
- Permanent Sub - Laura Gomes
- Maintenance - Edwin Kaaihue
- Custodian - Romeo John Cabarrubias

# PARISH LENTEN RETREAT and PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday, March 11, 2026  
6:00 pm - Lenten Retreat  
7:00 pm - Penance Service

Theme: **Return to me  
with all your heart.**

(Joel 2:12-13)

Lent is not a season for putting on a mask of holiness. It is a time to stand unguarded before God, bringing him our sins, our wounds, our failures, our doubts, and our fears. God offers us this sacred season of Lent as an invitation to return to him, seek healing, and rediscover the depth of his presence in our lives. Let this Lent be a turning point by answering God's call and returning to him with your whole heart.

Novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help and Holy Hour are cancelled this day.



"How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord God of Hosts."  
Psalm 84:1



## 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. Mercedes 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

### Bernie Gora

Director of Music

### Ray Lamb

Deacon

### Roy Matsuo

Retired Deacon

### Marlowe Sabater

Deacon

### Fr. Anthony Tran

VHM Chaplain

### Ryan and Ashley Agcaoil

Coordinators of Youth Ministry

### Grace Young

Communications Coordinator

### Earl Morita

Church Grounds Maintenance

### Samy Ratum

Facilities Custodian

### Noraliza Tapeç

On-Call Church Custodian

### Felipe Tan

Accountant

### Joan Mabag

Custodian

## Daily Mass Readings

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

### March 2, 2026

*Monday of the Second Week of Lent*

Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38

### March 3, 2026

*Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent*

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12

### March 4, 2026

*Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent*

Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28

### March 5, 2026

*Thursday of the Second Week of Lent*

Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31

### March 6, 2026

*Friday of the Second Week of Lent*

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a;

Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

### March 7, 2026

*Saturday of the Second Week of Lent*

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20;

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

### March 8, 2026

*Third Sunday of Lent*

Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8;

John 4:5-42 or John 4:5-15, 19b-26,

39a, 40-42