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April 26, 2026 - Fourth Sunday of Easter (A)

Imitate Jesus as the Door of Life, Not Death

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4,5,6; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10

"Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. Whoever enters through me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture" (Jn. 10:7-9).

During Jesus' time, the shepherd stood guard at the entrance, becoming the gate itself. The owner-shepherd risked his life for the sheep, confronting danger head-on. In contrast, hired hands fled, driven by personal gain. Jesus called them thieves and robbers.

Jesus declares himself our Good Shepherd—humble, loving, and steadfast. Our relationship with him rests upon devoted love and obedience to the Father. He gives everything for our salvation. As the gate to life, he invites us to share in his care for others.

Moving from Jesus' teaching to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles further illustrates life under the care of the Good Shepherd. Believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayers. Awe fell upon all as the apostles performed many wonders and signs. Sharing all things in common, they lived redeemed from fear, persecution, loss, and worldly powers. Through the Lord, they became a community of trust and generosity, nurturing dignity and well-being (cf. Acts 2:14, 36-41). Their generosity and care reflected the shepherd's call to serve one another.

What the Good Shepherd gives us can't be repaid. We can only receive it with open hearts. Though we can never match his gift, we are called to pay it forward: by emulating the shepherd's care and opening doors for others, we answer his call to shepherding. We follow Jesus as both sheep and shepherds, helping and guiding those around us. Peter urges us: "If you are patient when you suffer for doing good, this is a gift from God. For this, you have been called, because Christ suffered for you, showing you how to live" (cf. 1 Pt. 2:20-21).

I remember Priscilla, a deaf and mute parishioner, who served faithfully and attended daily Mass. Each morning, she arrived early, praying alone before the Tabernacle. One day, only Priscilla and I celebrated Mass. Though she could not hear or speak, I felt the meaning in the liturgy's gestures. She always responded at the right moments. Her role mattered: she kept linens clean and cared for the sacristy. Living nearby, she brought cold ginger ale after cleaning and mowing. Priscilla embodied dedication, always ready to help. Her ordinary service made her a shining servant of the Good Shepherd.

Let us actively respond to the Good Shepherd's call by committing to shepherd others with Jesus' heart—guiding, protecting, and caring for those around us. Take concrete steps to become doors of hope and new life, not doors of indifference.

Make this week a door of hope and life for others. Embrace the "little way" of St. Therese of the Child Jesus: offer a smile to someone who is unkind, practice patience in daily interactions, speak kindly rather than harshly, and make small sacrifices without letting others know. Commit to these actions and inspire change.

Through such small acts, we reflect the Good Shepherd's self-giving love and transform our communities, inspiring others to follow his example.

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.

When are you late for Mass?

When does Mass actually begin? When are you considered late? Is it proper to arrive just after Mass begins, or before the readings? What about entering just before Communion?

Remember, Holy Mass is about encountering God with reverence and preparation. It does not begin with your arrival; it begins with the Church at the appointed time. You are expected to arrive before Mass begins, and the Church clearly announces the time. The time is published and publicly known.

Do not treat Mass as a program event. Mass is a sacrifice, not a performance. As a baptized Catholic, you are required to participate actively by offering with the priest rather than merely observing.

Preparation before Mass is intentional. Use this time to gather your thoughts, offer your intentions, embrace silence, and prepare your soul through prayer. Arriving late diminishes your participation.

Arriving late means missing essential parts of Mass: the sign of the Cross, the penitential act, and the collect. When you miss these moments, you miss the Church's prayer. You are late because you have not fully joined the offering, not because God excludes you. If you would never be late to meet someone esteemed, do not be late for Jesus.

Arrive early. Sit in silence. Prepare your heart and pray before Mass. Start your offering in these quiet moments. Worship with reverence. Be fully present from the start; treat this encounter with the Lord as sacred. (Fr. MAH)



**Order of Christian
Initiation for Adults**

You are all welcome to join our newly baptized and newly confirmed, as we continue our OCIA faith formation session this Tuesday, April 28th, as we learn what it means to



"Become a Saint"

Join us at 6:30pm this Tuesday in Room 210, if you would like to deepen your Catholic faith.



May you have a blessed Easter!

**2nd Offering *this Weekend* is for
(April 25 & 26, 2026)**



**Support the Catholic Ministries
Annual Appeal to strengthen parishes,
schools, and ministries,
bringing hope and God's love
to those in need.**

Mahalo for your generosity!



Weekly Offering Report

For April 13, 2026 - April 19, 2026



SAINT THERESA SCHOOL
CONTACT INFORMATION
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Website: www.stshi.org

Weekly Collections Online Giving

SUNDAY Mass Offering	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 791.52
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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 March 31, 2026 **\$ 279,395.55**
Outstanding PV Loan with the Diocese as of March 31, 2026 **\$ 272,264.87**

Second Collections:

April 25-26 for the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal
 May 9-10 for the Repairs and Maintenance

Mahalo for your generosity.

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

O'ahu Flood Relief Support

You can help people impacted by the flood in many ways!

Mahalo for your support!

HOW YOU CAN HELP

We are collecting donations for families who have already reached out and are in need.

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- ✓ Canned / non-perishable foods
- ✓ Toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste)
- ✓ Towels
- ✓ Blankets
- ✓ Pillows

Hosted By:

KNIGHTS of PETER CLAVER and LADIES AUXILIARY

DROP-OFF INFORMATION

Location: St. Theresa Church and School

Dates: NOW - 4/30/2026

Contact: Joyce Perreira, Ph: (808) 349-7092

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Mother's Day RECOLLECTION

Saturday, May 9, 2026

9:30 a.m. -
11:30 a.m.

Parish Hall

Snacks will be
provided.

SPEAKER: Deacon Marlowe

All Mothers are invited!

Come and take this meaningful time to pause, reflect, and be renewed
in spirit as we honor the beauty, strength, and grace of motherhood.
We look forward to having you with us!

"Her children arise and
call her blessed." - Proverbs 31:28

CCST Family Faith Formation Team



"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. 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

Fr. Anthony Tran

VHM Chaplain

Ryan and Ashley Agcaoil

Coordinators of Youth Ministry

Grace Young

Communications Coordinator

Bernie Gora

Director of Music

Ray Lamb

Deacon

Roy Matsuo

Retired Deacon

Earl Morita

Church Grounds Maintenance

Samy Ratum

Facilities Custodian

Noraliza Tapeç

On-Call Church Custodian

Marlowe Sabater

Deacon

Felipe Tan

Accountant

Joan Mabag

Custodian

Daily Mass Readings

www.usccb.org

April 27, 2026

Monday of the Fourth Week of Easter

Acts 11:1-18; John 10:11-18

April 28, 2026

Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Easter

Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30

April 29, 2026

*Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena,
Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

Acts 12:24—13:5a; John 12:44-50

April 30, 2026

*Thursday of the Fourth Week
of Easter*

Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20

May 1, 2026

Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter

Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6

May 2, 2026

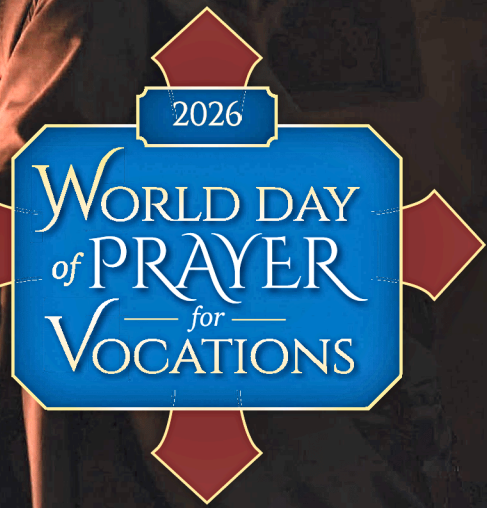
*Memorial of Saint Athanasius,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14

May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12



JUBILEE YEAR • 800 YEARS SINCE THE DEATH OF SAINT FRANCIS • 1226-2026

Masthead photo: A young friar prepares for *transitus*, the Franciscan tradition of celebrating the entrance of their patron saint into heaven. In 2026, the feast will take on special significance, as Pope Leo has declared a special jubilee year recognizing eight centuries of Francis of Assisi's profound influence on the Church.

CALLED BY NAME

'THEY SAW SOMETHING IN ME THAT I COULDN'T SEE IN MYSELF'

“When I first became Vocation Director, I discovered something remarkable,” said Fr. Jordan Dosch, a priest of the Diocese of Bismarck. “I was looking through our archives and discovered an old ‘Called by Name’ list from about fifteen years earlier.” The list was from a campaign during which the bishop asked people to suggest young men who might make good priests. “As I looked at this long list of hundreds of young men, I saw my own name.”

“What’s amazing to me is that when my name was submitted, I was in junior high, and wasn’t even thinking about the priesthood—I barely even understood what it was. But someone saw something in me that I couldn’t yet see in myself.”

As Fr. Dosch examined the list, he saw more names he recognized. “I checked closely, and almost all of our young priests were on that list,” he said. “And some names were on the list ten times, which is a pretty good clue!”

Fr. Dosch says lay people have an important role to play in calling forth priestly vocations. “Every young Catholic guy has to struggle at some point with whether God may be calling him,” he said. “So when you see a devout young man and ask, ‘Have you ever considered the priesthood?’ it might confirm something that is already stirring in his heart.”



Daughters of Mary of Nazareth

The Romance of Religious Life

Many women say, “I could never be a nun. I want a guy to sweep me off my feet. I want walks on the beach, candlelight dinners, and warm embraces.” And yet there are thousands of religious sisters who are head-over-heels in love with Jesus Christ, who relish being His bride, who will do anything to please Him, and who are too romantic to choose any other kind of life!



Fr. Jordan Dosch is currently studying canon law in Rome. He is pictured here with two deacons at their ordination in St. Peter's Basilica.



Zuzana Vitinska

AN INDISPENSABLE VOCATION **WHY WE NEED BROTHERS**



Dominican Friars of St. Joseph

With today's shortage of priests, one might assume that any man entering a religious community would naturally go on to be ordained. Historically, however, this has never been the case. Religious life—marked by the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience—has always been recognized as a vocation in its own right, distinct from Holy Orders.

Religious brothers play a unique and essential role in the Church. Free from the demands of sacramental ministry, they are often able to devote themselves fully to works requiring long-term presence and deep personal engagement. For example, the Brotherhood of Hope, a community of all brothers, focuses on campus ministry in secular universities.

In contemplative communities such as the Cistercians, monk-brothers live in seclusion and austerity, centered on prayer and labor. Through this hidden fidelity, they bear powerful witness that God alone deserves our complete devotion because, in the end, our common vocation is union with Him in heaven.

Religious brotherhood is a vocation that deserves renewed attention by the faithful and serious consideration from young men discerning God's call.

A TRADITION FOR MOTHERS



At a priest's ordination, the bishop anoints his hands with sacred chrism and wipes them with a cloth that in older rites was called a *maniturgium*. Following an ancient and beautiful tradition, a priest may give this fragrant, oil-soaked cloth to his mother after his first Mass. She carefully preserves the cloth, then at her burial, her hands are tied together as in prayer by the *maniturgium* as a sign that she has offered her son to God and the Church.



Diocese of Savannah

Vocations Summer Camps

Vocations-themed summer camps—often run by priests and seminarians—are a staple in dioceses across the country. They offer a mix of prayer, friendship, and fun... and, occasionally, a lifelong calling. When telling their vocation stories, quite a few priests will tell you: *it all started at camp!*

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

By Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your unfaithful and tepid priests; for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for Your tempted priests; for Your lonely and desolate priest; for Your young priests; for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your priests in Purgatory.

But above all, I recommend to You the priests dearest to me: the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way.

O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. *Amen*

