



Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

712 North School Street, Honolulu HI 96817

Phone: (808) 521-1700 • Email: cocathedraloffice@rcchawaii.org

Website: www.cocathedral.org    @hicocathedral #hicocathedral

April 5, 2026 - Easter Sunday (A)

Christ is risen! Alleluia!



Acts 10:34a,37-43; Ps. 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col. 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

Christ is risen! Alleluia! We celebrate Jesus' victory over sin and death, a mystery that forever transformed the world. So, we gather to joyfully proclaim this Easter glory!

However, even as we celebrate this joy, some may question how we can truly rejoice in Easter when many families are displaced and suffering due to war. How do we reconcile our worship with the fact that innocent children have been killed in conflicts in the Middle East? Even singing 'alleluia' cannot bring them back. Is there a reason to feel joy when loved ones are in the ICU? Or when you're unable to pay the mortgage and face eviction? Does our singing of 'alleluia' ease the pain of those experiencing betrayal, abuse, violence, injustice, inhumane treatment, or living in refugee camps?

Despite these sad realities, our answer is yes: there is a reason to celebrate. Easter is central to our Christian faith because it affirms that "If Christ has not risen, then our belief is in vain" (1 Cor. 15:14). We celebrate not to ignore suffering but to remind ourselves that faith in Jesus' victory gives us hope and reassurance, even amidst pain and hardship.

This does not mean our Easter celebration is meant to dull our awareness of the sad realities around us. Our worship neither ignores nor denies our worries—about our families, children, jobs, and future. Instead, we celebrate Easter to bring our pain and suffering to the Lord. Jesus is no stranger to suffering; though without sin, he endured a violent death for us, freely offering himself as a sacrifice for all. Now, he has risen.

The Gospel of John 20:1-9 shows Mary Magdalene, then Peter, then John discovering the empty tomb where his bruised body had rested. Jesus is no longer in the grave, a place of darkness and lifelessness. He has risen, appeared to his disciples, spoken to them and comforted them, forgiven and empowered them, promising, "I will be with you until the end of time" (Matt. 28:20). His resurrection made them courageous and joyful witnesses. Peter testified: "The Lord commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead... that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name" (Acts 10:42-43).

In light of all this, Easter reminds us that Christ's light has entered our world, giving us hope during dark times. The transformed disciples and the conversion of many demonstrate that the Holy Spirit's mysterious work still happens today. It reminds us that the risen Jesus is present where love is encountered, where care for the vulnerable is shown, and where the dignity of each person is upheld. Living in love and charity empowers us, giving us strength and purpose as we follow His teachings and mission.

Easter invites us to live beyond worldly expectations. We do this by turning away from sin and selfishness, becoming people shaped by the resurrection. St. Paul says, "Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God" (Col. 3:1-4). This calls us to renew our relationship with the risen Christ, which nothing can take away. It fills us with hope. The transformation experienced by Mary Magdalene, Peter, John, and the disciples through the Holy Spirit can also happen to us.



Let us commit more intentionally to deepening our relationship with the Lord by reading Scripture, living its teachings, praying personally, participating actively in Mass, and engaging in acts of charity. These steps open us to His grace, bringing hope and strength to face the storms of life.

May our celebration of Jesus' Resurrection bring us renewed hope and joy!

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.

SILENCE & LISTENING TO JESUS

Our Lord expects us to listen. Listening is essential not only for following His path but also for knowing the truth. It forms the foundation for distinguishing His voice from others that may lead us astray.

Competing voices, especially on online media platforms, influence our perceptions every day. Online media can be useful tools, but they often spread false information. If not checked, this can hurt us and others. Sometimes, media hype creates digital idols, pushes worldly standards, and shapes opinions. Our main goal is to respond wisely. We need to actively seek the truth and avoid sharing false information.

To genuinely follow the Lord and understand His truth, we need to listen for the Good Shepherd's voice. We do this through prayer, reading Scripture, and pondering, as our Blessed Virgin Mary does. This attentiveness is key to our spiritual journey.

We can only accomplish this by dedicating time to silence. Silence is essential for spiritual growth. It helps us hear His voice and find peace amid life's chaos.

(Fr. MAH)



SAINT THERESA SCHOOL

Supporting Our Catholic School: Planning for Today and Tomorrow

Our parish school, serving children from preschool through grade 8, remains a cornerstone of faith, learning, and community. Thanks to your continued support, we are able to form young hearts and minds in Christ.

In the summer of 2024, our school took out a diocesan loan to ensure we could meet payroll and begin the academic year with strong faculty and programs in place. We are now working diligently to repay this loan and strengthen our financial future.

This moment also reminds us of an important lesson: as a faith community, we must be prepared for the unexpected. Setting aside funds for “rainy days” and planning ahead for major capital projects—such as facility improvements and long-term growth—are essential to sustaining our mission for generations to come.

You can help in several meaningful ways:

- **Promote Enrollment:** Invite families to consider a Catholic education for their children.
- **Connect with Alumni:** Encourage former students and families to support tuition assistance for those in need.
- **Share Our Story:** Help spread the word about the value and impact of our school.
- **Offer Financial Support:** Contributions toward repaying the diocesan loan and building future reserves are deeply appreciated.

Together, with faith and stewardship, we can ensure our school remains strong—not only for today, but for the future our children deserve.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Weekly Offering Report

For March 23, 2026 - March 29, 2026



SAINT THERESA SCHOOL
CONTACT INFORMATION
 Office Phone: 808-536-4703

St.TheresaSchool@Beavers808
 Sttheresaschool808
Website: www.stshi.org

Weekly Collections Online Giving

SUNDAY Mass Offering	\$ 14,765.00	\$ 1,168.90
----------------------	--------------	-------------

*** 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 February 28, 2026 **\$ 275,414.90**
Outstanding PV Loan with the Diocese as of February 28, 2026 **\$ 275,167.66**

Second Collections:

April 2 (Holy Thursday) - for the Rice Bowl
 April 3 (Good Friday) - for the Holy Land
 April 25-26 for the Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund

Mahalo for your generosity.

APRIL 17 DINNER SHOW
 VIP - \$100 & GENERAL \$50

APRIL 18 LUNCH SHOW
 VIP - \$50 & GENERAL \$35

Support St. Theresa School
 for Diocesan Loan



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 Ahtarap
- Math 7 - Christian Raquepo
- Middle School Japanese/7 & 8 Arts/ Marketing - Tiani Quon
- Permanent Sub - Laura Gomes
- Maintenance - Edwin Kaaihue
- Custodian - Romeo John Cabarrubias



EASTER SAFETY & TB AWARENESS

Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, 712 N School St, Honolulu, HI



Join Chaminade Public Health students for a fun and safe Easter event! Learn important tips on keeping Easter enjoyable and discover key information about TB awareness. Enjoy games, candies, and exciting prizes!



April 5th

@ 6:30 am-12:30 pm

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE READINGS

"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

Daily Mass Readings

www.usccb.org

April 6, 2026

Monday in the Octave of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22-33; Victimae paschali laudes; Matthew 28:8-15

April 7, 2026

Tuesday in the Octave of Easter
Acts 2:36-41; Victimae paschali laudes; John 20:11-18

April 8, 2026

Wednesday in the Octave of Easter
Acts 3:1-10; Victimae paschali laudes; Luke 24:13-35

April 9, 2026

Thursday in the Octave of Easter
Acts 3:11-26; Victimae paschali laudes; Luke 24:35-48

April 10, 2026

Friday in the Octave of Easter
Acts 4:1-12; Victimae paschali laudes; John 21:1-14

April 11, 2026

Saturday in the Octave of Easter
Acts 4:13-21; Victimae paschali laudes; Mark 16:9-15

April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)
Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

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

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

Felipe Tan

Accountant

Joan Mabag

Custodian



A Journey of Joyful Witness to Doing all things with Love.

HAPPY EASTER!

Dear families and friends of the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa,

The Lord is risen, Alleluia!

This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad!
(Psalm 118:24)

Our Lord Jesus faced his terrible execution with complete trust in his Father. He no longer lies among the dead. He is risen! He conquered sin, suffering, death, and Satan. All that human sin has corrupted is made new. Now, it has a glory beyond all human language and imagination. St. Paul says, "Death has no more power over him" (Rom 6:9). He is in glory!

We are Easter people! Our joyful declaration of Easter isn't just about the past but a celebration happening now. Jesus is present among us and within us! We rejoice that Jesus' risen life is bursting into our world, giving us hope amid the darkness of our times. Didn't He say to His disciples, "I will be with you until the end of time?" Indeed, the transformed disciples who bravely proclaimed the risen Lord, along with the conversions and testimonies of the early Christians and saints, serve as witnesses to the Holy Spirit's mysterious work that continues to this day.

In many ways, this gift of new life in Jesus is continually renewed by the Holy Spirit through the dedication of volunteers who actively participate in our parish's various liturgical and pastoral ministries. Because of their willingness to take on responsibilities, we thank God for everyone who helps make CCST a vibrant, adaptable, and creative parish.

We congratulate all our brothers and sisters who were baptized and received full communion in our Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil. We watched them plunge into the water of the baptismal font. This is a symbol of the great flood, the waters of the Red Sea, and the waters of the Jordan. On the waters of baptism, God bestowed upon them the divine gift of new life with Him for eternal life. Together with them, Christ, through His victory over death, grants us all the gift of new life.

Let us keep our focus on the heart of our faith: that our Lord Jesus is alive and always present in our lives. We renew this awareness through reading the Bible and living it, through personal prayer, through uniting ourselves with Jesus' sacrifice in the Holy Mass, and through practicing gentleness and charity.

May your families always be filled with the deep and lasting joy of this season, and may the power and grace of the Risen Lord shine brightly in your life and actions!

Happy Easter to our family in the Lord Jesus!

Fr. Manny Hewe
Pastor