



Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

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May 10, 2026 - Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)

O Holy Spirit, Aid us to Remain and to Grow in the Love of Jesus

Acts 8:5-8,14-17; Psalm 66:1-3,4-5,6-7,16,20; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

We proclaim in our creed: "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life." The Holy Spirit is the principle of life for the Church, ministries, and all the Baptized, leading to the Truth—Jesus—whose physical absence is filled by the Holy Spirit's presence. As he promised, "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept because it neither sees nor knows him" (John 14:16).

The Holy Spirit, our Advocate, stands by us, comforts us, strengthens us, and guides us in understanding Jesus' teachings. The Holy Spirit prosecutes the unbelieving world, opposes Satan's work, and reveals the meaning of the gospel (cf. Jn 14:26), while Satan spreads deception and falsehood (cf. Jn 8:44). The Holy Spirit's role is foundational to the Church, keeping us faithful to the Apostles' teachings (cf. CCC #768, 889-92).

Our Lord Jesus remains in his Church, most intensely in the liturgy—ministering through priests, speaking through Scripture, and sanctifying through the Sacraments. Jesus assures us of his eternal presence: "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while, the world will no longer see me, but you will see me because I live, and you will live" (Jn. 14:18-19).

Some have described the Holy Spirit as a coach who is always by our side: instructing and correcting us when we make mistakes, encouraging and motivating us when we feel down, challenging and inspiring us to be our best, and defending and standing up for us. These descriptions resonate deeply. But how should we respond to this incredible gift?

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (Jn 14:15). Our core response to the Holy Spirit is to remain rooted in Jesus' love. His love transcends the Ten Commandments and the Prophets, goes beyond emotion, and demands purposeful action. It calls us to recognize him in the most vulnerable: the poor, the sick, the marginalized, sinners, and the voiceless—the unborn and vulnerable—and to act as agents of healing and reconciliation in a fractured world (cf. Mat 25:46).

When we live out Jesus' commandment of love, he and the Father dwell in us. Faithfulness to his love leads us into intimacy with him and the Father. "Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him" (Jn 14:21). This can lead to a life of unimaginable joy!

Our Lord sustains this love through the Holy Eucharist, our miraculous nourishment for a life shaped by His love. The Holy Eucharist may seem small and humble, yet it holds immense love—it is Jesus, who sacrificed His life for us. When received with humility and faith, it transforms us into witnesses of His divine love.

Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ, a man of great spiritual depth committed to justice, who witnessed and helped large numbers of survivors after the atomic bomb explosion in Hiroshima, and who was elected the 28th Superior General of the Society of Jesus in 1927, shared his wisdom on how to remain and grow in the love of Jesus. He said, "Nothing is more practical than finding God, than falling in love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed



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in the morning, what you do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends, what you read, whom you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in Love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.”

Let us pray to the Holy Spirit, for there is much more to listen to, know, and learn when we remain in Jesus’ love.

Fr. Manny Hewe, Pastor

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

Welcome Bishop-Elect Michael Thomas Tupou Castori to the Diocese of Honolulu.



Pope Leo XIV has appointed Father Michael Thomas Tupou Castori, S.J., as the sixth Bishop of Honolulu. The appointment was announced Wednesday, May 6, at 12 p.m. Rome time (midnight Hawaii time).

Father Castori is a member of the Society of Jesus, also known as the Jesuits. He entered the New York Province of the Society of Jesus in 1987, transferred to the Jesuits’ USA West Province, and was ordained to the priesthood on June 13, 1998.

Father Castori comes to the Diocese of Honolulu from the Arrupe Jesuit Community at Seattle University, where he served as rector. Before his time in Washington, he served in numerous roles in the Diocese of Oakland, Calif., and held pastoral and teaching positions throughout California.

Father Castori has extensive experience in the South Pacific, where he served in pastoral ministry and educational work in Tonga, Guam, Fiji, and the Marshall Islands. His middle name, "Tupou," was bestowed upon him by a Tongan family, who accepted him as a member during his tenure in the region. He is an expert in biblical studies. He holds a Ph.D. in Near Eastern religions (late-ancient biblical interpretations) from the University of California, Berkeley, earned in 2008, and has edited or authored several works on the Bible.

Father Castori was born on October 21, 1960, and raised in Carmichael, California. He is the son of Michael and Lucille Castori (both deceased) and has two older sisters, JoAnn and Pamela. His parents and siblings all worked in education.

Father Castori attended Jesuit High School in Sacramento and graduated in 1978. He then earned a Bachelor of Arts in Classics from Harvard University in 1982 and a Master of Arts in Philosophical Resources from Fordham University in 1991. He also earned a Master of Divinity and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, and studied Hebrew at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.



Serve at Mass

Join the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)



Contact the Parish Office or speak with a minister after Mass



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, May 12th as we learn about



“Church Authority, the Pope, and Papal Infallibility”



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!*

Weekly Offering Report

For April 27, 2026 - May 3, 2026



SAINT THERESA SCHOOL
CONTACT INFORMATION
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Weekly Collections Online Giving

SUNDAY Mass Offering	\$ 9,120.00	\$ 749.65
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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. ***

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**



CHURCH FENCE PROJECT REPORT

- **Materials & equipment rental**—steel, concrete, paint, machinery **\$ 196,421.99**
- **Labor & Miscellaneous expense**—fabrication, installation, dredging **\$ 139,602.76**
- **Total Cost** **\$ 336,024.75**

The Fencing Project is our proactive effort to mitigate potential harm to our parishioners, schoolchildren, school and Church staff and personnel, guests, and other legitimate visitors. Our Security Camera installation complements this effort.

Thank you for your support! May God bless you all!!!

Second Collections:

May 9-10 for the Repairs and Maintenance
 May 16-17 for the Catholic Communication Campaign
 May 30-31 for the St. Theresa School Assistance

Mahalo for your generosity.

2nd Offering this Weekend is for
(May 9 & 10, 2026)



the
Repairs and Maintenance
 of our
Parish Buildings

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



: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

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 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

May 11, 2026

Monday of the Sixth Week of Easter

Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26—16:4a

May 12, 2026

Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Easter

Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11

May 13, 2026

Wednesday of the Sixth Week of Easter

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; John 16:12-15

May 14, 2026

Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17

May 15, 2026

Friday of the Sixth Week of Easter

Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23

May 16, 2026

Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter

Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28

May 17, 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:12-14; 1 Peter 4:13-16;
John 17:1-11a

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23;
Matthew 28:16-20