



Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

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May 17, 2026 - Ascension of the Lord (A)

We are Witnesses to Jesus' Presence and Redeeming Works

Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47:2-3,6-7,8-9; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20

Someone said there are three kinds of people. The first are those who make things happen; the second, those who wait for things to happen; and the third, those who don't know what happens. If given a choice, most would choose to be among those who make things happen. Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension of the Lord. Forty days after Jesus' resurrection, he was lifted up into heaven. This feast day fittingly celebrates those who make things happen!

Our first reading shows Jesus declaring a compelling mandate—"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). These words—"you will be my witnesses"—define what it means to follow Jesus. As the apostles watched in stunned amazement, staring at the sky as Jesus ascended into heaven, the angels intervened, asking, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?" (Acts 1:11). The angels called them to action, urging them to carry on Jesus' work. As the Lord ascended to be perpetually present with them, he sent them to make things happen for him!

We celebrate this mission today! The Church, all the baptized Christians, has the mandate to go and proclaim the message of Jesus (cf. Mat. 28:19-20). We exist to witness! As disciples, we are Jesus' visible presence in the world. Through our lives and words, we show the immense meaning of the loving God who gives all people fullness of life, that we are loved and saved by Jesus, each as a child of God, and that we are destined for eternal life through Jesus Christ.

We witness these truths because they give life meaning. History shows that our witness helps the world understand Christianity. "You will be my witnesses." Being his witness means letting others see, hear, and encounter Jesus through us.

First, through our lives. Before people listen to us, they notice how we live. St. Paul reminds us: "You are a letter of Christ... written not with ink but with the Spirit of God" (2 Cor 3:3). Your patience at home, honesty at work, and faithfulness in hard times are strong messages. Living with integrity can preach louder than a thousand sermons.

Second, through our words. Sometimes silence is not enough. We must speak about our faith with humility and love. St. Peter says: "Always be ready to explain your hope" (1 Pt 3:15). A kind word, a gentle correction, or sharing how God has worked in us can touch hearts. Our words need not be perfect; they need to be sincere.

Third, through our service. We make the Gospel real by living it out in love. Jesus said, "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40). When you help the poor, forgive those who have hurt you, or give your time to those in need, you proclaim the Good News. Service reveals God's invisible love.

Let us be witnesses and actively make things happen for Jesus. Today, commit to letting Christ shine through your life, words, and service. Keep St. Paul's prayer alive:



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"May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe..." (Eph. 1:17-19).

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.

On tracing small crosses on the forehead, lips, and chest

Ever notice that before the Gospel at Mass, the priest or deacon traces a small cross on the Gospel book, then traces crosses on his forehead, lips, and chest, and everyone present does the same? Many Catholics make this gesture each Sunday but may not fully understand its meaning.

The priest or deacon makes the sign of the cross on the Gospel book to show reverence for God's Word. Because the Gospel contains Christ's words and actions, the Church gives it special recognition. Thus, the Gospel book is often carried in procession, placed on the altar, incensed, and kissed after it is read.

The Bible says, "Indeed, the word of God is living and effective" (Hebrews 4:12).

Tracing small crosses on the forehead, lips, and chest holds spiritual significance. It serves as a silent prayer, asking God to guide our thoughts, words, and actions in accordance with His truth.

On the forehead, we pray that God's Word may remain in our minds.

On our lips, we pray that we may faithfully proclaim the Gospel.

On the chest or heart: we pray that the Gospel may dwell in our hearts.

After reading, the priest or deacon kisses the Book of the Gospels, expressing reverence and obedience to Christ. Everyone should not only hear the Gospel but also allow it to shape daily life. (Fr. MAH)



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

This season's OCIA faith formation sessions will come to an end this **Tuesday, May 19th** as we learn about how to live a

"Life in Christ"



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!*



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Food Distribution

Saturday, May 23rd

9:00 to 10:45 a.m.

Pre-registration after Sunday mass

at Church Lanai

May 16 & 17

ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY
(3 days before distribution)
<https://www.cocathedral.org>

Weekly Offering Report

For May 4, 2026 - May 10, 2026



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Weekly Collections Online Giving

SUNDAY Mass Offering	\$ 12,011.00	\$ 1,152.99
Search for Reina Elena Collections	\$ 64,318.00	\$ 3,596.25
Search for Constantino Collections	\$ 12,252.00	

*** 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 April 30, 2026 **\$ 275,873.40**
Outstanding PV Loan with the Diocese as of April 30, 2026 **\$ 269,326.03**



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 16-17 for the Catholic Communication Campaign
 May 30-31 for the St. Theresa School Assistance

Mahalo for your generosity.

2nd Offering *this* weekend



Through websites, social networks, television, radio, and print, the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) helps the Church spread the Gospel message through the media locally and nationally.

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

**Join our
95th Anniversary
Pilgrimage
to the different
shrines of France,
Barcelona, and
Rome from
April 1-15, 2027.**



*"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	Vietnamese Mass (VHM) Daily Mass: Mon. Tues. & Thur. at 5:30 pm Saturday Vigil at 7:00 pm Sundays at 3:30 pm
Daily Mass Mon – Thurs: 6:30 am Fri – Sat: 8:00 am	

**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. Anthony Tran VHM Chaplain
Sr. Mercedita Estrella, SPC Dir. of R.E. & Pastoral Associate	Ryan and Ashley Agcaoil Coordinators of Youth Ministry
Tyra Lamb Safe Environment Liaison	Grace Young Communications Coordinator
Pinky Mendoza Office Coordinator	Bernie Gora Director of Music
Jennifer Asuncion Office Secretary	Earl Morita Church Grounds Maintenance
Francis Leasiolagi Deacon	Samy Ratum Facilities Custodian
Jonathan Lam VHM Deacon	Roy Matsuo Retired Deacon
Marlowe Sabater Deacon	Noraliza Tapeç On-Call Church Custodian
Felipe Tan Accountant	Joan Mabag Custodian

Daily Mass Readings

www.usccb.org

May 18, 2026
Monday of the Seventh Week of Easter
Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33

May 19, 2026
Tuesday of the Seventh Week of Easter
Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a

May 20, 2026
Wednesday of the Seventh Week of Easter
Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19

May 21, 2026
Thursday of the Seventh Week of Easter
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26

May 22, 2026
Friday of the Seventh Week of Easter
Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19

May 23, 2026
Saturday of the Seventh Week of Easter
- Mass in the Morning
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25

May 24, 2026
Pentecost Sunday - Vigil Mass
Genesis 11:1-9 or Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ezekiel 37:1-14 or Joel 3:1-5;
Romans 8:22-27; John 7:37-39

Pentecost Sunday - Mass during the Day
Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; Sequence — Veni, Sancte Spiritus;
John 20:19-23



Congratulations!

to our

2026 Reyna Elena and her Court



Adelaida F. Garania
Reyna Fe



Nagie M. Tamashiro
Reyna Elena 2026



Marife Yamamoto
Reyna Esperanza



Ester Lansangan
Reyna Caridad



Evelyn Krieg
Reyna de los Flores



Veaf Afu
Reyna del Cielo



Jenny Naputi
Reyna de Angeles





Congratulations!

to our

2026 Constantino



David Nabua
Constantino II



Zuriel Nabua
Rey Constantino I



Ezekiel Morishige
Constantino III



Caleb Vendiola
Constantino IV



Caden Shaun Balinbin - Talbo
Constantino V



Al Zeus Garma
Constantino VI

