



Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

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June 14, 2026 - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

We are His People Chosen to be His Own

Exodus 19:2-6a; Psalm 100:1-2,3,5; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36-10:8

God chooses us to be his people. It is profoundly wonderful to reflect that God chooses us before we choose him. Being chosen means we belong to someone who loves us unconditionally and who allows us to respond freely. The Responsorial Psalm proclaims and reminds us, "We are his people: the sheep of his flock."

Being God's Chosen People echoes the Old Testament covenant. In that covenant, "he is our God; we are his people; we belong to him," sealed by the blood of an animal, a sign of faithfulness. Time and again, when God's Chosen People face difficulties or become unfaithful, God reminds them of this covenant and of his redeeming acts. We heard God tell Moses to keep this covenant, for they are his special possession, dearer to him, and called to be a priestly and holy people (cf. Ex. 19:2-6). Our Lord Jesus ratified this covenant, and it is now sealed not by the blood of an animal but by his own blood through his sacrifice on the cross. While we were still sinners, he chose to die for us, and we are justified by his own blood (cf. Rom 5:8). He is our Lord and Savior, who died for us and continues to be our Shepherd, with whom we belong and who is forever present with us.

Jesus is not only perpetually present with us; he also chooses us to be his presence. Therefore, when we proclaim that we are his people: the sheep of his flock, we can also say that we are Jesus' body—his hands, mouths, eyes, hearts, and feet. From this, we ask: how do we live as his people, and how are we, as his flock, led to reflect on what we say when we say, "We are his people: the sheep of his flock"?

Our Lord Jesus reveals his heart to us in the gospel. "At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd" (Matt 9:36). The Greek word "splanchnizomai," translated as "moved with pity," denotes deep, visceral compassion. "Moved with pity" means Jesus' inner being pours out like a gushing stream, flooding troubled hearts with refreshment and comfort. It is not ordinary "pity" but compassion that is willing and ready to suffer with the beloved, his chosen ones. Such is our God!

The heart of Jesus is drawn to the vulnerable, the poor, and the marginalized. He desires to keep his heart alive through his disciples, who will do the work he does: preach the Good News of salvation, liberate people from the bondage of evil and sin, heal the sick, and bring the dead back to life. He invites us to "ask the Master of the harvest to send out laborers for His harvest." It is our task to pray for a good shepherd. At the same time, Jesus intends to use human hands and hearts, through the ordained minister, to shepherd and provide relief to those who suffer and are poor, and to make his redeeming presence available to all baptized Christians. All of us, regardless of our status, are called to become shepherds of one another, responsible for one another's happiness, well-being, or salvation.

God not only chose us as his own; he also chose to dwell with us through the Holy Spirit and to nourish us through the Holy Eucharist, the Sacrament of Love, and our union with Jesus. In faith, we eat the love of God so that his love is not only in our minds, memories, and hearts but also in our flesh and blood.

In the litany of the Sacred Heart, we say, "Make our hearts unto yours." The Holy Eucharist is also a giving of Jesus' heart to us. Remember the dialogue of the preface, when the priest says, "Lift up your hearts," and the response is, "We lift them up to the Lord." We lift our hearts to the heart of Jesus to make them like his, or, better still, to have them



replaced by his Sacred Heart, so that we may fully become what we are called to be: his people, the sheep of his flock. It is his perpetual desire for all. Who he is, so are we!

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.

Why must the priest receive Holy Communion before the people?

Jesus gave only what He first received; as Scripture says: “He took bread... and ate, then gave it to them” (cf. Lk 22:19). In the same way, the priest follows this sequence. His Communion is not private but central to the sacrifice.



The General Instruction of the Roman Missal teaches that the priest must receive Holy Communion at the altar before distributing it to others (GIRM 158, 243, 246). This order shows he acts in persona Christi and must be nourished before he serves. He does this for both himself and the Church. Just as Adam acted for humanity and Christ for the Church, the priest leads the liturgical community.

The priest receives first, then the faithful, because he cannot give what he has not received. He eats first so that Christ can be fully given, not divided. He does not go first because he is better, but because it is his duty and he stands where Christ stood, following what Christ established. Only then does he say, “Behold the Lamb of God”—a genuine call to meet Christ.

Holy Communion is not just giving something; it is sharing a life already received. The order of Communion shows that Christ comes from the altar, that grace flows from the sacrifice, that Communion is a gift, and that the Mass centers on God, not people. (Fr. MAH).

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ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF HONOLULU

95 YEARS
VENITE ADOREMUS
1931-2026

Father's Day RECOLLECTION

Saturday, June 20, 2026

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | Pastoral Center | Snacks will be provided.

SPEAKER: Deacon Raffy
All Fathers are invited!

SCAN TO SIGN-UP
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054DA5A62FA0F85-64204137-fathers>

CCST Family Faith Formation Team

2nd Offering on June 20 & 21 is for

HAWAII Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

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!

2nd Offering this weekend

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII
Diocese of Honolulu
Seminar Education Fund
WITNESS TO JESUS

"You did not choose me, but I chose you, and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide..." (cf. Jn. 15:16)

Mahalo for your generosity!

Join us!
Let us serve the Lord lifting our voices, praising His name.

For more information, please contact the office at 808-521-1700 or see Mrs. Bernie Gora by the piano after the mass.

We look forward having you in this ministry.

Children's Choir
Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa

SIGN-UP NOW!

Weekly Offering Report

For June 1, 2026 - June 7, 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	\$ 10,358.00	\$ 1,028.16
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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. ***

<i>Parish Savings with the Diocese as of April 30, 2026</i>	\$ 275,873.40
<i>Outstanding PV Loan with the Diocese as of April 30, 2026</i>	\$ 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:

June 20 - 21 - for the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA)
 June 27-28 for the Holy Father (Peter's Pence)

Mahalo for your generosity.

Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

Please continue to support the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal campaign.

Our, beloved Bishop Most Reverend Larry Silva, encourages us all, "I invite you to prayerfully join in supporting the work of our Church. Together, with faith and aloha, let us Share God's Gifts – ensuring that every person in our churches and schools experiences the love and care of our Catholic community today and in the future ahead."

Each parish was given a goal for our contribution. As of end of May, the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa has reached only 22% of our goal. We will have a second collection next weekend. Please be generous in your contribution.

Thank you for your continued support to our parish community! May God bless you all!!!

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

Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa



Ministry FAIR

SUNDAY
- JUNE 14 - ALL DAY

Come visit us at the church lanai
after mass and learn more about the
different ministries of our parish!



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

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



Daily Mass Readings

www.usccb.org

June 15, 2026

*Monday of the Eleventh Week in
Ordinary Time*

1 Kings 21:1-16; Matthew 5:38-42

June 16, 2026

*Tuesday of the Eleventh Week in
Ordinary Time*

1 Kings 21:17-29; Matthew 5:43-48

June 17, 2026

*Wednesday of the Eleventh Week in
Ordinary Time*

2 Kings 2:1, 6-14; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

June 18, 2026

*Thursday of the Eleventh Week in
Ordinary Time*

Sirach 48:1-14; Matthew 6:7-15

June 19, 2026

*Friday of the Eleventh Week in
Ordinary Time*

2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Matthew
6:19-23

June 20, 2026

*Saturday of the Eleventh Week in
Ordinary Time*

2 Chronicles 24:17-25; Matthew 6:24-34

June 21, 2026

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15;
Matthew 10:26-33



Knights of Saint Peter Claver



A Joyful New Beginning:

Junior Daughters and Junior Knights Initiated into Faith and Service

By: Maila Rondero Kaneaiakala, Vice Grand Lady of Knights of St. Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court 419

Filled with joy and the promise of tomorrow, Hawai'i's newest Junior Knights and Junior Daughters of Peter Claver took their first steps into a lifelong journey of Catholic leadership, service, and devotion to God during a memorable Knights of St. Peter Claver initiation ceremony on May 31, 2026. The initiation represented a significant milestone for Diocese of Honolulu Knights of St. Peter Claver Court and Council 419, as the addition of a Junior Court and Council strengthened the Order's commitment to cultivating future Catholic leaders rooted in faith and service.

The day marked far more than a ceremonial occasion. It was a powerful affirmation of faith and the enduring commitment of our Catholic community to guide and nurture the next generation of young leaders. Surrounded by family members, mentors, and fellow Claver members, the candidates embarked on a meaningful journey that deepened their understanding of their faith and their role within both the Church and the community of Hawai'i.

The initiation ceremony was led by National Knights of St. Peter Claver leaders who traveled from across the nation to Hawai'i for this special occasion. Their presence underscored the significance of the event and demonstrated the national organization's commitment to supporting and developing young Catholics. Through prayer, reflection, and ceremonial rites, the Junior Knights and Junior Daughters were welcomed into a tradition that has inspired generations to live lives rooted in faith, service, and leadership.



The atmosphere was filled with fellowship and God's love. The energy among the young participants was truly inspiring. Laughter and friendship could be heard throughout the day as new bonds were formed and existing friendships strengthened. At the same time, moments of prayer and reflection reminded everyone present of the sacred purpose behind the gathering. It was evident that the Holy Spirit was at work, bringing together young people from different backgrounds and experiences into one faith-filled family.

The Junior Knights and Junior Daughters of St. Peter Claver provide young Catholics with opportunities to grow spiritually, intellectually, and socially while developing the virtues that will guide them throughout their lives. Through participation in the Order, these young members learn the importance of living their Catholic faith not only within the walls of the Church but also through acts of kindness and service in their daily lives.

As our newly initiated members begin this next chapter, they do so with a strong foundation and a clear sense of purpose. They are called to be examples of Christ's love in their schools, parishes, neighborhoods, and families. In the years ahead, they will have opportunities to participate in charitable projects, community outreach efforts, parish ministries, youth leadership activities, and educational programs that strengthen both their faith and their commitment to serving others.

The future is bright for these young Clavers. Their enthusiasm and willingness to embrace the values of the Order offer hope not only for the Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver but also for the Catholic Church in Hawai'i. At a time when young people face many challenges and distractions, organizations such as the Junior Knights and Junior Daughters provide a positive path forward that is grounded in faith, guided by Christian values, and supported by a caring community of mentors and role models.

The celebration continued that evening as the entire Senior and Junior Courts and Councils of the Knights of Peter Claver in Hawai'i joined the visiting National KofPC&LA leaders for the 6:00 p.m. Mass at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa. The sight was truly breathtaking.

Members gathered in their finest dress whites, filling the church with a striking display of unity, dignity, and reverence. As the congregation worshipped together, the beauty of the occasion was impossible to miss. The presence of multiple generations of Clavers and the participation of our newly initiated youth created a powerful visual reminder of the strength and continuity of our Catholic faith. It was a testament to the enduring mission of the Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver and the commitment of its members to serve God. For many in attendance, the Mass served as a fitting conclusion to a day centered on faith, formation, and fellowship. It was a moment that highlighted the connection between past, present, and future generations of Catholic leaders. Seeing our youth stand proudly alongside senior members and national leaders offered a glimpse of what lies ahead, a continued dedication to Christ.

As we celebrate these newly initiated Junior Knights and Junior Daughters, we give thanks to God for their willingness to answer His call. We pray that they continue to grow in wisdom, faith, and love, and that they embrace every opportunity to serve others in His name. May this initiation be the beginning of a lifelong journey of service, and may these young Clavers continue to be a shining light for our Church and our community for years to come.

God Bless and Mahalo for your continued support of our parish community.

Learn more via www.kofpc.org.

