



# Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

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## June 28, 2026 - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

### God is Our First Love

**2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16a; Psalm 89:2-3,16-17,18-19; Romans 6:3-4,8-11; Matthew 10:37-42**

"Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord! (cf. Psalm 89), speaks about our perpetual gratitude to God.

Our parish patron, St. Theresa of Lisieux, sings the goodness of the Lord through her little ways of doing things with great love. For example, did you know that she asked to be alone at night two days before she died? Despite her request, the assigned sister came to check on her and found her clasping her hands, her eyes raised to heaven. The sister interrupted her: "What are you doing? You should try to sleep." St. Therese replied, "I cannot, dear sister; I suffer too much, then I pray." The sister asked curiously, "And what do you say to Jesus?" Therese responded, "I say nothing; I love Him!" (cf. Story of a Soul, Chapter XII).

Today, our Lord Jesús speaks about love, an essential condition of discipleship. He says, "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; whoever does not take up his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it" (Matt 10:37-39). These are challenging demands.

Our Lord Jesus wants his disciples to actively walk in his love, not merely talk about it. He does not ask us to love our family less; rather, he challenges us to cast our love wholeheartedly toward God and choose Him first. When we choose to love God first, we open ourselves to his transforming grace — a love that heals and helps us let go of anything that is hurting our lives and the lives of others, allowing God's love to be love. In this way, we can truly love others and even ourselves only if we allow ourselves to be emptied of self-love and filled with God's love.

In the same way, the disciples of Jesus are not only those who dispense love but also those who receive it and hospitality. He said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me" (Matt. 10:40). The disciples must rely on others' hospitality for daily necessities during their mission. Service rendered to them is service to Jesus himself. This implies welcoming help from others. He who does not welcome help from others does not know how to help others. Likewise, a person who is incapable of receiving love is equally incapable of giving it. The love of God, freely received, and the love willingly shared will help us grow in response to our Lord's invitation to love.

Furthermore, loving Jesus means taking up one's cross and following him. This is not easy. But Jesus is the reason we carry our crosses. Our memory of his suffering on the cross, with all its ugliness and cruelty, has become a symbol of incredible hope. Countless people have borne the crosses of their lives with serenity because of their faith in Jesus. In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul expressed this confidence that if we have died with Christ, we believe we shall also live with him (cf. Rom. 6:8). We don't carry our crosses alone. We take them up by walking close to Jesus, never straying even an inch from him.

Our patron saint, St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, finds strength and courage in this love. She desires to continue learning about Jesus' love. In her diary, Story of a Soul, she wrote, "Love attracts love, mine rushes forth to you, it would fain fill up the abyss which attracts it, but alas! It is not even one drop of dew lost in the Ocean. To love you as you love me, I must borrow your very love - then only can I find rest" (Chapter XI).

Let Jesus' love and our love for him be the melody in our living and dealings with one another

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.**

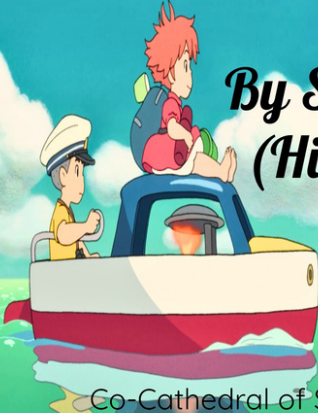
## A soul without prayer cannot fully embrace divine grace

A soul without prayer is like a body without eyes, hands, and feet — weak and unable to embrace divine grace. Just as the body relies on its senses, a soul depends on prayer to fully experience God's blessings.

In our busy lives, prayer can feel like another task, yet it is an essential relationship with God, the source of all life. Without this connection, we risk becoming spiritually dry. Dedicating just three minutes each morning, at lunch, and before bed can significantly deepen our awareness of God's presence.

In the morning, take three minutes to reflect on God as a loving father. Consider how He cares for you and the many blessings He provides. At lunchtime, reflect on what you eat and dedicate this time to Jesus, who promises a fulfilling life. Consider your attitudes of kindness and compassion, and your responsibility to care for the world. Before bed, spend three minutes acknowledging the gifts of the Holy Spirit and expressing gratitude for the day as you look forward to tomorrow.

Prayer nurtures our connection with God, who sustains us. A soul without prayer cannot reach its potential or fully embrace divine grace (Fr. MAH).



### *By Sea: Religious Orders (Highways and Halos)*

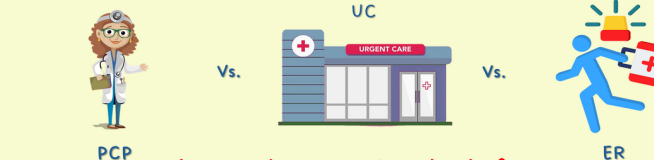
Friday, July 3rd, 2026  
7pm at the Pastoral Center

Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa Youth Ministry

Aloha! This Friday evening, the **youth ministry** will continue their "Highways and Halos" series on vocations, this time looking at religious orders. There will also be a chance to get to know our diocesan seminarian, Edgar Pobre. All are welcome this Friday evening.

Join the **Chaminade University Nursing Students** at the **Co-Cathedral of Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus** on Sunday, June 28, from 6:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for an educational event on "Knowing Where to Go for Care: Primary Care Provider vs. Urgent Care vs. Emergency Department." Community members of all ages are invited to learn how to choose the right place for medical care when illness or injury occurs.

### *Knowing Where to go for Care*



PCP Vs. UC Vs. ER

**Chaminade University School of Nursing**  
Co-Cathedral of Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus  
Sunday, June 28, 2026 6:30 am - 12:30 pm

Learn How To:

- Choose the right place for medical care
- Understand the differences between PCP, UC, and ED
- Know when to seek emergency care
- Make informed healthcare decisions

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*Join the family. Register now!*

August 9, 2026 - Start of Classes  
8:30 am - 10:00 am

August 30, 2026  
Parents General Meeting  
8:30 am - 10:00 am  
Parish Hall



Registration forms are available at the side entrance of the church or you may register online at [www.cocathedral.org/re](http://www.cocathedral.org/re)

For more information you may contact the office @ 808-521-1700 or Sr. Mercy, SPC @ 808-387-4313  
We would be happy to assist you.



### 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 15, 2026 - June 21, 2026



**SAINT THERESA SCHOOL**  
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### Weekly Collections Online Giving

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| SUNDAY Mass Offering | \$ 11,081.00 | \$ 414.28 |
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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 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:

June 27-28 for the Holy Father (Peter's Pence)

July 11-12 for the Facilities Improvement

**Mahalo for your generosity.**

### 2nd Offering this weekend -6/27 & 28- is for the

**Peter's Pence Collection**  
*Be a sign of hope.*

*"Let us resolve to bring his love everywhere, never forgetting that each of our sisters and brothers is a dwelling place of God and that his presence is manifested above all in the little ones, in the poor and the suffering."*

Your gift supports the Pope's mission to proclaim the Gospel to the whole world, while also supporting his charitable activities and providing timely aid in humanitarian emergencies.

**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



**ST THERESA SCHOOL**

**Now Accepting Applications**

**2026-2027**

## Preschool Enrollment Ages 3 and 4

Our mission is to provide a quality Catholic education rooted in the teachings of Jesus and the education of the whole child; spirit, mind and body.

- ✓ Certified Teachers
- ✓ Safe & Nurturing Environment
- ✓ Engaging Academic Program
- ✓ Faith Formation

**VISIT OUR CAMPUS**

712. N School St. Honolulu, HI 96817  
www.stshi.org



*"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

**Bernie Gora**

Director of Music

**Ray Lamb**

Deacon

**Roy Matsuo**

Retired Deacon

**Marlowe Sabater**

Deacon

**Fr. Anthony Tran**

VHM Chaplain

**Ryan and Ashley Agcaoili**

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

## Daily Mass Readings

[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

**June 29, 2026**

*Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul,  
Apostles - Vigil*

Acts 3:1-10; Galatians 1:11-20;  
John 21:15-19

*Mass during the Day*

Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18;  
Matthew 16:13-19

**June 30, 2026**

*Tuesday of the Thirteenth Week in  
Ordinary Time*

Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Matthew 8:23-27

**July 1, 2026**

*Wednesday of the Thirteenth Week in  
Ordinary Time*

Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; Matthew 8:28-34

**July 2, 2026**

*Thursday of the Thirteenth Week in  
Ordinary Time*

Amos 7:10-17; Matthew 9:1-8

**July 3, 2026**

*Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle*  
Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29

**July 4, 2026**

*Saturday of the Thirteenth Week in  
Ordinary Time*

Amos 9:11-15; Matthew 9:14-17

**July 5, 2026**

*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9, 11-13;  
Matthew 11:25-30



# SAINT THERESA SCHOOL

## *Saint Theresa School Honored for Academic Excellence in Education*

Saint Theresa School is proud to announce that we have been recognized by the **Knights of Peter Claver, Western States District Conference** with the *Academic Excellence in Education Award*. The school was honored with both a certificate of recognition and a monetary award in acknowledgment of its commitment to providing outstanding Catholic education.

The award was presented to our Principal, **Mrs. Bernie Gora**, by **Grand Knight Deacon Ray Lamb of Knights of Peter Claver, Unit 419, Saint Damien de Veuster Council**, established here at Saint Theresa Parish.

This distinguished recognition celebrates the unwavering dedication of the Saint Theresa School faculty and staff in fostering academic excellence while remaining steadfast in our Catholic mission. Through their commitment, our educators continue to inspire students to achieve high academic standards, grow in faith, develop strong moral character, and become future leaders within our Church and community. We are deeply grateful to the Knights of Peter Claver for this meaningful honor and for their continued support of Catholic education. Their generosity and encouragement strengthen our mission of providing a faith-filled, academically enriching environment for every student.

Congratulations to our entire Saint Theresa School 'ohana—our students, faculty, staff, parents, and parish community—on this outstanding achievement. May God continue to bless our school abundantly as we strive to educate hearts and minds in the spirit of Christ and look forward to another successful academic year.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord." — *Colossians 3:23*



We are pleased and deeply grateful to announce that, through the generosity of the **Samuel N. & Mary Castle Foundation**, Saint Theresa School has been awarded a **\$3,500 tuition assistance grant** for the **2026–2027 school year**. This grant will provide scholarships to preschool families who demonstrate financial need, as determined through the school's Financial Aid Application process.

This generous gift reflects the Foundation's steadfast commitment to early childhood education and ensures that more young children will have the opportunity to begin their educational journey in a faith-filled, nurturing Catholic environment. By easing the financial burden on families, this scholarship opens the door for children to grow academically, spiritually, socially, and emotionally during these important formative years.

On behalf of our students, families, faculty, staff, and parish community, we extend our sincere gratitude to the **Samuel N. & Mary Castle Foundation** for investing in the future of our preschool children.

Your generosity is a true blessing and a testament to the transformative power of Catholic education.

May God continue to bless your Foundation for your compassion and commitment to serving Hawaii's children and families.





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This award was presented to our principal, Mrs. Bernie Gora, by the KPC Grand Knight Deacon Ray Lamb of Unit 419, Saint Damien de Veuster Council established here at St. Theresa Parish. This wonderful award recognizes the dedication of the STS Staff and Faculty and their efforts to achieve high academic standards while also reinforcing a strong catholic identity focused on developing future leaders for our catholic community.

A big congratulations to our Saint Theresa School!  
May you continue to prosper in the academic year to come.