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Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (A)

June 7, 2026

A Foretaste of Heaven

Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14b-16a; Psalm 147:12-13,14-15,19-20; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; Sequence; John 6:51-58

When we think of heaven, we often imagine it as the end of everything here on earth, which is true. But as baptized Christians, we know it is our true home, where our citizenship lies, and we prepare to hope to enter after our earthly life. Remember one of Jesus' discourses during the Last Supper with his disciples: he called heaven his Father's house, with many dwelling places, and prepared the way so that we will be with him in his Father's house (cf. John 14:2-4). Do you wish you could visit there for a moment?

Do you realize the Holy Mass is a visit to 'heaven on earth'? Every time we celebrate Mass, we taste heaven. No travel, food, or hotel costs are required. God invites us freely! He wants you and your family to embrace the gift He offers as we journey on this pilgrimage. As the Prophet Isaiah described it: 'All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, buy grain and eat; come, buy grain without money, wine and milk without cost!' (Is. 55:1). God gives us a place where heaven and earth meet!

We are not just visitors in heaven as tourists. We are meant to be heaven's 'kama'aina'! In his poetic sequence for Corpus Christi, St. Thomas prays, 'O Jesus, Bread of Angels, make us see your Good in the land of the living. You who feed us here, make us there (heaven) intimate companions of the saints.' He reveals that we celebrate communion with the saints, joining that great multitude crying, 'Salvation belongs to our God on the throne, and to the Lamb' (cf. Rev. 7:10), and singing with heaven's hosts, 'Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of hosts. Hosanna in the highest!'

Sharing heaven's joys and becoming 'companions of the saints' are gifts we receive now through the Holy Eucharist. In this sacrament, the Lord gives himself as a 'foretaste' of heaven and unites us with those on earth and in heaven, as he said, 'so that where I am, you also may be' (John 14:4). St. Therese was deeply moved by this truth. In her diary, she described her first Holy Communion: 'Wasn't Heaven itself in my soul?' Because her saintly mother was in heaven, she wrote, 'In receiving Jesus' visit, I also received Mamma's. She blessed me and rejoiced at my happiness.'

What a profound truth of our faith! What a consolation! When we devoutly receive the Lord in the Eucharist, we unite with him and with our loved ones who have died, all joined to our beloved Lord Jesus. Thus, the Eucharist is a Sacrament of Unity. But how can this small, delicate bread, so hard to see from afar, be the source of unity?

Jesus is hidden from our senses in the form of bread and wine—present in this humble appearance, which becomes his Body and Blood at consecration. Usually, God reveals himself not in thunder or grandeur, but in a gentle voice or simple form, to encourage faith (cf. 1 Kings 19:11-12). We know his Eucharistic presence not by the senses but by faith (cf. CCC #1381). Remember Jesus' words: 'I am the Living Bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever, and the bread I will give is My flesh for the life of the world' (cf. Jn 6:48-51). St. Cyril of Jerusalem said, "Do not doubt whether this is true, but rather receive the words of the Savior in faith, for since he is the truth, he cannot lie."

We are witnesses to heaven's visit among us—it is our Lord Jesus we receive. Would you miss this encounter with heaven?

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.



Eucharist: The Source and Summit of our Christian Life (Catechism of the Catholic Church # 1324)

It is the **source** because it makes present Christ's redemptive sacrifice, and the **summit** because it is the highest act of worship and communion, uniting earth with the heavenly liturgy.

Let us remember Jesus' words:

- “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest” (Matt 11:28).
- “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst” (Jn. 6:35).
- The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world (Jn 6:51)
- Whoever eats* my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day” (Jn 6:54).
- “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him” (6:56).
- The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life” (Jn 6:63).
- “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me” (1 Cor 11:24).

These words of our Lord Jesus inspire confidence in his presence and remind us that he remains to walk with us. His veiled presence is mediated through the Sacraments. His presence, par excellence, is encountered in the Holy Eucharist and perceived profoundly through the eyes of faith. As St. Cyril of Jerusalem reminds us, "Do not doubt whether this is true, but rather receive the words of the Savior in faith, for since he is the truth, he cannot lie."

Let us therefore approach the Holy Eucharist with gratitude, reverence, and renewed commitment, recognizing it as our vital nourishment for the journey to heaven. May we never neglect this greatest gift, lest we miss the fullness of life and the ultimate goal for which we are destined. (FR. MAH)

COMING SOON!

Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa

Ministry FAIR

SUNDAY
- JUNE 14 - ALL DAY

Welcome

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

PROMISE TO PROTECT
PLEDGE TO HEAL

Protecting God's Children

For More Info, Contact Parish Office or Register at www.virtus.org

ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS IN PERSON SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

- Tuesday, 9 June 2026
- Pastoral Center
- 6:00pm

Pre-Register at www.virtus.org

Father's Day Mass Intention envelopes are available at the side entrance of the church.

OCIA Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

-The OCIA will be on break until August-

For more information, please contact the parish office @ (808)521-1700.

Weekly Offering Report

For May 25, 2026 - May 31, 2026



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

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

Weekly Collections Online Giving

SUNDAY Mass Offering	\$ 9,292.00	\$ 625.55
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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.

2nd Offering next weekend
June 13-14

Diocese of Honolulu Seminarian
Education Fund

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

2nd Offering on June 20 & 21 is for



**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!



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

Marlowe Sabater

Deacon

Bernie Gora

Director of Music

Ray Lamb

Deacon

Roy Matsuo

Retired 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 8, 2026

*Monday of the Tenth Week in
Ordinary Time*

1 Kings 17:1-6; Matthew 5:1-12

June 9, 2026

*Tuesday of the Tenth Week in
Ordinary Time*

1 Kings 17:7-16; Matthew 5:13-16

June 10, 2026

*Wednesday of the Tenth Week in
Ordinary Time*

1 Kings 18:20-39; Matthew 5:17-19

June 11, 2026

Memorial of Saint Barnabas, Apostle

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Matthew
5:20-26

June 12, 2026

*Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart
of Jesus*

Deuteronomy 7:6-11; 1 John 4:7-16;
Matthew 11:25-30

June 13, 2026

*Saturday of the Tenth Week in
Ordinary Time*

1 Kings 19:19-21; Matthew 5:33-37

June 14, 2026

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 19:2-6a; Romans 5:6-11;
Matthew 9:36—10:8

**"This is my body,
which will be
given for you;
do this in memory
of me."**

(Lk. 22:19)



**"Every Holy Mass, heard with devotion, produces in
our soul marvelous effects, abundant spiritual and
material graces, which we, ourselves, do not know.
It is easier for the earth to exist without the sun than
without the holy Sacrifice of the Mass."**

- St. Padre Pio



FLORES DE MAYO 2026



Congratulations to Reyna Elena, Nagie M. Tamashiro, and her court:
Emperor Constantino, Zurriel Nabua,
and all the Reynas and Constantinos,

Adelaida F. Garania (Reyna Fe), Marife Yamamoto (Reyna Esperanza), Ester Lansangan (Reyna Caridad),
Evelyn Krieg (Reyna de los Flores), Vea Afu (Reyna del Cielo), Jenny Naputi (Reyna de Angeles),
David Coma (Constantino II), Ezekiel Morishige (Constantino III), Caleb Vendiola (Constantino IV),
Caden Shaun Balinbin – Talbo (Constantino V), and Al Zeus Garma (Constantino VI)!

Thank you for joining Flores de Mayo 2026. Your participation enriches our devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thank you as well for using this event to help raise funds for our parish hall renovation, which we hope to begin soon. Your efforts exceeded expectations. We are grateful for the generosity and support from your families and friends. Thank you!

We thank Ana Udasco for her leadership of the CCST Filipino Catholic Club and all those behind the scenes and at the forefront of this event who helped make it a meaningful offering to our Blessed Mother Mary.

More importantly, we give glory and praise to God for helping us overcome challenges. You faced difficulties yet kept going despite tiredness and emotional strain, all by his grace and for his glory. Your effort shows it is worth doing, as G.K. Chesterton said: "Anything worth doing is worth doing badly." Your continued participation and joyful presence during Flores de Mayo, along with your good thoughts afterward, prove this. For all this, I am grateful!

Let us continue the Flores de Mayo tradition and actively participate to deepen our devotion to Our Blessed Virgin Mary, whose guidance draws us closer to Jesus Christ, especially in difficult times. As we pray and offer flowers, I encourage everyone to invite their families and friends to future celebrations, help organize events, and share this meaningful tradition. Through our efforts and unity, we grow in faith as we follow Mary's advice: "Do whatever He tells you" (John 2:5).

With Mary's Fiat, may we go forth, inspired, with renewed faith and unity, ready to carry on this meaningful tradition and to serve with grateful hearts. Let us hold fast, trusting that together—with Mary—we will bring light, hope, and praise to God year after year.

To Mary, Our Blessed Mother, we pray, "We fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, our Mother! To you do we come; before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer us. Amen." --- Fr. Manny Hewe, Pastor