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July 12, 2026 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear

Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 65:10,11,12-13,14; Romans 8:18:23; Matthew 13:1-23

"Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear" (Mat 13:9). Jesus invites us to listen closely to God's Word. God is a loving father who wants the best for us and hopes we hear his voice. He speaks out of love, not because he needs someone to talk to. His Word gives us life.

During the Liturgy of the Word, we engage in a special conversation with God. After the readings, the lector says, "The word of the Lord," and we respond, "Thanks be to God." We also sing Psalms and songs of praise, using our voices and ears to connect with God.

In the parable of the Sower, Jesus tells us that God plants good seeds and that we are like the soil that receives them. The Sower scatters seed everywhere, without worrying about where it lands or the kind of soil it finds. To us, this might seem wasteful. Is the Sower really hoping for a big harvest?

The image of the Sower reveals something important about God. Like the Sower, God is always generous and seeks to reach us. His kindness never ends, and he wants his message to fill the world. As Gerard Manley Hopkins said, "The world is charged with the grandeur of God." When we accept God's Word in faith, it changes us. His Word is like rain that always helps things grow (cf. Is. 55:10-11). God's Word is powerful. In Genesis, we see its creative force: God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. "Let there be a dome in the middle of the waters," and it happened. "Let the earth bring forth every kind of living creature," and so it was" (cf. Gen. 1:3-24).

God's Word is strong and creative. It can change our hearts, lift us up when we are down, and guide us when we feel lost. It gives hope to those who struggle and helps us grow. We might ask ourselves, "What kind of soil am I for God's Word? Am I like the path, the rocks, the thorns, or good soil?" It's good to reflect on this, and we are often a mix of different kinds of soil. We can ask God for help: "Lord, give me the grace to be open to your Word so it can grow and bear fruit in my life."

The parable also shows that seeds need deep roots to survive. Without strong roots, seeds cannot endure hard times. There is wisdom in paying attention to roots. Roots are hidden and easy to forget. People often say, "How delicious these mangoes are," or "How green these leaves look," or "How beautiful this flower is." But we rarely hear, "This mango tree must have good roots," or "The real beauty of this flower comes from its roots."

This reminds me of a story about a foolish farmer. He noticed that his plants' leaves were not green enough, so he painted them green. When the leaves had not yet grown, he tried to pull them every day.

People laughed and said, "Forget the leaves; take care of the roots."

The lesson is that we often focus on outward appearances and worry about how things look. Yet there is more to life than appearances. Like plants, we need strong roots to thrive in any situation. The Holy Spirit gives us this strength. St. Paul says in the



second reading that we have received the first fruits of the Spirit, a promise of the full inheritance we hope for in heaven. Our renewal is underway and continues as we listen to and act on God's Word. This is a choice we make every day.

Jesus is God's Word made flesh, who lived among us. He speaks to us and gives himself fully in the Holy Eucharist. The Holy Spirit helps those who listen to understand more, and they will gain even greater knowledge. But those who do not listen will lose even what little they have (cf. Mat 13:22). So let us listen with open hearts and respond: "Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear."

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.

Pray for Generosity

"A prayer for generosity is a prayer to lose yourself and find yourself again in Christ" (St. Ignatius of Loyola)

Our lives are like cell phone batteries. We may have 100 percent of our capacity, but we can only use it to its full potential if we can consume it all. Yet, much like batteries, we often don't use our capacity to its full potential.

For those who have crossed the 50-year mark, it means they've already used up half of their life's battery. We can't recharge our 'battery' to increase that percentage. This realization of life's finitude should prompt prayerful self-reflection. When we engage in prayerful self-examination, we often ask how we will use the remaining 50%. Will we use it wisely and meaningfully, or let it slip away?

For a person of faith, this prayerful realization that we cannot recharge our life's battery motivates us to make every moment beautiful rather than wasteful and to choose joy rather than dwell on regret and resentment, for no moment will ever return as it was. The advice of St. Paul to put away all bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling, along with malice, deserves more attention than getting rid of our enemies (cf. Eph 4:31). More often than not, it is the "self" that is our greatest enemy.

As we release bitterness and resentment, we must also fill our lives with gratitude for the many blessings God has bestowed on us. When fully embraced, this genuine gratitude transforms our perspective, making us more compassionate and inspiring us to participate actively in God's unconditional generosity toward all, including our enemies. This transformative power of gratitude inspires generosity that leads us to the joy of heaven (cf. Matt. 19:21), Fr. MAH.

St. Ignatius' Prayer for Generosity

Dear Lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, save that of knowing that I do your will. Amen.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Join the family. Register now!



**Start of Classes
August 9, 2026**

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

Please visit the parish website at www.cocathedral.org for more information.

"95th Anniversary of the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa Church"

15 Days
Marian Shrines
of France, Barcelona
& Rome
April 1-15, 2027

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A circular logo with "95" and a church building.A square QR code.

Weekly Offering Report

For June 29, 2026 - July 5, 2026



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Weekly Collections Online Giving

SUNDAY Mass Offering	\$ 10,276.00	\$ 931.22
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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:

July 11-12 for the Facilities Improvement
 August 1-2 for the Catholic Charities Hawaii

Mahalo for your generosity.

2nd Offering this weekend -7/11 & 12-



**is for the
 Facilities
 Improvement**

Mahalo for your generosity!



SCHOOL OFFICE STAFF AND FACULTY MEMBERS

- Principal/Music 1-5 - Conception (Bernie) Gora
- Vice Principal/ELA 5 - Lauren Ramirez-Asaeda
- Executive Administrative Assistant - Faith Leasiolagi
- Admission Office Assistant - Stephanie Lou Ondayog
- Preschool Director/Teacher - Magdalena Collins
- PK-8 PE - Jayven Bumanglag
- Preschool Aide - Elaine Jane Gonzalez
- Kindergarten Aide - Lenie Macadangdang
- Kindergarten Teacher - Taiena Finau
- Creative Music K-3 - Johnelle Silva
- 1st Grade - Marvin Macadangdang
- 2nd Grade - Faith Afu
- 3rd Grade Teacher - Sibel Mestanova
- 4th Grade Teacher - Laura Gabriel
- 4 Religion/4 & 5 Art - Francine Caetano-Fontanilla
- 5th Grade/Math 5-8 - Christian Raquero
- 5-8 Science/STEM -
- 6th Grade/Social Studies 5-8 - Alyssa Yabes
- 6-8 ELA/6-8 Home Economics - Dr. Frances Wong
- Music 6-8 - Kukahi Lee
- 7th Grade/Religion 5-8 - Shaun Agtarap
- 8th Grade/Japanese 5-8/Art 7-8 /PR Media - Tiani Quon
- Maintenance - Edwin Kaaihue
- Custodian - Romeo John Cabarrubias

All middle school, high school, and college students are invited to the youth ministry's session on vocations called "Highways and Halos". This Friday evening in the Pastoral Center, we will take a closer look at the priesthood, and maybe have an opportunity to get to know our parish priests better.

By Air: Priesthood & Clergy (Highways and Halos)

Friday, July 17th, @7pm
Co-Cathedral St. Theresa
Pastoral Center

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

Fr. John Akau

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Anthony Tran

VHM Chaplain

Sr. Mercedita Estrella, SPC

Dir. of R.E. & Pastoral Associate

Ryan and Ashley Agcaoli

Coordinators of Youth Ministry

Tyra Lamb

Safe Environment Liaison

Grace Young

Communications Coordinator

Pinky Mendoza

Office Coordinator

Bernie Gora

Director of Music

Earl Morita

Church Grounds Maintenance

Jennifer Asuncion

Office Secretary

Ray Lamb

Deacon

Samy Ratum

Facilities Custodian

Francis Leasiolagi

Deacon

Roy Matsuo

Retired Deacon

Noraliza Tapeç

On-Call Church Custodian

Jonathan Lam

VHM Deacon

Marlowe Sabater

Deacon

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

July 13, 2026

*Monday of the Fifteenth Week in
Ordinary Time*

Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:34-11:1

July 14, 2026

*Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha,
Virgin*

[In the Dioceses of the United States]

Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 11:20-24

July 15, 2026

*Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church*

Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16; Matthew 11:25-27

July 16, 2026

*Thursday of the Fifteenth Week in
Ordinary Time*

Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19;

Matthew 11:28-30

July 17, 2026

*Friday of the Fifteenth Week in
Ordinary Time*

Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8;

Matthew 12:1-8

July 18, 2026

*Saturday of the Fifteenth Week in
Ordinary Time*

Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21

July 19, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:26-27;

Matthew 13:24-43