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July 13, 2025 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

The Good Samaritan: From What Must I do to What Must I be?

Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Psalm 19:8,9,10,11; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37

The question posed by the scholar of the law, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" invites profound reflection on the nature of love, community, and our relationship with God. Eternal life, in this context, is not just about life after death, but a life lived in full communion with God, a life of love, joy, and peace. At the heart of our Lord's response is the parable of the Good Samaritan, a parable that transcends cultural boundaries and challenges societal norms. The Samaritans, who were despised by Jews for allowing themselves to be influenced by the pagan practices and beliefs of a foreign ruler, demonstrate that anyone, regardless of background or status, can embody compassion and mercy.

What the Good Samaritan did, Jesus challenges us to do the same (cf. Lk. 10:37). No practical teaching of our Lord Jesus more accurately defines a Christian than the image of the Good Samaritan going out of his way to help a person in need. He illustrates that true discipleship is not merely about adhering to rules or religious observances but rather about embodying love in action.

St. Paul reinforces this idea by proclaiming Jesus as the image of the invisible God, a living embodiment of divine mercy and compassion (cf. Col. 1:16). In Christ, we witness a model of compassion that invites us not only to believe but to practice what we preach. St. Paul embodies this by declaring, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me" (Gal. 2:20). His transformation reflects the call to live in a manner that exemplifies Jesus' love, a transformation made possible by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. This Spirit empowers us to love as Jesus loved, to be good neighbors and champions for those facing hardships.

In the parable, Jesus emphasizes that love should be our guiding principle. When our neighbor is in need—a woman, a child, a man—the question transforms from "Who is my neighbor?" to "How can I be a neighbor?" The need takes precedence over analysis. Every act of kindness towards those suffering, regardless of their identity, becomes an act of service to Christ himself. This shifting perspective deepens our understanding of who our neighbors truly are, urging us to be vigilant and compassionate in a world often plagued by suffering and indifference.

Reflecting on this parable compels us to reevaluate our approach to love. Instead of asking, "What must I do?" perhaps we should ponder, "What must I be?" Jesus invites us to first accept His love, allowing it to transform us. We will never learn to love unless we first learn how to receive love.

The parable of the Good Samaritan reveals that the Good Samaritan represents Jesus Himself, and the victim symbolizes humanity. Jesus has attended to our needs, reconciled us with God through His crucifixion, and welcomed us into His Church, our sanctuary. Consequently, we are entrusted to embody and enact His love.

When we humbly receive His love, we learn to be good neighbors and champions for those facing hardships. The call to love is not burdensome; it becomes a source of joy and fulfillment.



"Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing."

St. Therese of the Child Jesus



In conclusion, inheriting eternal life is about our commitment to embody the love we have received. As we engage with the world around us, let us embrace the Spirit of the Good Samaritan. Remember, each act of kindness offers a glimpse of eternity, a testament to the transformative power of Jesus' sacrificial love in our lives. When we live His love, we not only fulfill our divine purpose but also participate in creating a community bound by compassion and grace.

Fr. Manny Hewe
Pastor



PILGRIMS OF HOPE:

Where your treasure is, there also is where your heart be” (Mt 6:21)

Our hearts belong to heaven. Heaven is our inheritance. It is our treasure, the gift from our Lord Jesus, the ultimate joy of our hearts.

It is worth pondering that we enter this world with nothing at birth. We bring no material possessions, no wealth, no status. We are born as blank slates. At death, we leave this world in much the same way. We take nothing with us—no money, possessions, or power. We depart just as we arrived, empty-handed.

Given this reality, it is surprising that some people often find themselves entangled in conflicts over material possessions. They quarrel and argue over possessions they did not bring into this world and cannot take with them when they leave. We envy others who have more than we do, coveting their wealth and status. We become consumed with pursuing material goods, believing they will bring us happiness and fulfillment.

However, the truth is that all of these things are temporary. They are fleeting and impermanent, like the morning mist that vanishes with the rising sun. In the grand scheme of things, they hold little value. What truly matters are our relationships, the memories we create, and the impact we have on the world around us.

So, we use the material blessings God bestowed on us with intention and love to pave our way to heaven. These are not just gifts, but tools we can use to build a path to eternal life. Our life of charity, service, and witness to Jesus are the things that will last long after we are gone, a testament to our faith and our journey towards heaven.

Our hearts belong to heaven. Heaven is not just our inheritance; it is our ultimate joy, the gift from our Lord Jesus that we eagerly anticipate. It is the treasure that fills our hearts with hope and joy. (Fr. MAH)



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SY 2025-2026

Registration is now open!

August 10, 2025 - Start of Classes
8:30 am - 10:00 am



August 31, 2025
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.



2nd Offering on July 12th & 13th

is for the Debt Reduction of
our **Parish Loan**



Mahalo for your generosity!



Weekly Offering Report

For June 30, 2025 - July 6, 2025



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	\$ 10,007.00	\$ 595.97
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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. ***

We will provide a complete report on the donations and updated expenses for the church fence and security project as soon as they are available. In the meantime, we would like to encourage you to reflect and pray to consider donating more towards the church fence and security project the construction of which is in progress. Please continue to pray with us for the completion of this important project for the safety and security of our church and school.

SCHOOL OFFICE STAFF AND FACULTY MEMBERS

- Principal - Conception (Bernie) Gora
- Vice Principal - Lauren Ramirez-Asaeda
- Executive Administrative Assistant/Teacher - Faith Leasiolagi
- Admission Clerk/Office Assistant - Stephanie Lou Ondayog
- Dean of Discipline/Athletic Director/4 & 5 Health - Francine Caetano-Fontanilla
- Preschool Director/Teacher - Magdalena Collins
- Preschool-Gr.8 PE & Health - Jayven Bumanglag
- Preschool Aide - Elaine Gonzalez
- Kindergarten Aide - Lenie Macadangdang
- Kindergarten Teacher - preschool-Kindergarten Religion Teacher/Coordinator for School Liturgies - Sr. Ana Fua Dela Cruz, SPC
- 1st Grade Teacher - Marvin Macadangdang
- 2nd Grade Teacher - Faith Afu
- Creative Music K-3 - Johnelle Silva
- 3rd Grade Teacher - Sibel Mestanova
- 4th Grade Teacher - Laura Gabriel
- 5th Grade Teacher - Taiena Finau
- 6th grade HR/Middle School Social Studies & Math 6 - Alyssa Yabes
- 7 & 8 Language Arts/7 & 8 Home Economics - Dr. Frances Wong
- Algebra/Pre-Algebra/Math 8 - Sally Mejia
- 7th grade HR/Middle School Religion - Shaun Agtarap
- Preschool-8 Music/School Choir - Keith Febrero
- 8th grade HR/Middle School or MS Science & Math 7 -
- 8th grade HR, Middle School Japanese/Language Arts 6/Art 7 & 8 - Tiani Quon
- Maintenance - Edwin Kaaihue
- Custodian - Romeo John Cabarrubias

Parish Savings with the Diocese as of May 31, 2025	\$ 160,095.46
Outstanding Parish Loan with the Diocese as of May 31, 2025	52,892.32
Outstanding PV Loan with the Diocese as of May 31, 2025	\$ 301,057.13

Second Collections:

July 12-13 for the Debt Reduction of Parish Loan
 August 2-3 for the Catholic Charities Hawaii
 August 9 - 10 for the St. Theresa School Assistance

Mahalo for your generosity.

CCST Fence Project - conceptual view



West Honolulu Vicariate Presents
JUBILEE YEAR 2025 SPIRITUAL CONFERENCES
@ Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa
 (with Holy Hour and Confession)

July 16, 2025 @ 6:00 PM - Speaker: Fr. Pascual Abaya

Theme: **MARY, THE PERFECT DISCIPLE AS A PILGRIM OF HOPE**

"Mary, as the Perfect Disciple, embodies unwavering faith and trust in God's plan. She serves as a beacon of hope and inspiration for all believers. Her journey as a Pilgrim of Hope reflects her steadfast commitment to God's will, guiding others toward a life of faith and perseverance amidst life's challenges."

August 20, 2025 @ 6:00 PM - Speaker: Fr. Edgar Brillantes

Theme: **We are Pilgrims of Hope - Jubilee 2025 and Beyond**

"We are all called to spread the peace and joy of Jesus our Savior on our way to the Kingdom."



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Food Distribution

Saturday, July 26 - 9:00 to 10:45 a.m.

Pre-Registration

Today After Mass @ Church Lanai

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

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

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VHM Deacon

Ray Lamb

Deacon

Roy Matsuo

Retired Deacon

Marlowe Sabater

Deacon

Fr. Anthony Tran

VHM Chaplain/Parochial Vicar

Bernie Gora

Director of Music

Ryan and Ashley Agcaoili

Coordinators of Youth Ministry

Grace Young

Communications Coordinator

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

July 14, 2025

**Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha,
Virgin [In the Dioceses of the
United States]**

Exodus 1:8-14, 22; Matthew
10:34—11:1

July 15, 2025

**Memorial of Saint Bonaventure,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
Exodus 2:1-15a; Matthew 11:20-24

July 16, 2025

**Wednesday of the Fifteenth Week in
Ordinary Time**
Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; Matthew 11:25-27

July 17, 2025

**Thursday of the Fifteenth Week in
Ordinary Time**
Exodus 3:13-20; Matthew 11:28-30

July 18, 2025

**Friday of the Fifteenth Week in
Ordinary Time**
Exodus 11:10—12:14; Matthew 12:1-8

July 19, 2025

**Saturday of the Fifteenth Week in
Ordinary Time**
Exodus 12:37-42; Matthew 12:14-21

July 20, 2025

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians 1:24-28;
Luke 10:38-42