



Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

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July 19, 2026 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

God Gives Us Chances

Wisdom 12:13, 16–19; Psalm 86:5–6, 9–10, 15–16; Romans 8:26–27; Matthew 13:24–43

The Kingdom of God means letting God rule in our hearts. Jesus inaugurated this Kingdom and shows us what it is like—he is the Kingdom of God. The parable of the weeds and the wheat helps us understand this. Those who welcome God's rule are like wheat that will grow and thrive in his love, while those who reject it or take it lightly are like weeds that will not bear fruit and will be burned at the end of time.

The parable gives us a picture of life: every person has both good and bad within. Good and evil are found in us and around us. There are good and bad citizens, hardworking and lazy workers, sensible and foolish teenagers, responsible and neglectful parents, honest and corrupt politicians, and so on. We may not like the weeds, but they grow around us and even within us, whether we notice or not. In the story, the servant wants to pull out the weeds right away, reflecting our human urge to get rid of bad people or wish they would disappear. But God does not act this way. He is patient and hopeful, even when things seem hopeless. "Let the weeds grow along with the wheat until the harvest" (v.30). In his great goodness, God lets the weeds grow with the wheat instead of removing them right away. This shows us how merciful God is.

God's goodness and forgiveness are hard for us to fully grasp, yet without them, our lives would not grow or bear fruit. The parable reveals God's kindness and warns that weeds have no place in his Kingdom. In the end, the weeds will be burned. Does this mean we should accept all the wrong in the world? The answer is to be patient and wise. We are called to be careful and not judge too quickly. Since God is patient with us, we should be patient with ourselves and others. If God forgives us, we should try to forgive ourselves as well. This is not always easy. We often find it hard to let go of pain and forgive others. St. Paul teaches us to let the Spirit guide us. He says we may not know how to pray, but the Spirit will help us. In the same way, we may not know how to forgive, but the Holy Spirit will guide us if we ask for help.

God's endless mercy should humble us and make us ready to learn from our mistakes. This is the first step toward holiness. We become holy when we admit our weakness and our need for God. Even the worst people can change. With God, anything is possible, and with his help, anyone can turn their life around.

Let me share a story about a young girl named Maria. She lost her father when she was nine. At twelve, a boy from her neighborhood tried to harm her, but she refused. He threatened to kill her and her mother if she did not give in, but Maria chose to do what was right and remain true to God. She did not give in, and, sadly, she lost her life because of it. While she was dying in the hospital, Maria forgave him, promised to pray for his repentance, and hoped to see him in heaven. She died on July 6, 1902.

What the boy did to Maria was truly wrong and terrible. After eight years in prison without regret, he had a dream in which Maria appeared, gave him flowers, and told him again that she forgave him. The dream changed his heart, and he became a model prisoner. He was released early for good behavior after twenty-seven years. Later, he became a Capuchin lay brother and even attended St. Maria Goretti's canonization.



He had done something terrible and deserved punishment, but he was given a chance to change. He repented, turned his life around, and made the most of his second chance.

We also have weeds in our hearts and have made mistakes in our lives. The good news is that God does not remove us. He always gives us another chance to change. If God forgives us and lets us change, shouldn't we do the same for those who have hurt us? When we forgive, we let God's Kingdom grow in our hearts and bear fruit.

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. On Offering Prayers and Mass Intentions

The Church urges us to 'pray unceasingly,' which strengthens our relationship with God and invites His guidance and blessings (cf. 1 Thess. 5:16-17). Prayer is not only a duty but also a privilege, shared by all through public and private worship. By praying for the common good, we deepen our unity with one another and with God (cf. 1 Thess. 5:23-25).

Offering Mass intentions is a privilege and a sacred honor. The celebration of the Holy Eucharist is the highest form of worship and the center of our Christian life, in which the Church prays to the Father. During Mass, the priest, 'in persona Christi,' offers prayers and sacrifices for the faithful. This spiritual connection with Christ and the Church makes Mass intentions meaningful offerings. Intentions may include prayers for a departed loved one, for someone's health, or for special occasions such as birthdays or anniversaries.

By offering Mass intentions, we participate in the Church's prayer life and receive spiritual benefits. The accompanying monetary offering supports the parish's needs and reflects our shared responsibility and community spirit. This act of giving, both spiritual and material, demonstrates our faith and love for God and one another.

To request a Mass intention, you may schedule it through the parish office or use the special envelopes at the church entrance. Write your intention on the envelope and include your offering. Please note that your offering will be included in the "collective intentions," where multiple intentions are united in a single Mass. (Fr. MAH)

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/reg. 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.



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FEEDING AMERICA

OHANA PRODUCE PLUS

Food Distribution

Saturday, July 25th

9:00 to 10:45 a.m.

Pre-registration after mass

at Church Lanai

July 18 & 19

ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY

(5 days before distribution)

<https://www.cocathedral.org>

Weekly Offering Report

For July 6, 2026 - July 12, 2026



SAINT THERESA SCHOOL
CONTACT INFORMATION
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St.TheresaSchool@Beavers808

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Website: www.stshi.org

Weekly Collections Online Giving

SUNDAY Mass Offering	\$ 8,625.00	\$ 817.43
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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:

August 1-2 for the Catholic Charities Hawaii
 August 15-16 for the St. Theresa School Assistance

Mahalo for your generosity.

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.

- Principal/Music 1-5 - Conception (Bernie) Gora
- Vice Principal/ELA 5 - Lauren Ramirez-Asaeda
- Administrative Assistant - Faith Leasiolagi
- Admissions Office Assistant - Stephanie Lou Ondayog
- Preschool Director/Teacher - Magdalena Collins
- Preschool Aide - Elaine Jane Gonzalez
- Preschool Aftercare - Janna Isidro
- Kindergarden Teacher - Taiena Finau
- Kindergarden Aide - Lenie Macadangdang
- 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
- 7th Grade/Religion 5-8 - Shaun Agtarap
- 8th Grade/Japanese 5-8/Art 7-8 /PR Media - Tiani Quon
- PK-8 PE - Jayven Bumanglag
- Creative Music K-3 - Johnelle Silva
- Music 6-8 - Kukahi Lee
- Maintenance - Edwin Kaaihue
- Custodian - Romeo John Cabarrubias

Join our
95th Anniversary
Celebration
this weekend
July 19th
at all the Masses

Bishop Larry
President
10:30a.m. mass



*"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

Fr. John Akau
 Parochial Vicar

Fr. Anthony Tran
 VHM Chaplain

Sr. Mercedita Estrella, SPC
 Dir. of R.E. & Pastoral Associate

Ryan and Ashley Agcaoili
 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

Daily Mass Readings

www.usccb.org

July 20, 2026
Monday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time
 Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Matthew 12:38-42

July 21, 2026
Tuesday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time
 Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Matthew 12:46-50

July 22, 2026
Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene
 Song of Songs 3:1-4b or 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; John 20:1-2, 11-18

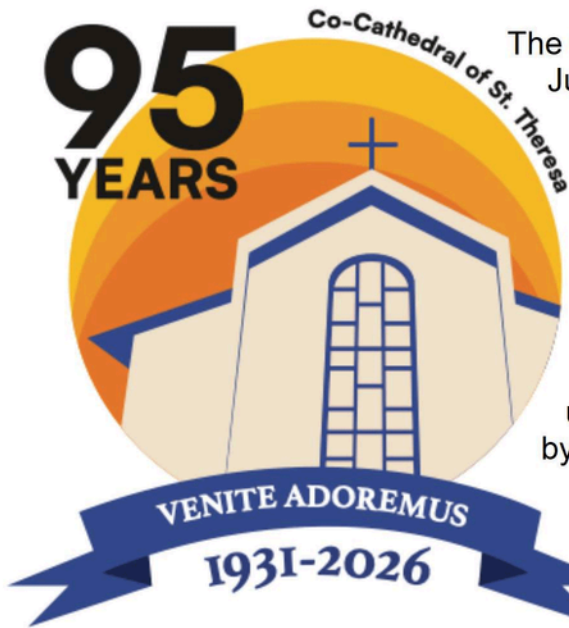
July 23, 2026
Thursday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time
 Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Matthew 13:10-17

July 24, 2026
Friday of the Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time
 Jeremiah 3:14-17; Matthew 13:18-23

July 25, 2026
Feast of Saint James, Apostle
 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28

July 26, 2026
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52

HAPPY 95TH FOUNDATION ANNIVERSARY!



The Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa Church (CCST) was founded on July 19, 1931. On July 28, 1985, it was elevated to Co-Cathedral status, recognizing our church's important role in the Diocese of Honolulu. This honor allows us to help lead and serve the wider Hawaii Catholic community.

About the 95th Parish Anniversary Logo

The anniversary logo reflects our journey together and the unity we share as a faith community. Our history and faith connect us, making us part of something greater—a spiritual family joined by our love for God and each other.

The logo's orange-to-yellow circle shows how our parish has grown in worship, sacraments, and service. This growth is a real sign of the blessings we receive from the Holy Eucharist and the Holy Spirit's lasting presence. It also

shows our strong commitment to our faith.

The church figure within the circle represents our humble dependence on God. It shows the church as a body with Christ as its head, in whom we live, move, and have our being (cf. Acts 17:28). This image reminds us that we rely on God's grace and guidance in everything we do as a church.

The blue lines on the church building highlight our trust in God's care and our love for Jesus, as shown by St. Thérèse of Lisieux. Her life and teachings, especially her 'Little Way,' which is about doing small things with great love even in hard times, inspire us to live our faith and love for Jesus.

St. Theresa's 'Little Way' is how we answer the church's ongoing call to come and adore the Lord, 'venite adoremus.' We fulfill this by taking part in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. This spiritual heritage of the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa is something we are grateful to share, and it will continue to guide us as children of God, longing for the treasures of heaven.

On Finding JOY with St. Therese of the Child Jesus...

Reflecting on joy through the life of our patron Saint Thérèse is especially important when we face challenges in our personal lives, families, or communities. She teaches us how to find true joy. For her, joy was not about wealth or grand accomplishments but about having a close relationship with God.

She shared this message through her spiritual path, the "Little Way," which focuses on finding God in everyday life. She believed we can feel the joy of heaven through small acts of love, such as a smile, a prayer, or a kind gesture. She said, "Never miss a single opportunity to make a small sacrifice, whether it's a smiling look or a kind word; always do the smallest right and do it all for love." For her, noticing these small moments could bring us heavenly grace, turning ordinary times into special signs of faith and joy.

Her joy came from her deep commitment to following God's will. She believed true happiness comes from living with purpose and accepting what God gives us. This includes being open to difficulties as part of God's plan, which can help us find peace and joy even in tough times.

Trusting in God's love was central to St. Thérèse's joy. She found comfort in God's mercy, especially in difficult times. She said, "I'm not relying on my own merits, as I have none; rather, I place my hope in Him who is goodness and holiness itself." She believed that God's love is greater than any sin and that His mercy is always waiting for us, inviting us back to Him no matter what.

She did not view suffering only as a burden, but as a chance to grow closer to Christ. She said, "Do not think that love can be found without suffering, for we carry our human nature with us; and yet, what a source of merit it is!" She believed that by facing suffering, we can show our love for God and share in the strength of Christ's suffering.

Her joy is a clear example of what it means to desire the treasures of heaven.

As we celebrate this special time in our parish, let us ask St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus to pray for us. May she help us discover the joy she knew, rooted in devotion, trust, and love for Jesus, who said, "I will give you my joy, so that your joy will be complete" (Jn. 15:11). Fr. MAH.

Important dates in the life of our parish patron saint...

FEAST DAY: OCTOBER 1

St. Thérèse was canonized on May 17, 1925,
October 1, 2026, marks the 101st anniversary of her canonization.

- January 2, 1873 – St. Therese's Birthday
- January 4, 1873 – Baptism
- August 28, 1877 – Death of her Mother, Zélie Guérin
- October 2, 1882 – Pauline, her sister, enters Carmel
- May 13, 1883 – Our Lady's Smile; Therese Healing
- May 8, 1884 – First Communion
- June 14, 1884 – Confirmation
- December 25, 1886 – Christmas Conversion
- November 20, 1887 – Audience with Pope Leo XIII
- April 9, 1888 – Entry into Carmel
- January 10, 1889 – Therese takes the habit
- September 8, 1890 – Profession of Vows
- July 29, 1894 – Death of her Father, Louis Martin
- July 8, 1897 – Therese enters the infirmary
- September 30, 1897 – Her Death, Entry into Heaven
- September 30, 1898 – "Story of a Soul" is published
- June 10, 1914 – Cause of Beatification Introduced at Rome
- April 29, 1923 – Beatification
- May 17, 1925 – Canonization
- October 19, 1997 – Declared Doctor of the Church

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

St. Therese of the Child Jesus