



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

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## ***July 27, 2025 - 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*** ***God Listens and Answers to our Prayers***

**Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 138:1-2,2-3,6-7,7-8; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13**

"Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me" (Ps 138:3a). Let us ask God's grace to bless us with this child-like trusting disposition. We come to him in prayer with a child-like spirit of trust and expectant heart, for we become better "children of prayer" when we learn what it means to be a little child resting in the arms of our Father!

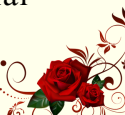
This weekend, our Lord Jesus reminds and assures us that when we pray to our Father in heaven, he hears and answers our prayers. "And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened" (Luke 11:9-10). There are passages spread throughout the four gospels echo this similar assurance: "...whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you" (Jn 16:23); "... I tell you, all that you asked for in prayer, believe that you will receive it and it shall be yours" (Mk 11:24); ... "As bad as you are, you know how to give good things to your children. How much more, then, will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him" (Mt.7,11); "...if two of you agree on earth about for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my Heavenly Father" (Mt 18,19).

Our Lord Jesus is never tired of repeating that God answers our prayers. Although there may be times, we ask for something in prayer without obtaining it, and sometimes the things we ask for are quite ordinary and, in our view, essential, yet we have not received what we asked for. How then are we to understand these words of Jesus? The difficulty is real, but something is profoundly significant to notice in all the statements of Jesus in the Gospels concerning the efficacy of prayer. If Jesus is emphatic about the sure results of prayer, he is, on the other hand, silent on one point: that of time. He never says that we shall obtain whatever we ask for at once, and time is exceptionally significant.

The song "In His Time" beautifully stresses this element: God makes all things beautiful in his time. Those with a long-standing habit of prayer can testify to a fact drawn from experience: the prayer of petition tends to change in content over time. Undoubtedly, because "we do not know how to pray as we ought," we ask for many things that would not be suitable to us at the beginning of our dialogue with God (cf. Rom 8:26). Many of us may have experienced the fact that it took a while for our prayer to be answered, and perhaps it took some time for us to recognize that God had already responded to our prayer in different ways.

God answers our prayers according to his design. He not only answered our prayers but transformed our hearts. He may allow us to be broken, at least for a moment, like a mirror shattered when broken, but the broken pieces reflect multiple lights. Often, those who have bounced back from adversity see life differently.

Let us pray that our hope in God's providence will grow through the intercession of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, especially for those who struggle to make sense of and find tangible manifestations of Jesus' reassuring words. And for those who are burdened, waiting, or questioning God's providence, may know that God often blesses us with His PRESENCE, more than what we asked for. He enters and walks with us in our pains and struggles to strengthen us. Indeed, he comes to us in a special and personal way through the Holy Eucharist, his perpetual tangible presence that our faith community celebrates.





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Let us unite our hearts and minds with the words of the Responsorial Psalm, "Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me;" and let us be inspired to comfort those in trouble in our midst and pray for each other. May our communion with the awesome presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist fill our hearts with great gratitude for His enduring presence, who walks with us as Pilgrims of Hope.

Fr. Manny Hewe, Pastor



## PILGRIMS OF HOPE:

### The Beauty of Praying with the Sacred Scriptures

"Yet just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but shall do what pleases me, achieving the end for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55:10-11).

Praying with the Bible is a profound conversation with our beloved Lord. It enriches the intimate friendship he offers and the wisdom he bestows upon us, for he is our way, our truth, and our life. There could be no going without him, no knowing without his truth, and no living without his life.

By opening our hearts and minds to the mysteries of faith revealed in the Sacred Scriptures—reading, understanding, learning, and meditating on the Word of God—we gain wisdom, clarity, and a deeper connection with the Lord. This guidance from the Scriptures reassures us that we are on the right path, leading us to love him more dearly and follow him more closely.

As we grow in intimate friendship with the Lord and His grace of wisdom, we will desire and choose only what brings us joy and aligns with our purpose as Pilgrims of Hope. Our sole longing, our unwavering commitment, is to seek things that lead us directly to more discerning praise, a more profound reverence and adoration, and an ever-greater love of God and our fellowmen.

(Fr. MAH)



Know an innovative teacher or administrator who deserves to be recognized?

**NOMINATE THEM FOR THE KA HO'OU LU HAWAII CATHOLIC SCHOOLS INNOVATION AWARD**

**APPLY HERE**



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**DEADLINE: August 2nd, 2025**

The Ka Ho'oulu Innovation Awards were created in 2020 by Chaminade and Hawaii Catholic Schools, as a way to recognize outstanding educators from Catholic schools throughout the state. Award applicants submit projects that exemplify Catholic worldview, support quality academics, integrate technology, demonstrate data-driven decision making or promote operational vitality. Winning projects receive recognition at an annual award ceremony and a financial prize.



**: Wanted :**

***Middle School Science Teacher***

Earth Science  
Life Science  
Physical Science

**JOIN OUR TEAM**

Overview: 3 Major Strands



- Experiment with
- Inquire about
- Design around
- Explore
- Connect



**Saint Joseph Damien de Veuster**



**Saint Marianne Cope**

*\*the relics and the mortal remains were temporarily transferred to the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus for the duration of the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace's restoration.*





**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
SY 2025-2026

*Registration still open!*



**Children ages 5-17**

online registration: [www.cocathedral.org/re](http://www.cocathedral.org/re)

**Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion  
Post-Sacramental Catechesis (Children Ministry)**

**August 10, 2025 - Start of Classes**





# Weekly Offering Report

## For July 14, 2025 - July 20, 2025



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



St.TheresaSchool@Beavers808  
 Sttheresaschool808  
 Website: [www.stshi.org](http://www.stshi.org)

### Weekly Collections Online Giving

SUNDAY Mass Offering	\$ 10,209.50	\$ 538.11
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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.

Parish Savings with the Diocese as of June 30, 2025	\$ 97,763.62
Outstanding Parish Loan with the Diocese as of June 30, 2025	44,385.43
Outstanding PV Loan with the Diocese as of June 30, 2025	\$ 298,205.14

### Second Collections:

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)

**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."

**September 17, 2025 @ 6:00 PM - Speaker: Fr. Arlan Intal, MS**

Theme: **MARY, OUR MOTHER OF HOPE**

"In her apparition at La Salette on Sept 19, 1846 in France, the Blessed Mother who appeared to 2 children named Maximin and Melanie left a message of hope to make her message known to all people."

### 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





**:We are in need of volunteers:**

### **FRONT OFFICE**

Anyone interested to help please call the Parish office  
at (808)521-1700 so we can put you on the schedule.  
**Mahalo!**

## **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

### **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](http://www.usccb.org)

**July 28, 2025**

*Monday of the Seventeenth Week in  
Ordinary Time*

Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34; Matthew  
13:31-35

**July 29, 2025**

*Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary,  
and Lazarus*

Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; John  
11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42

**July 30, 2025**

*Wednesday of the Seventeenth Week in  
Ordinary Time*

Exodus 34:29-35; Matthew 13:44-46

**July 31, 2025**

*Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola,  
Priest*

Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38; Matthew  
13:47-53

**August 1, 2025**

*Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori,  
Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37;  
Matthew 13:54-58

**August 2, 2025**

*Saturday of the Seventeenth Week in  
Ordinary Time*

Leviticus 25:1, 8-17; Matthew 14:1-12

**August 3, 2025**

*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; Colossians  
3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21





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July 27, 2025

Dear family and friends of the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa and School,

Greetings of Peace in the Lord to all Pilgrims of Hope!

The Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa is currently celebrating its 94th anniversary of foundation, a significant milestone that you, our dear family and friends, have been an integral part of. As we look forward to the 95th anniversary approaching on July 19, 2026, we invite your active participation to ensure this milestone is celebrated with the reverence it deserves. Your involvement will make this upcoming milestone even more special.

Part of the preparation for this special occasion, and as we continue to grow in our outreach programs and ministries, we also recognize the need to enhance the integrity of our church building, specifically by addressing essential roof repairs to extend its lifespan for another 50 years. Additionally, we aim to implement the second phase of our acoustic panel project, which will enhance the sound quality within the sanctuary in conjunction with upgrading our audio and visual systems. These improvements are vital for sustaining a vibrant environment for worship that can be shared with future generations.

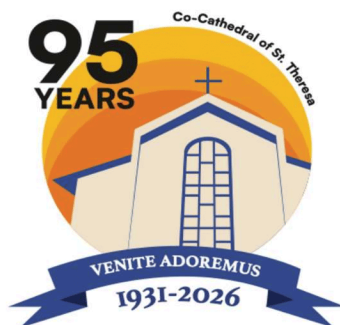
To raise funds for these improvements and upgrades, we are hosting a Great Gatsby Event this year with the theme: Where Roaring Elegance Meets Enchanted Dreams. The event will be held at the Honolulu Country Club on November 8, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the team organizing this event for helping us realize our goals. We are thankful for their generous and active involvement. But it's your generosity and support that truly make these enhancements and ongoing parish activities possible. Your past contributions in our efforts to implement the security camera and fence project, which is nearing completion, have been invaluable and are deeply appreciated. Your support has made a tangible difference, and we are truly grateful for it.

We are committed to making the most of your support. Your contributions, whether big or small, are greatly appreciated, and we assure you that they will be used effectively. We are dedicated to ensuring that every dollar you donate is put to good use, and we look forward to your continued contributions as we journey together as Pilgrims Hope.

With prayers and blessings,

  
Fr. Manny Hewe  
Pastor







CO-CATHEDRAL OF ST. THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS

*presents*

## THE ANNUAL GREAT GATSBY

*Where Roaring Elegance  
Meets*

*Enchanted Dreams*

**NOVEMBER 8, 2025**

**HONOLULU COUNTRY CLUB**

**1690 ALA PUUMALU ST.**

**HONOLULU, HI 96818**

**DINNER | NO HOST BAR**

**\$125 DONATION**

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