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July 6, 2025 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) ***We Are Sent!***

Isaiah 66:10-14c; Psalm 66:1-3,4-5,6-7,16,20; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12,17-20

You have heard this often: The Mass is over, so go in peace. The Latin text is *Ite Missa Est*. And literally, it means "Go, you are sent." This dismissal rite reminds us that the Church exists to evangelize. The Church is in a state of mission. What the Church is, so are all her members. We are all sent as Christ's witnesses. This is the overarching theme of the readings this Sunday.

When God sends us, His presence accompanies us. His presence grants us the grace that we cannot obtain on our own. The first reading we heard is part of the oracles concerning Jerusalem. Oracles are divine wisdom or sayings spoken by the Prophet to challenge, warn, or offer hope to the people. What we heard today is filled with hope, coming from the Prophet Isaiah, who was present during a critical moment in Israel's history. He witnessed the collapse of the northern kingdom under the attacks of the Assyrians and observed the destruction of Jerusalem.

This oracle speaks of how God will restore Jerusalem. Thus says the Lord: "Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad because of her." Those who have suffered will find life and joy once again in Jerusalem. The city will provide comfort and blessings to those seeking refuge under her care.

Jerusalem is the image of the Church, which faces challenges both internally and externally. The oracle promises that "those who love her and mourn over her" will receive God's providential care and redeeming presence. St. Paul, who love the Church, hinted to us the grace bestowed on us in Jesus, as he boldly declares, "May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." We are all sustained and nourished by the very life of Jesus through the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. Like St. Paul, we embody the living presence of the crucified and risen Christ in our world. I hope, like him, we can say: I bear the marks of the cross of Jesus in my body and carry the saving grace of God in my heart.

The gospel is a beautiful conclusion to the two readings. The great commissioning of the 72 disciples is a story for all of us. God prepares us, blesses us and sends us to mission.

We are a people sent to witness the love of God and neighbor. Jesus sends out the 70 disciples in pairs—two by two—to signify that the twin precepts of charity are indispensable for the duty of Christian preaching. Those entrusted with this mission, those sent by God, must always exemplify the love of God and neighbor.

We are sent as lamb. Jesus said: "Go on your way. Behold, I send you as a lamb among wolves." We are sent as a lamb. The disciples are to assume the spirit/character of the one who sent them — the meekness of the lamb. The first Good News that the disciples will bring to the people is themselves. The disciples themselves are, first and foremost, the message. I dare say our presence matters before any words of proclamation.

We are to bring and manifest how great Jesus is, not how great we are. Our Lord commanded the disciples to bring nothing on their journey -- No purses, backpacks, or extra sandals. This is not just about not having what I want but the practical attitude for service, a spirit of detachment — to focus on Jesus - manifesting our trust in the Lord. The disciples are to trust the providence of God and the generosity of the people to whom they serve. Our faith and trust bring out how



great Jesus is, not how great we are. This is hinted in Jesus' correction to his disciples when they were rejoicing because of their power over the demons. They rejoice that they were made workers of miracles, but Jesus corrected them that it's a wrong source of joy. It's vainglory! In the first place, they have power because of the name of Jesus. For our Lord Jesus, the cause of rejoicing for the disciples should be that their names are written in heaven; their names are forever remembered in the memory of God.

We are to bring out and manifest the greatness of Jesus, not our greatness. How about giving you a challenge this week? Beginning today, consider bringing someone to the Church—just one person per year.

It's Misa est! Go, you are sent.

Fr. Manny Hewe, Pastor



PILGRIMS OF HOPE REFLECTIONS

The Practice of Personal Daily Self-Examen

1. Find a particular place and take a moment to become aware of God's presence. Reflect on the events of your day with the comforting guidance of the Holy Spirit. Although the day may feel confusing—a blur or jumble—trust in the Holy Spirit to provide clarity and understanding.

2. Reflect on your day with gratitude. Gratitude is the foundation of our relationship with God. Take note of the joys and delights you experienced and focus on the gifts the day provided. Consider the work you accomplished and the people you interacted with. What did you receive from these individuals? What did you give to them? Pay attention to the small details—the food you enjoyed, the sights you encountered, and other seemingly minor pleasures. God is present in all the details.

3. Pay attention to your reactions and emotions. We can sense the presence of the Spirit of God through our feelings. Take time to reflect on the emotions you experienced throughout the day: boredom, elation, resentment, compassion, anger, and confidence. What might God be communicating through these feelings? God may reveal some ways you may have fallen short; note these sins and shortcomings. However, also look for deeper meanings. For example, could a feeling of frustration indicate that God wants you to consider a new direction in your work? Are you worried about a friend? Pray about it, allowing your prayer to arise spontaneously from your heart—whether it be intercession, praise, repentance, or gratitude. Let your prayer genuinely express what you feel, guided by the Holy Spirit.

5. Look toward tomorrow. Ask God to provide you with guidance for the challenges ahead. As you reflect on what is coming, pay attention to your feelings. Are you feeling doubtful, cheerful, apprehensive, or full of eager anticipation? Allow these emotions to inspire your prayers. Seek God's guidance and ask for His help and understanding. Pray for hope and conclude it with Our Father and Hail Mary. (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 this Weekend is for



By donating to Peter's Pence, all together we can support the Pope's mission in the proclamation of the Gospel and the initiatives of solidarity in favor of the most in need.



Peter's Pence Collection
Be a sign of mercy.

www.usccb.org/peters-pence

Mahalo for your generosity!

Weekly Offering Report

For June 23, 2025 - June 29, 2025



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Weekly Collections Online Giving

SUNDAY Mass Offering	\$ 8,649.00	\$ 919.94
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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 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 5-6 for the Holy Father (Peter's Pence)
 July 12-13 for the Debt Reduction of Parish Loan
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."

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 Tapecc

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 7, 2025

*Monday of the Fourteenth Week in
Ordinary Time*

Genesis 28:10-22a; Matthew 9:18-26

July 8, 2025

*Tuesday of the Fourteenth Week in
Ordinary Time*

Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-38

July 9, 2025

*Wednesday of the Fourteenth Week in
Ordinary Time*

Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a;
Matthew 10:1-7

July 10, 2025

*Thursday of the Fourteenth Week in
Ordinary Time*

Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5;
Matthew 10:7-15

July 11, 2025

Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot

Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Matthew
10:16-23

July 12, 2025

*Saturday of the Fourteenth Week in
Ordinary Time*

Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Matthew
10:24-33

July 13, 2025

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Colossians
1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37