



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

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***August 10, 2025 - 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)***

## ***Do Not Be Afraid Little Flock***

**Wisdom 18:6-9; Psalm 33:1,12,18-19,20-22; Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19; Luke 12:32-48**

What happens when we express deep faith in God? The readings for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time offer us thoughts to reflect on.

This Sunday's gospel begins with a comforting message from our Lord Jesus: "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the Kingdom" (Luke 12:32). By referring to his followers as the "little flock," Jesus is expressing His closeness to those who are humble, meek, and child-like in their faith. His words bring assurance of the Father's joy in bestowing upon them the invaluable gift of the Kingdom. What an incredible gift it is for those who truly humble themselves before others and especially before God! Furthermore, these words of Jesus serve as a call for complete surrender to God.

Many times, we hear that faith is a gift from God, and indeed it is. Through this gift of faith, we are able to respond to God, who reveals Himself to us and offers Himself to us. This gift provides abundant light in our search for meaning in life (cf. CCC Sec. I, #26).

The Book of Wisdom, Chapter 18, verses 6-9, connects us to the Book of Exodus, specifically to the night of the Passover when the people of Israel were freed. The Book of Wisdom reflects on the events of the Exodus, highlighting that the faith of the Israelites guided them from captivity to freedom. Their trust in God sustained and nourished them in the face of their enemies, ultimately leading them from slavery to liberty.

This kind of faith is also evident in the life of Abraham, as mentioned in the Book of Hebrews. In Genesis Chapter 12, we see that God called Abraham, promising to bless him with a land flowing with milk and honey and that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars in heaven. Abraham obediently followed this call, leaving behind his country and relatives, unsure of where he was headed or what would happen along the way. What he did know was that God was calling him to leave behind what he loved and to journey to a place known only to God.

It was faith that filled him with hope and confidence on his journey. It was through his faith in God that he was blessed with a son, Isaac, and that he passed the ultimate test of offering his son as a sacrifice to God. This was a profound test of Abraham's faith, as he was asked to sacrifice his beloved son, Isaac, as a demonstration of his unwavering trust in God. This faith sustained his journey. Thus, the Book of Hebrews declares: "Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen" (Heb. 11:1-2).

The stories of the Israelites and Abraham remind us that, despite the evils and adversities of the world, a person of faith can remain resilient and hopeful due to the gift of God's presence in their life. St. Paul passionately stated in his letter to the Romans, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Rom. 8:31).

The followers of Jesus, described as the "little flock," the little ones, and the child-like, are assured of receiving the gift of the reign of God. This gift strengthens them, enabling them to stand firm against all adversities while keeping them spiritually prepared. Fear will have no place in their lives, and the anxieties of this world will hold no power over them. They will remain faithful stewards of God's mysteries, joyfully sharing these gifts with others and





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expressing their gratitude by diligently fulfilling their spiritual responsibilities. They approach their everyday work and responsibilities with the same reliable and faithful spirit.

Let us pray, through the intercession of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, that we may possess the faith of the "little flock" to whom the Father is pleased to grant His Kingdom.

Fr. Manny Hewe, Pastor



## PILGRIMS OF HOPE:

### Why Pray?

Sometimes people ask, "Why pray?" The answer isn't precisely "why not?" Instead, if I truly want God, how could I not pray? There are many ways to pray, but what all these different methods have in common is that they are all ways to respond to God.

Moreover, some may wonder, "Why should I share my thoughts and feelings with God when He already knows them?" It's true that God is omniscient, but the act of speaking to Him is not for His benefit. It's for our own growth, our own deepening in His love. It's through this dialogue that we can truly understand ourselves and our relationship with Him.

Consider this: why do lovers constantly reaffirm their love for each other? In any significant relationship, time is essential for connection, sharing, listening, asking, and expressing gratitude. Similarly, conversing with the Lord, who loves us unconditionally, is a necessity. His love is a comforting and secure foundation for our prayers.

Fr. MAH

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offering this weekend  
August 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> is for**

**St. Theresa School Assistance**



**Mahalo for your generosity!**

**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**

CO-CATHEDRAL OF ST. THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS  
*presents*

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*Where Roaring Elegance  
Meets  
Enchanted Dreams*

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# Weekly Offering Report

## For July 28, 2025 - August 3, 2025



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### Weekly Collections Online Giving

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|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| SUNDAY Mass Offering | \$ 9,403.50 | \$ 639.24 |
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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.

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| 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 9 - 10 for the St. Theresa School Assistance  
 September 6 - 7 for the Catholic University of America  
 September 20 - 21 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)

**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





**- Know more about our Catholic faith -**

**The**



**Catechumenate process  
resumes once again,**

**this Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Room 210  
in the school building.**

**This is for those who are seeking to be baptized  
in the Catholic faith, as well as those desiring  
to receive the sacraments of Holy Eucharist  
and Confirmation.**

**We look forward to meeting you this Tuesday evening.**

## 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)

**August 11, 2025**

**Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin**

Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Matthew  
17:22-27

**August 12, 2025**

**Tuesday of the Nineteenth Week in  
Ordinary Time**

Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Matthew 18:1-5,  
10, 12-14

**August 13, 2025**

**Wednesday of the Nineteenth Week in  
Ordinary Time**

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew  
18:15-20

**August 14, 2025**

**Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe,  
Priest and Martyr**

Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Matthew  
18:21-19:1

**August 15, 2025**

**Solemnity of the Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Vigil**

1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; 1  
Corinthians 15:54b-57; Luke 11:27-28

**Mass during the Day**

Revelation 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB;  
1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56

**August 16, 2025**

**Saturday of the Nineteenth Week in  
Ordinary Time**

Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15

**August 17, 2025**

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4;  
Luke 12:49-53