



Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

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August 17, 2025 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

You no care? Jesus care! I care!

Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10; Psalm 40:2,3,4,18; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

A catchy caption was printed on the t-shirts of a particular youth group. It was written in pidgin English; it reads: "You no care? Jesus care! I care!"

Every time I look at the cross, I am reminded of how much we matter to Jesus. It was the blood of Jesus that washed away our sins. His death and resurrection have given us new life, elevating us to an honorable status as part of God's holy people. We express our gratitude for this gift through the catchy phrase that resonates with the youth. As Jesus' disciples, we all care deeply, just as Jesus cared. We care about the truth, and we care for the love of God and our neighbors.

In the Book of Jeremiah, the leaders advised the king to put Jeremiah to death for "demoralizing" the soldiers and the people. What had he done? Jeremiah was committed to the truth; he spoke out against corruption and the mistreatment of the poor, even criticizing deceitful prophets. As a result, he was thrown into a cistern and left to die. Eventually, the king changed his mind and sent someone to rescue Jeremiah, possibly influenced by the truth he had proclaimed.

In the second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews, we are encouraged to live like Jesus, enduring the cross. We are reminded that we are surrounded by a "cloud of witnesses"—the saints and faithful departed—who intercede for us. This imagery likens our journey of faith to a race, with Jesus at the finish line ready to reward us. Just as an athlete removes anything that hinders performance, we must eliminate obstacles in our lives that could prevent us from achieving the eternal prize. We need to run with perseverance, as life resembles a long-distance race rather than a sprint, requiring endurance to reach the finish line with unwavering faith.

At times, we may be tempted to complain about the hardships we face as followers of Christ. The Book of Hebrews presents a thought-provoking statement: "In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood" (Heb. 12:4). In simpler terms, this means that if we haven't shed blood yet, what are we complaining about? Instead of dwelling on complaints, the Book of Hebrews encourages us to fix our eyes on Jesus, who endured the cross and is the leader who will perfect our faith.

The Gospel reading from Luke presents a challenging theme. Our Lord tells His disciples, "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing." A few verses later, Jesus adds, "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." As followers of Jesus, we are called to loyalty—a loyalty that is essential for family unity because it is based on truth. In a world characterized by deception, the truth will always be divisive; in a society marked by a culture of death, the truth will always be disruptive; and in families struggling with sin, the truth will always disturb. While the truth can hurt, it ultimately sets us free.

Undoubtedly, the Good News of Jesus is meant to change us and transform our lives—not just to make us nice or good people, but to make saints of us and to foster holiness. By putting God first in all areas of our lives, we free ourselves from the burden of over-attachment to ourselves and our possessions. We become lean, fit, and healthy for the long race to Heaven.



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When we fix our eyes on Jesus and care for others, we begin to look, act, and care more like Him, the leader and perfecter of our faith.

"You no care? Jesus care! We care!"

Fr. Manny Hewe, Pastor



PILGRIMS OF HOPE:

How genuine am I before God?

Our relationship with God — or indeed with anyone — grows only when we can be honest — being as 'real' as possible before God is essential for prayer. It doesn't matter how one responds to God, as long as that response is genuine. Even feelings like fear, anger, or disappointment — which can often be embarrassing to admit — are real. Honesty in our responses keeps the relationship alive and opens us to God's further revelation.

Conversely, we often see how prayer and relationships can break down when people try to act differently from how they truly feel. It's as if all our energy goes into hiding what we don't want God to see.

Yet, God accepts and loves us, with all our imperfections, and it is the foundation of our relationship. Relationships thrive on authenticity and openness. Some of the best advice about prayer is to pray as you are, not as you wish to be, and to pray as you can, not as you think you should.

What happens when we become more genuine before God? God Himself becomes more real to us—more tangible, more awesome, and more loving. His presence outweighs all our desires for Him. He knows and loves us as we are, with all our dark places and feelings of unworthiness. Our Lord Jesus looks at us with the same love He showed to the sinful woman sitting at His feet, the rich young man, and Peter after his betrayal. Once we experience this profound love that God has for us, our prayer life and relationship with Him can flourish in significant ways.

Fr. MAH

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OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Catechumenate process
begins their journey in
understanding the Catholic faith,

Tuesday, August 19th at 6:30pm in Room 210 (school building)

We will explore how, **"My Soul Longs for You, O God"**.



The OCIA is aimed 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, but is open for all who are looking to reinvigorate their relationship with Christ.

We look forward to meeting you this Tuesday evening.



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In Partnership



FEEDING
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Food Distribution

Saturday, August 23, 2025

9:00 to 10:45 a.m.



Weekly Offering Report

For August 4, 2025 - August 10, 2025



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Weekly Collections Online Giving

SUNDAY Mass Offering	\$ 11,360.50	\$ 978.66
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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:

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



: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

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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

August 18, 2025

*Monday of the Twentieth Week in
Ordinary Time*

Judges 2:11-19; Matthew 19:16-22

August 19, 2025

*Tuesday of the Twentieth Week in
Ordinary Time*

Judges 6:11-24a; Matthew 19:23-30

August 20, 2025

*Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and
Doctor of the Church*

Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16

August 21, 2025

Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope

Judges 11:29-39a; Matthew 22:1-14

August 22, 2025

*Memorial of the Queenship of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*

Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22;
Matthew 22:34-40

August 23, 2025

*Saturday of the Twentieth Week in
Ordinary Time*

Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17;
Matthew 23:1-12

August 24, 2025

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13;
Luke 13:22-30