



Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

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August 2, 2026 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Fed by Jesus to Feed Others

Isaiah 55:1-3; Psalm 145:8-9,15-16,17-18; Romans 8:35,37-39; Matthew 14:13-21

The gospel story reveals how deeply Jesus cares for those who come to him. When he heard of his cousin John the Baptist's death, Jesus wanted time alone to pray. But when the crowd found him, he set aside his grief; his heart was moved with pity for them, and he healed the sick. Even after a long day, instead of resting, he responded to the hungry crowd. The disciples thought it made sense to send everyone away to buy food (cf. Matt 14:13-15). Yet Jesus' love goes beyond what is practical.

Jesus asked the disciples to bring what they had. He showed his gentle love through them and invited them to help care for the people. This is at the heart of who Jesus is. He fulfills the words of the Prophet Isaiah, in which God promises the exiled Israelites water for the thirsty, food for the hungry, and a renewed promise. God says, "All you who are thirsty, come to the water! Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me attentively, listen, that you may have life" (Isaiah 55:1-3). God calls them out of their suffering. If you were in exile with nothing, how could you refuse this invitation? When we listen and come to him, God feeds us. St. Paul also reminds us that nothing—not pain, trouble, hardship, hunger, danger, or violence—can separate us from his love (cf. Rom 8:35).

The disciples brought only five loaves and two fish, but when Jesus took them, they became more than enough for everyone. This miracle reminds us of the great gift of the Holy Eucharist, which gives us more than bread. It gives us the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus. We should take time to reflect on this gift, as well as on Jesus's actions and his gentle love.

The disciples saw Jesus' miracle with their own eyes. We have a similar opportunity today. Like the disciples who offered their five loaves and two fish, we are called to offer what we have and share God's kindness with others.

So, what are our five loaves and two fish?

When we gather at the altar for the Holy Eucharist, we bring our own five loaves and two fish. These are our gifts, reflecting our lives, our gratitude, and even our struggles from the week. Jesus accepts these gifts just as he did with the disciples' loaves and fish. Through the Eucharist, he nourishes us, gives us his life, and strengthens us to keep going. He feeds us so we can feed others. He blesses us so we can bless others.

The five loaves and two fish represent the goodness and generosity we all possess. It is not about how much we give, but about how much the Lord has blessed us. What we offer may seem small or unimportant, but if we give everything to the Lord, no matter how little, God can do more with it than we expect. Whatever

God has given us, big or small, he wants us to use it to serve others. Our gift could be being a good neighbor, listening to someone who is grieving, helping in a parish group, or joining charitable work. Whenever we help others, we show Christ's compassion and share his friendship. Jesus asks each of us to share his love through our gifts and to take part in the miracle of giving and caring.



Let's remember what our patron saint, St. Therese of the Child Jesus, said: "Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love."



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.
ATHIRST FOR GOD...**

One of the problems we are dealing with in our time is acedia. It comes from the Greek word meaning "a lack of care." Sometimes it is understood as spiritual and mental sloth or apathy. But it is the loss of the taste for God. When one loses the taste for God, this loss leads to the loss of the Holy Sacraments, the taste for virtues, and the pursuit of holiness. It is losing the sense of God's presence, or better still, the real presence, the Holy Eucharist.

At the same time, we all feel an insatiable desire for more. The idea of a "satisfaction guarantee" is misleading because we are rarely fully content. This longing is not solely negative; it also reflects our deeper desire for the infinite, ultimately for God. God continually offers us more of himself, and there is always more to receive.

Our relationship with God is ongoing, marked by continual longing and a desire for deeper intimacy. This enduring love is expressed in the lyrics, "There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us. There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God." God satisfies this longing through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We are fed by Jesus' Body and Blood!

(Fr. MAH)

Happy Birthday
to our **August** celebrants!

"With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation." — Psalm 91:16

May God bless your new age with radiant health and spiritual strength.

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

Join our ~ 95th ~ Anniversary Pilgrimage to the Different shrines of France, Barcelona, and Rome

April 1-15, 2027

Please visit the parish website at www.cocathedral.org for more information.

Happy Anniversary to all couples celebrating this month!

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love." — Ephesians 4:2

May God richly bless your home with love and deep laughter.

Weekly Offering Report

For July 20, 2026 - July 26, 2026



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Weekly Collections Online Giving

SUNDAY Mass Offering	\$ 9,998.00	\$ 581.63
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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 June 30, 2026 **\$ 281,193.90**

Outstanding PV Loan with the Diocese as of June 30, 2026 **\$ 263,448.52**



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.

2nd Offering this weekend -8/1 & 2- is for the



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES
HAWAII**

When you give to Catholic Charities Hawai'i, you are helping people in need to help themselves, regardless of their faith or culture.

Mahalo for your generosity!



SCHOOL OFFICE STAFF AND FACULTY MEMBERS

- 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
- Kindergarten 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 - Delwin Dang
- 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



:We are in need of volunteers:

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

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

*"How lovely is Your
dwelling place, O
Lord God of Hosts."
Psalm 84:1*



Daily Mass Readings

www.usccb.org

August 3, 2026

*Monday of the Eighteenth Week in
Ordinary Time*

Jeremiah 28:1-17; Matthew 14:22-36

August 4, 2026

Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest

Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Matthew
14:22-36 or Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14

August 5, 2026

*Wednesday of the Eighteenth Week in
Ordinary Time*

Jeremiah 31:1-7; Matthew 15:21-28

August 6, 2026

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19;
Matthew 17:1-9

August 7, 2026

*Friday of the Eighteenth Week in
Ordinary Time*

Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Matthew
16:24-28

August 8, 2026

Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest

Habakkuk 1:12—2:4; Matthew 17:14-20

August 9, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a; Romans 9:1-5;
Matthew 14:22-33