



Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

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August 30, 2026 - Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

The Earthly Kingdom and the Heavenly Kingdom

Jeremiah 20:7-9; Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

In 1870 we had two big events. First, Vatican I helped articulate the concepts of Papal primacy and Papal infallibility. Second, the Kingdom of Italy (the Italian movement to unite the different states in Italy) took over the Papal States. The Papal States, which included several central and southern Italian states outside of Rome, were given to the Pope in the 8th Century by the Frankish King Peppin the Short, who was the father of the eventual Holy Roman Emperor Charlemagne. Before Vatican City became the primary place where the Pope would reside, he owned many other Italian states and properties. Thus, the Papacy has had a long history of temporal power and corruption. There was even a Pope, Pope Julius II, who led an army into battle to expand the Papal territory. Julius II was nicknamed the “warrior Pope.”

These events in 1870 are relevant for this Sunday’s Gospel, which comes immediately after Jesus established Peter as the rock upon which the Church would be built. After Peter was given the revelation from God to profess Jesus’ identity as “Son of the living God,” now, Jesus reveals his mission. Our Lord came to suffer and die for us. Not only that, but he also came to be resurrected on the third day. Peter, with a misguided compassion for his dear friend and Lord, had the audacity to rebuke Jesus. However, Christ calls Peter “Satan.” Christ says that Peter’s attempts to prevent Jesus’ passion, death, and resurrection are a human idea. This misguided compassion is not a revelation from God, but it is a human opinion that opposes Christ’s mission and the will of God.

Are we to blame Peter for reacting this way to Jesus’ passion prediction? One moment, Christ is establishing Peter as second in charge of the kingdom. The next moment, Christ is foretelling his miserable passion and death. Peter’s Master was also his benefactor, and Peter did not want to lose both his Master and his newfound authority. Peter had a mistaken notion of the kingdom that Our Lord was founding. It was not meant to be an earthly, temporal kingdom. Christ gave Peter the keys to a different kind of kingdom, a heavenly kingdom. Therefore, when the Papal States fell and were taken away in 1870, in hindsight, theologians and historians view this as a blessing in disguise. The Pope would no longer be overly entangled in temporal affairs. The Pope would no longer be preoccupied with protecting and governing many different Italian states. While the Pope lost temporal power, he would redirect his efforts to exercising his spiritual authority and spiritual power.

Like Peter, do we see the Church as primarily an earthly kingdom? Are we easily discouraged when our evangelizing efforts do not bear the fruit that we expect? Remember, Jesus, Our Master and Our Lord was not successful by earthly standards. He suffered and died. Many of his own people did not convert even after witnessing his miracles. Still, let us not forget that in the end, Christ rose from the dead. The ending of this Sunday’s Gospel prophesies, “For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father’s glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct.” If we who live in the earthly kingdom wish to partake in the heavenly kingdom, we must conduct ourselves on this earth as striving for the heavenly kingdom.



Fr. John Akau, Parochial Vicar



A Journey of Joyful Witness to Doing all things with Love.



We worship what we believe; we live what we worship.

The Mass: Singing the Responses

We are thankful for the installation of the new sound system. This sound system will allow us to hear the priest, the lectors, the music, and the choir better. During Sunday Masses and on Holy days of obligation, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) requests that we include singing (GIRM 40). The GIRM suggests that the priest sing the Order of the Mass, so that the people may participate by singing the responses. The GIRM writes, "In the choosing of the parts actually to be sung, however, preference should be given to those that are of greater importance and especially to those to be sung by the priest or the deacon or the lector, with the people responding, or by the priest and people together" (GIRM 40).

How does singing make the liturgy more festive and decorative? Singing allows us to participate more in the Mass. The dynamic of the priest celebrant who sings a phrase, and then the sung response of the people manifests the unity of everyone at the mass. The body of Christ, priest as in persona Christi capitis (in the person of Christ the head), and with the people, sing as in dialogue with each other. Together we sing the psalms, together we sing the Our Father, and together we pray for each other. This back and forth is like a lover singing to the beloved, and vice versa. Unlike our private devotions like the rosary, the Mass is a communal and public prayer. The Mass is the official public prayer of the Church.

The next time we sing in Mass, may we remember that we are not only singing for each other, but we are pouring our hearts and souls out to God. May we imagine the angels in heaven singing, praising, and worshipping God. In the Mass we are privileged with the opportunity to sing, praise, and worship Our Lord in the Eucharist.

(Fr. JJA)

You're Invited!
Join us for an important community training.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING

with a focus on
Hurricanes

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Learn how to protect yourself, your family and your community before, during and after a hurricane.

LOCATION:
Saint Theresa Church
712 North School Street
Honolulu, HI 96817

DATE:
30 August 2026

TIME:
6:30 AM - 12:30 PM

TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:

- ✓ Hurricane Awareness
- ✓ Evacuation Planning
- ✓ Emergency Supplies
- ✓ Family Communication
- ✓ Staying Safe Before, During & After a Hurricane

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The Order of Christian Initiation Faith Formation sessions have started once again.

The OCIA is a process for those seeking to be baptized into the Catholic Church, as well as those desiring to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. However the faith formation sessions are open for everyone wanting to know more about their Catholic faith.

Come join us!

Our topic this week is

"Proclaim the Gospel to every creature"

as we discover how God has been working in our lives and how He has been reaching out to us.

Tuesday - September 1st at 6:30pm, room 107 (STS Bldg.)

For more information, please contact the parish office @ (808)521-1700.

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During all Masses on
Saturday, September 5
and
Sunday, September 6

We pray for all mothers preparing to welcome new life.

CCST Family Faith Formation Team

Weekly Offering Report

For August 17, 2026 - August 23, 2026



SAINT THERESA SCHOOL
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Weekly Collections Online Giving

SUNDAY Mass Offering	\$ 10,632.00	\$ 616.28
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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 July 31, 2026 **\$ 272,811.77**

CCST Columbaria Savings as of July 31, 2026 **\$ 4,869.06**

Outstanding PV Loan with the Diocese as of July 31, 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:

September 5-6 for the Catholic University of America

September 19-20 for the Facilities Improvement

Mahalo for your generosity.

Join our
95th Anniversary
Pilgrimage
to the different
shrines of France,
Barcelona, and
Rome from
April 1-15, 2027



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

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
- Kindergarden 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

2nd Offering next weekend - 9/5th & 6th

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management, sacred music, and more.



Mahalo for your generosity!

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 31, 2026

*Monday of the Twenty-second Week in
Ordinary Time*

1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Luke 4:16-30

September 1, 2026

*Tuesday of the Twenty-second Week in
Ordinary Time*

1 Corinthians 2:10b-16; Luke 4:31-37

September 2, 2026

*Wednesday of the Twenty-second Week
in Ordinary Time*

1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Luke 4:38-44

September 3, 2026

*Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great,
Pope and Doctor of the Church*

1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Luke 5:1-11

September 4, 2026

*Friday of the Twenty-second Week in
Ordinary Time*

1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Luke 5:33-39

September 5, 2026

*Saturday of the Twenty-second Week in
Ordinary Time*

1 Corinthians 4:6b-15; Luke 6:1-5

September 6, 2026

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10;

Matthew 18:15-20



SAINT THERESA SCHOOL

A Welcome to the New School Year 2026-2027

Dear Parishioners of St. Theresa Parish,

With grateful hearts and great joy, we welcome you to a new school year at **St. Theresa School!**

As we begin another year of educating and forming our young people in faith, knowledge, service, and love, we are reminded that our school is truly a ministry of our parish. The partnership between our parish, our school, our families, and our community is a blessing that allows us to continue the mission entrusted to us.

This year, I warmly invite you to **come and see the wonderful things happening at St. Theresa School.** Come through our doors, tour our classrooms, meet our faculty and staff, see our students learning and growing, and experience the joy that fills our school. We would love for you to discover firsthand what makes St. Theresa School such a special place.

I also ask each of you to become an *ambassador for St. Theresa School*. When you speak with family members, friends, neighbors, and others in our community, please share the good news about who we are and what we do. If you know a family who is searching for a school where their child can grow academically, spiritually, socially, and emotionally, please invite them to visit us. **Your personal invitation can make a difference.**

There are also many ways you can help strengthen and support our school:

- **Bring a prospective family to tour our school** and experience our Catholic school community.
- **Share the good news of St. Theresa School** with family, friends, and neighbors.
- **Consider supporting an item on our school wish list**, helping us provide the resources our students and teachers need.
- **Participate in and support our school fundraisers** throughout the year.
- **Pray for our students, families, faculty, staff, and school community.**
- Most importantly, **be a voice for St. Theresa School** and help us tell our story.

We are blessed with a dedicated faculty and staff who work each day to provide our children with a strong Catholic education and a foundation rooted in Christ. Yet, the future of our school depends upon all of us. ***Our school belongs to our parish community, and together we can help it grow and flourish.***

As we continue this special journey, I invite you to walk alongside us. Let us celebrate our students, support our teachers, welcome new families, and continue building a bright future for St. Theresa School.

Thank you for your prayers, your generosity, your encouragement, and your love for our school. May God bless our parish and school community as we begin this new school year, and may St. Theresa continue to guide and intercede for us.

With gratitude and blessings,

Conception “Bernie” Gora, Principal
St. Theresa School, Honolulu, Hawai‘i

“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”
Matthew 5:16