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September 20, 2026 - Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Are you envious because I am generous?

Isaiah 55:6–9; Psalm 145:2–3, 8–9, 17–18; Philippians 1:20c–24, 27a; Matthew 20:1–16a

The parable of the vineyard about the Kingdom of God has always made me pause and reflect throughout my years in ministry. I hope it makes you think, too. This story is meant to move us and reveal the resistance that hides in our hearts. We know God is love, but do we love as he does? We know God forgives, but do we forgive as he does? We know God always wants what is best for us, but do we want the same for others?

Today's gospel offers important, though sometimes challenging, lessons about how God thinks and what he values, as shown in the parable of the vineyard. In the story, the vineyard owner welcomes everyone willing to work and pays them all the same wage, including those who arrived late. The workers who labored longer complained, feeling it was unfair. They believed they deserved more because they worked longer. But the vineyard owner responds with love and mercy that transcend our understanding. This is the God we believe in. We may never fully grasp God's mercy, but we know his ways are much higher than ours. Our complaints do not diminish his love and mercy. He wants us to be happy that others joined and received the same reward, even if they came late. As God said in our first reading, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways" (Is. 55:8). It's not easy to think, love, and care as God does, but we can build our lives on his great love for us. In God's vineyard, what matters most is not how much or how long we work, but how much love we put into it.

In real life, complaints often arise, especially from those who started early and worked longer. We need to understand why these complaints happen. Notice the question the vineyard owner asks: "Are you envious because I am generous?" (Matt. 20:15). This question is for all of us. However we answer, it reveals the jealousy that can hide behind our sense of fairness. When we face this question, the story becomes personal, and we see how envy can lead us to resist God's ways. Envy leads to bitterness and keeps us from being happy for others when they are blessed. Where envy and selfishness exist, confusion and all kinds of trouble follow. It can fill our minds and lead us into sin. Envy becomes a mortal sin if we wish serious harm on someone else (cf. James 3:14, CCC 2539).

So how can we deal with envy? Here are some practical ideas to try this week. These steps help make Jesus more visible in our lives, as St. Paul writes in his letter to the Philippians, "Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death" (Phil. 1:20).

First, we need to admit that envy hurts us. The person who holds onto envy is the one who gets hurt first. It is like a boomerang that always comes back. When we realize how pointless envy is, we can avoid falling into negative thinking.

Second, we should learn to laugh at ourselves and stop comparing ourselves to others. Whether we feel jealous of someone's success or think we are better, it is a trap. Instead, we should remember our own faults, even those no one else knows about.

Finally, we need to humble ourselves before God and ask him to help us focus on his amazing love for all. We should avoid speaking ill of others and instead choose



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to do good, even when it's hard. As our patron St. Therese said, "You know well enough that our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions or their difficulty but the love with which we do them."

It is a privilege to be part of the Lord's vineyard. We are not merely workers; we share in the life and greatness of the vineyard's owner. God comes to us in a humble, simple way through the Holy Eucharist. His greatness is hidden in this gentle form to reveal his tenderness, so that when we receive him, we are not afraid but filled with awe and wonder. When we receive Jesus, we receive the kingdom itself. If we truly receive the Holy Eucharist in faith, there is no room for envy, only for doing good with great love for others. *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. On the Temporariness of Life

Life is beautiful, and we value each moment. Yet when faced with threats to our safety, such as recent hurricane warnings and the possibility of another severe storm, it is natural to feel anxious. These events underscore life's fragility. Many felt anxious while traveling home, buying and storing food, and watching others seek safety. Such moments remind us of life's delicate nature. No amount of life insurance can put our hearts and minds at peace; only our surrender to God, who knows how we end our journey, can do that.

It is humbling to recognize that life is fragile and limited, much like a cell phone battery. Unlike a battery, however, life cannot be recharged. Even at its peak, it could end at any moment.

For those over 50, it is clear that much of life has already passed. Since life cannot be recharged, we must be mindful of how we spend our time and energy, because we cannot regain what we have lost. This understanding encourages us to use our remaining years wisely and intentionally. For those who follow Jesus, this awareness inspires us to make each moment meaningful, whether by spending time with loved ones, pursuing our passions, or serving others. We should choose joy over regret or resentment, because each moment is unique and will not return.

St. Paul urges us to let go of bitterness, anger, shouting, and malice, a step even more important than removing external adversaries (cf. Eph 4:31). Often, our greatest challenges are internal, including negative thoughts, self-doubt, and fear. Suppressing these feelings can leave us unfulfilled. By releasing bitterness and resentment, we create space for gratitude, which helps us recognize God's blessings and fosters generosity and patience toward others.

From this perspective, we see life as a gift rather than a burden. We express gratitude for past experiences and future opportunities alike. Gratitude fosters generosity, which in turn brings joy—the joy of heaven. This joy is the reward of a meaningful life with Jesus and motivates us to make the most of every moment and seek true fulfillment.

(Fr. MAH)



The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults Faith Formation sessions continue this Tuesday, September 22nd.

The OCIA faith formation sessions are for those seeking to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, but we welcome those who would like to know more about the Catholic faith.

Come join us! Our topic this week is:

"Man and Woman in the Beginning"
as we learn about God's work in creation.

Tuesday - September 22nd at 6:30pm, room 107 (STS Bldg.)

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

Chaminade University-Parish Health Event



Chaminade University
School of Nursing

Mental Health Awareness

Learn how to recognize warning signs, respond with care, and connect people to support.

SEPTEMBER 20

6:30 AM – 12:30 PM

CO-CATHEDRAL OF ST. THERESA OF THE
CHILD JESUS

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

COME LEARN • ASK QUESTIONS • BUILD CONFIDENCE



Weekly Offering Report

For September 8, 2026 - September 13, 2026



SAINT THERESA SCHOOL
CONTACT INFORMATION
 Office Phone: 808-536-4703

Weekly Collections Online Giving

SUNDAY Mass Offering	\$ 10,473.00	\$ 1,199.63
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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. ***

<i>Parish Savings with the Diocese as of July 31, 2026</i>	\$ 272,811.77
<i>CCST Columbaria Savings as of July 31, 2026</i>	\$ 4,869.06
<i>Outstanding PV Loan with the Diocese as of July 31, 2026</i>	\$ 263,448.52

2nd Offering on Sept. 26 & 27 is for



Support the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal
 to strengthen parishes, schools, and ministries, bringing hope and
 God's love to those in need.

Mahalo for your generosity!



Second Collections:

September 19-20 for the Facilities Improvement
 September 26-27 for the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal
Mahalo for your generosity.

2nd Offering this weekend -9/19 & 20- is for the

for the
Facilities Improvement

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Website: www.stshi.org

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 -
- 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



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

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF HONOLULU



Parent's Café

Sunday, Sept 27, 2026

*Come and join us for fellowship
with other parents!*

**From 8:30 am - 9:30 am
at the Parish Hall.**



CCST Family Faith Formation Team

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

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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

September 21, 2026

*Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and
evangelist*

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13

September 22, 2026

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

Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Luke 8:19-21

September 23, 2026

*Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina,
Priest*

Proverbs 30:5-9; Luke 9:1-6

September 24, 2026

*Thursday of the Twenty-fifth Week in
Ordinary Time*

Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9

September 25, 2026

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

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22

September 26, 2026

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

Ecclesiastes 11:9—12:8; Luke 9:43b-45

September 27, 2026

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11;
Matthew 21:28-32



EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

JUBILEE OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI
(800th Death Anniversary)

Sts. Peter & Paul Church to
Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa

Saturday, October 3, 2026

PROCESSION INFORMATION | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026



Walking Distance:
Approximately
3.2 miles



Estimated
Walking Time:
2–2½ hours



STARTING POINT: STS. PETER AND PAUL CHURCH

800 Kaheka Street, Honolulu, HI 96814

8:00 A.M. – Holy Mass

Following Mass – Briefing and final reminders

9:00 A.M. – Departure of the Eucharistic Procession



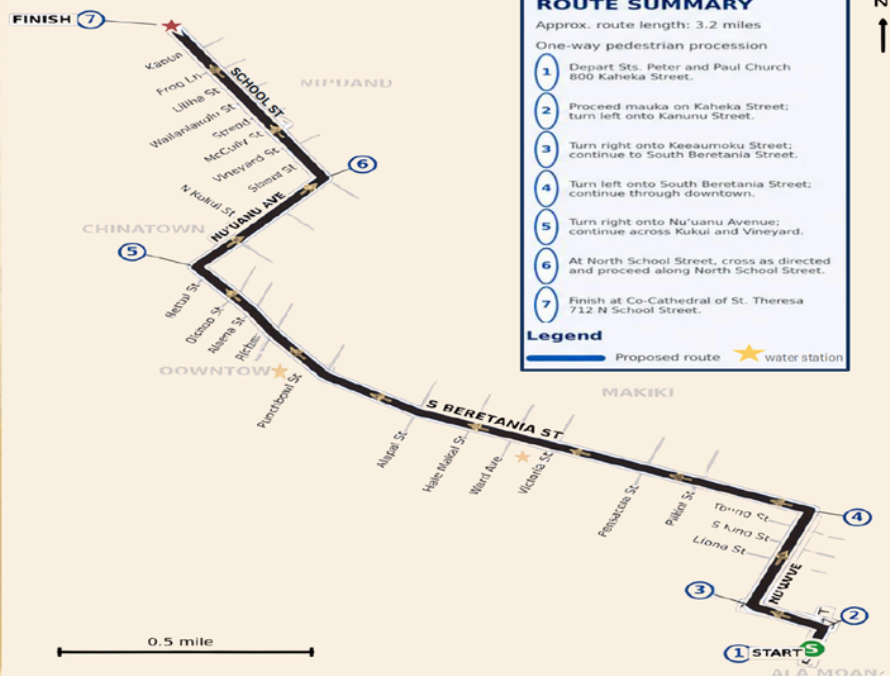
FINAL DESTINATION: CO-CATHEDRAL OF ST. THERESA

712 N. School Street, Honolulu, HI 96817

Estimated Arrival: 11:30 A.M.

11:30 A.M. - 12:00 NOON —

Confessions, Prayers and Benediction



REGISTRATION IS A MUST.



Scan the QR code
or visit our website
to register online:

<https://www.sspeterpaulhawaii.org/eucharisticprocession>

REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE ON
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 12PM.

*"I prefer
Heaven."*

ST. DAMIEN
OF MOLOKAI

*Peace
and all good."*

— ST. FRANCIS
OF ASSISI

*"Let us
always be
kind."*

ST. MARIANNE
COPE

UNABLE TO WALK THE PROCESSION? JOIN THE PILGRIMAGE IN PRAYER

Those unable to join the St. Francis Jubilee Eucharistic Procession are invited to a special spiritual talk by Sr. Alicia Lau, OSF, who serves in the Kalaupapa Settlement.

Sr. Alicia will reflect on the Franciscan Values and witness of St Damien and St. Marianne Cope.

A SPECIAL TALK

"Franciscan Hearts in Kalaupapa"

*How St. Damien and St. Marianne Cope
Embraced the Franciscan Values
in Kalaupapa*



Saturday
03 October 2026



10:30 A.M.
Spiritual Talk
11:30 A.M.
Benediction



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*Their lives call us
to serve, to love, and
to see Christ in the least.*

JUBILEE OF ST FRANCIS
EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION



03 OCTOBER 2026

*"What you do for the least
of my brothers and sisters,
you do for me."*

— MATTHEW 25:40