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September 21, 2025 - Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) Be God's Trustworthy Steward

Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113:1-2,2-6,7-8; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13

How can we be trustworthy stewards of God's blessings? Being stewards of God's blessings presupposes that we recognize that God is the owner and cause of everything we have and are. As stewards, we are meant to be caretakers, custodians, attendants, or administrators of all that we have and are.

When we truly accept this truth—that we are stewards, not owners—we come to realize that life is less about acquiring and more about giving, less about possessing and more about sharing. The material and spiritual gifts we are entrusted with find their true meaning when they are given freely and shared out of love. These gifts have the power to transform lives and can lead to extraordinary experiences that one might never have imagined in their lifetime.

Let us consider pondering and embracing these three forms of stewardship:

Be a steward of justice. Being a follower of Jesus should influence how we raise our families, perform our jobs, cast our votes, and spend our leisure time, among other aspects of life. The prophet Amos condemned those who engaged in religious practices while simultaneously committing unjust acts, such as manipulating the prices of grain and wheat, fixing scales to cheat others, and other unfair practices that harmed the poor (cf. Amos 8:5-6). He reminds us that God sees these injustices and is angered by them, prophesying the inevitable consequences for those who cause suffering to the needy. The psalm emphasizes that we should not oppress or act unjustly toward the poor, as God uplifts and loves them (cf. Psalm 113). Our faith should influence all that we do, and whatever actions we take should serve the Lord.

Be a steward of prayer. St. Paul instructs Timothy to be a prayerful steward and to intercede for kings and those in positions of authority so that they do not oppress others (cf. 1 Tim. 2:2). St. Paul understands that being a leader is not easy due to the temptations of power abuse, exploitation, and corruption.

Praying for all people, especially those in leadership roles within the community, reflects our faith in God. It shows that our Father in heaven desires all to repent and receive the salvation offered by our Lord Jesus (cf. 2 Pet. 3:9). As followers of Jesus, we embody this conviction when we pray for both the temporal and spiritual needs of others. St. Paul states, "This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim. 2:3).

Be a wise and prudent steward. Jesus teaches us the importance of being resourceful and clever regarding our eternal destiny. If those who do evil can be so cunning in their actions, why shouldn't those who strive for good be equally creative in their efforts to contribute to God's kingdom? We are called to pay as much attention to the spiritual side of our lives as we do to the material side. The care we take for our souls is the best investment we can make since our souls have an eternal destiny and will last forever.

We must be prudent and wise with all that we have. Our resources are intended not only to improve our own lives but also to prepare our souls for heaven by using what we have to assist others and support the Church's ministry in protecting the vulnerable and helping the poor. A Church that does not protect the vulnerable and help the poor is not the Church that Our Lord. Jesus established (cf. Matt. 25:31-46).

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At the end of our lives, we all will give a final accounting to God. May the treasure we have in our own hands bring us to our salvation, not our condemnation. May the time we wisely spent on earth lead us in union with God, not eternal separation. And may we look back with a smile and not be filled with regrets that we loved too little, too late. It's our call, our choice to live as genuine, trustworthy stewards of God.

Fr. Manny Hewe, Pastor





Year of Jubilee: Family of Pilgrims of Hope – Haven of Forgiveness

It's important to acknowledge that no family is perfect. We all all have our imperfections. We do

not have perfect parents; we are not perfect ourselves. We do not marry perfect people, nor do we have perfect children. We have complaints about each other, and we often experience disappointment toward each other for various reasons.

However, we shouldn't exacerbate the situation with toxic comments, nor simply give up and do nothing. There is a transformative way to thrive despite these imperfections: forgiveness. Healthy marriages and families cannot flourish without it. Forgiveness is the key to family joy, emotional well-being, and spiritual health, regardless of the offense or the offender.

Forgiveness is the cleansing of the soul, the purification of the spirit, and the liberation of the heart. It's a healing balm, soothing the wounds of the heart. It not only heals the one who forgives but also fosters peace and harmony within the entire family.

On the other hand, unforgiveness acts as a toxic poison, turning a family into a battleground of conflict and a fortress of negativity. Holding on to the pain of unforgiveness is a self-destructive choice, a stark reminder of the urgency of forgiveness. Those who refuse to forgive are deprived of peace in their souls and cannot truly connect with God. They suffer physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

A family should be a haven of forgiveness—a place of life rather than death, a paradise instead of a hell, a source of healing instead of disgrace, and a refuge of understanding rather than guilt. Families should be pilgrims of hope, united as a home of forgiveness rather than enemies.

Let us remember the words of our Lord when Peter asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times" (Matt 18:21-22).

Fr. MAH

Weekly Offering Report For September 8, 2025 - September 14, 2025

Weekly Collections Online Giving

SUNDAY Mass Offering \$ 10,454.50 \$ 566.53

*** 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.

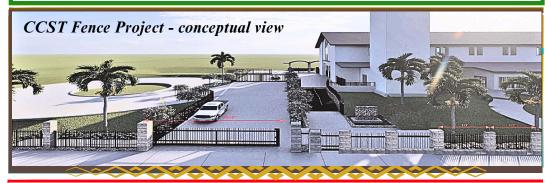
Parish Savings with the Diocese as of August 31, 2025 Outstanding Parish Loan with the Diocese as of August 31, 2025 Outstanding PV Loan with the Diocese as of August 31, 2025 \$ 73,005.31 27,270.44

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Second Collections:

September 20 - 21 for the Debt Reduction of Parish Loan October 4 - 5 for the Ohana in Christ Diocesan Appeal October 11 - 12 for the Repairs and Maintenance

Mahalo for your generosity.





West Honolulu Vicariate Presents
JUBILEE YEAR 2025 SPIRITUAL CONFERENCES

@ Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa
(with Holy Hour and Confession)

October 15, 2025 @6:00 PM - Speaker: Fr. Royd Mweemba Theme: PILGRIMS OF HOPE IN COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISION

November 19, 2025 @ 6:00 PM - Speaker: Fr. Steve Nguyen Theme: GRATEFUL HEARTS: A PATHWAY TO HOPE



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- Principal/Music 1-8 Conception (Bernie) Gora
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 Lauren Ramirez-Asaeda
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- Admission Clerk/Office Assistant -Stephanie Lou Ondayog
- Dean of Discipline/Athletic Director/4 & 5 Health/Art -Francine Caetano-Fontanilla
- Preschool Director/Teacher -Magdalena Collins
- PK-8 PE & MS Health Jayven Bumanglag
- Preschool Aide Elaine Jane Gonzalez
- Kindergarten Aide & Resource Teacher - Lenie Macadangdang
- Kindergarden Teacher Leilani Tanaka
- PK, Kindergarden Religion & Liturgy Coordinator - Sr. Ana Fua Dela Cruz, SPC
- 1st Grade Marvin Macadangdang
- 2nd Grade/Sacramental Prep Faith Afu
- Creative Music K-3 Johnelle Silva
- 3rd Grade Teacher Sibel Mestanova
- 4th Grade Teacher Laura Gabriel
- 5th Grade Teacher Taiena Finau
- Middle School Social Studies & Math 6 - Alyssa Yabes
- 7 & 8 Language Arts/7 & 8 Home Economics - Dr. Frances Wong
- Middle School Religion Shaun Agtarap
- Math 7 Christian Raquepo
- Middle School Japanese/7 & 8
 Arts/ Marketing Tiani Quon
- MS Science Peter Park
- Permanent Sub Bernadette Lopez
- Maintenance Edwin Kaaihue
- Custodian Romeo John Cabarrubias



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

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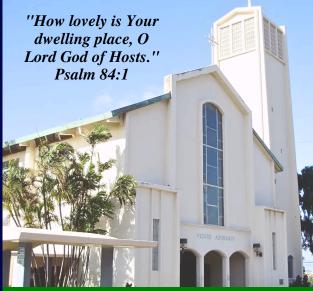
Facilities Custodian

Noraliza Tapec

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Felipe Tan Joan Mabag

Custodian



Daily Mass Readings www.usccb.org

September 22, 2025 Monday of the Twenty-fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18

September 23, 2025 Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21

September 24, 2025 Wednesday of the Twenty-fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Ezra 9:5-9: Luke 9:1-6

September 25, 2025 Thursday of the Twenty-fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9

September 26, 2025 Friday of the Twenty-fifth Week in Ordinary Time Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22

September 27, 2025 Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45

September 28, 2025 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31