



Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

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September 27, 2026 - Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Renewing Our Yes to God

Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm 25:4-5,6-7,8-9; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

How does your "yes" to God make a difference in your life?

Many of us were baptized when we were young. Back then, the priest asked our parents and godparents to answer questions about the Church's faith on our behalf. Now, as baptized Catholics, we renew these promises every year at Easter. This is called the Renewal of Baptismal Promises. During this time, we are asked these questions again, and we answer clearly, "Yes, I do!"

- Do you reject sin so as to live in the freedom of God's children?
- Do you reject the glamour of evil and refuse to be mastered by sin?
- Do you reject Satan, Father of sin, and the prince of darkness?
- Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth?
- Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?
- Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

Saying YES to God shapes how we live our faith. When we truly mean our baptismal promises, God's grace helps us do good in the world. Still, we have to admit that our "yes" is sometimes weak or uncertain, and our actions don't always align with what we say we believe.

The Gospel story of the two sons invites us to reflect on our choices, especially how we live our faith. One son initially said no to his father but later changed his mind and did what was asked. The other son said yes but did not follow through. This parable shows that God welcomes those who admit their mistakes and are willing to change (cf. 21:28-32). Although Jesus told this story to the chief priests and elders, it also speaks to us. Like them, we might feel challenged by Jesus' warning that people often seen as outcasts, such as tax collectors and prostitutes, could enter the Kingdom of God before us if we take our faith for granted. It echoes the prophet Ezekiel's warning about the consequences of our choices (cf. Ez. 18:26-28).

We all need to keep asking whether our lives show our "yes" to God. Our "yes" only matters if our actions match our words. Jesus said in the Gospel of Matthew, "Not everyone who calls Him Lord will enter the Kingdom of God; only those who do His Father's will" (Matt. 7:21). We find true freedom and joy by choosing what is good, true, and beautiful, following Jesus' example. St. Paul urges us to be humble and obedient like Jesus and reminds us that real freedom comes from accepting and following the Truth. He says, "Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also those of others" (Phil. 2:3-4).

Our patron, St. Therese, lived out St. Paul's advice by loving Jesus deeply. She was happy to be known as St. Therese of the Child Jesus. Can we find the same joy by being called "the Child Jesus" too? Let's pray and try each day to live as a CHILD:

- **C**hoosing a life of charity in gratitude for the blessings received;
- **H**umbly recognizing God's forgiveness and reaching out to forgive others;
- **I**nspiring others to love and serve God;



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- **L**ovingly leading others to the Church where Christ is proclaimed;
- **D**evoting oneself to prayer for those who are ill or in need and for those who have lost their way.

Let us humbly beg God for the grace to strengthen our “yes, I do” each time we celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. One of the greatest miracles in receiving the Holy Eucharist is the healing of the mind and body, if God deems it worthy. What God perpetually offers and wills to give is the forgiveness of our sins. We are restored as sons and daughters of God, empowered to choose and live as his beloved “CHILD.”

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.

SILENCE AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

People often overlook or misunderstand the silence after Communion in the Holy Eucharist. Many rush through this part of Mass. Even as the choir sings, some are already thinking about leaving or checking the time. Yet spiritually, this is one of the most meaningful moments of the Mass. The silence is full of meaning. After Communion, the Church becomes quiet on purpose. It is not because nothing is happening, but because everything important has already happened.

At this point, Christ has entered our bodies, and heaven has touched our souls. We have received the Sacrifice in a personal way. Words are no longer enough. Before Communion, we pray, speak, sing, and respond. After Communion, the Church steps back because God is now closer to us than our own breath. This is a time for presence, not for many words. It is like two people who love each other sitting quietly together, or a child resting in a parent's arms. Our souls now rest in Christ. In this silence, grace settles into the soul, healing happens, strength is given in ways we cannot see, and Christ is with us from within. This is not just a symbol. We have truly received the Living God. The Church knows this moment is too sacred to interrupt.

Silence can feel uncomfortable. Some people fill this time with thoughts, movements, or distractions. But the Church invites us to something deeper: to stay, listen, and reflect. This silence is our own holy ground. The altar is holy, but after Communion we become the altar because Christ dwells in us. This silence is not meant for boredom but for closeness with God. It is a time when Heaven whispers rather than speaking out loud.

So take your time and do not rush through the silence after Communion. In this stillness, God is completing His work in our souls. Silence is the only response fitting this mystery.

(Fr. MAH)

OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation for Adults
The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults Faith Formation sessions continue this Tuesday, September 29th.

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:

"The Good News: God Sent His Son"

as we learn about God's work in creation.

Tuesday - September 29th at 6:30pm, room 107 (STS Bldg.)

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

Chaminade University-Parish Health Event

STOP THE SPREAD!

**FOCUS ON:
COVID-19, FLU, RSV**

**FREE Blood Pressure
Screenings!**

Learn more about:

- Telling the difference between RSV, COVID-19, and the Flu
- Recognize common signs and symptoms



Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa
712 N School St, Honolulu, HI 96817
6:30AM - 12:30PM
September 27, 2026

Chaminade University of Honolulu
School of Nursing and Health Professions





FEAST DAY of SAINT THERESE of the CHILD JESUS October 1

As we celebrate the Feast Day of our patron Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, let us ponder this question:

What makes you joyful, and where does your joy come from?

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus shows us how to find true joy. Her happiness came not from money or grand accomplishments, but from a close relationship with God. She found joy by staying committed to doing God's will. She believed that true happiness comes from following God's purpose and accepting whatever happens. By accepting even hard times as part of God's plan, she found peace and joy, even when life was difficult.

She shared her spiritual path, the "Little Way," which is about finding God in everyday life. She believed we can meet God through small acts of love, such as a smile, a prayer, or a kind gesture. She said, "Never miss a single opportunity to make a small sacrifice, whether it's a smiling look or a kind word; always do the smallest right and do it all for love." These simple things brought her happiness. Rather than seeking big or special moments, she valued small acts of love. By paying attention to these moments, she grew more grateful and saw how each kind word or action adds to God's love in the world. Her joy reminds us that we can long for heaven by doing small things on earth with great love.

Trusting in God's love was at the heart of St. Thérèse's joy. She found comfort in God's mercy, especially when we face our own sins. She said, "I'm not relying on my own merits, as I have none; rather, I place my hope in Him who is goodness and holiness itself." She believed that God's love is greater than our mistakes and that His mercy is always there, ready to welcome us back.

She didn't see suffering as a burden but as a way to grow closer to Christ. She said, "Do not think that love can be found without suffering, for we carry our human nature with us; and yet, what a source of merit it is!" She believed that facing hard times lets us show our love for God and share in the meaning of Christ's suffering.

As we celebrate our parish's Feast Day of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, let's ask her to help us find the same joy she knew—the joy that comes from living with charity, trust, and love for Jesus, who said, "I will give you my joy, so that your joy will be complete" (Jn. 15:11).

Happy Patronal Feast Day to All!

Fr. Manny Hewe
Pastor

"I will spend my heaven doing good on earth."

Words spoken by St. Therese of the Child Jesus during the final months of her life, July 17, 1897



St. Therese of the Child Jesus

St. Thérèse was canonized on May 17, 1925, October 1, 2026, marks the 101st anniversary of her canonization.

Important Dates in the life of our parish patron saint:

January 2, 1873 – St. Therese's Birthday

January 4, 1873 – Baptism

August 28, 1877 – Death of her Mother, Zélie Guérin

October 2, 1882 – Pauline, her sister, enters Carmel

May 13, 1883 – Our Lady's Smile; Therese Healing

May 8, 1884 – First Communion

June 14, 1884 – Confirmation

December 25, 1886 – Christmas Conversion

November 20, 1887 – Audience with Pope Leo XIII

April 9, 1888 – Entry into Carmel

January 10, 1889 – Therese takes the habit

September 8, 1890 – Profession of Vows

July 29, 1894 – Death of her Father, Louis Martin

July 8, 1897 – Therese enters the infirmary

September 30, 1897 – Her Death, Entry into Heaven

September 30, 1898 – Her autobiography "Story of a Soul" is published

June 10, 1914 – Cause of Beatification Introduced at Rome

April 29, 1923 – Beatification

May 17, 1925 – Canonization

October 19, 1997 – Declared Doctor of the Church

Learn more about the life of St. Therese of the Child Jesus
by walking through the "**Pilgrimage of the Little Way**"
located at the back of the sanctuary of the church.



Come, Spend Time with the Lord!

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All are warmly invited to
spend an hour or more
in the presence of our Lord
every Friday, beginning
October 2.



Friday Eucharistic Adoration

will be held **every Friday** throughout the year,
beginning after the **8:00 AM Mass**
and continuing until **6:30 PM.**



The school, the Co-Cathedral, and the
Vietnamese Community will take **turns**
throughout the day to ensure that the Blessed
Sacrament is accompanied in prayer.

*Come and experience
the peace, grace, and blessings
of spending quiet time
with Jesus.*

*Set aside an hour
for the Lord—*

*come, pray, and be renewed
in His presence!*



Happy Priesthood Sunday



Fr. Manny Hewe



Fr. John Akau

ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX'S PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

*O Jesus, eternal Priest,
keep your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart,
where none may touch them.*

*Keep unstained their anointed hands,
which daily touch Your Sacred Body.*

*Keep unsullied their lips,
daily purpled with your Precious Blood.*

*Keep pure and unearthly their hearts,
sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood.*

Let Your holy love surround them and shield them from the world's contagion.

*Bless their labors with abundant fruit and
may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and
consolation here and in heaven their beautiful and
everlasting crown.*



Weekly Offering Report

For September 14, 2026 - September 20, 2026



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

Weekly Collections Online Giving

SUNDAY Mass Offering	\$ 9,928.00	\$ 652.80
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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 August 31, 2026 **\$ 276,791.80**

CCST Columbaria Savings as of August 31, 2026 **\$ 4,873.20**

Outstanding PV Loan with the Diocese as of August 31, 2026 **\$ 257,560.72**

October-Rosary Month 2026

Rosary Rally @ the Grotto

6:30 pm (except Wed - 7pm)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Assigned Rally Prayer Leaders but All are Welcome!				1 Altar Servers K of PC	2 Lectors Youth Ministry	3 EMHC Legion of Mary FCC
4 Chuukese Marian Devotees	5 Vietnamese Community	6 LEM Social Ministry Ushers	7 Religious Education Music STS 7:00 pm	8 Altar Servers K of PC	9 Lectors Youth Ministry	10 EMHC Legion of Mary FCC
11 Chuukese Marian Devotees	12 Vietnamese Community	13 LEM Social Ministry Ushers	14 Religious Education Music STS 7:00 pm	15 Altar Servers K of PC	16 Lectors Youth Ministry	17 EMHC Legion of Mary FCC
18 Chuukese Marian Devotees	19 Vietnamese Community	20 LEM Social Ministry Ushers	21 Religious Education Music STS 7:00 pm	22 Altar Servers K of PC	23 Lectors Youth Ministry	24 EMHC Legion of Mary FCC
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YOU'RE INVITED!

Join Us

Second Collections:

September 26-27 for the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

October 10-11 for the Repairs and Maintenance

Mahalo for your generosity.

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!



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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

Feast of St. Therese of the Child Jesus

Sept 22-30 - Novena to St. Therese

Oct 1 (Thurs) - Feast Day of St. Therese

Mass @ 8:00 am w/ St. Theresa School
(6:30 am mass is cancelled)

- We will give-out roses and
St. Therese prayer cards after the mass

Oct 3 & 4 - All Weekend Masses celebration

w/ light refreshment after each mass

Come to mass in your Aloha attire or ministry shirts.

Oct 10 (Sat) - St. Theresa Market Fair and

Family Day 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Let's celebrate!



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



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

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Pinky Mendoza

Office Coordinator

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Earl Morita

Church Grounds Maintenance

Jennifer Asuncion

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Samy Ratum

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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

Daily Mass Readings

www.usccb.org

September 28, 2026

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

Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50

September 29, 2026

*Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and
Raphael, Archangels*

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12ab; John 1:47-51

September 30, 2026

*Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and
Doctor of the Church*

Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Luke 9:57-62

October 1, 2026

*Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child
Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

Job 19:21-27; Luke 10:1-12

October 2, 2026

Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels

Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5;

Matthew 18:1-5, 10

October 3, 2026

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

Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24

October 4, 2026

*Twenty-seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9;

Matthew 21:33-43