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September 6, 2026 - Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) **On Fraternal Correction and Bringing Healing.**

Ezekiel 33:7-9; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

St. John Cantius, the patron saint of Poland and a great example of humility and charity, once said, "Fight all error, but do it with good humor, patience, kindness, and love. Harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best cause." His advice is not always easy to follow, but it shows us a truly Christian way to handle mistakes: with gentleness instead of harshness. When we let anger take over, it can hurt us and weaken our good intentions.

I remember a time when I asked a parishioner to move his car from a spot where parking was not allowed. Later, a staff member told me she had already asked him to park properly, but he ignored her. I became frustrated, went to him again, and spoke sharply, warning him not to park there again. He probably did not expect me to react that way. I regret how I handled the situation. We need God's help to follow St. John Cantius' wise advice, which aligns with this weekend's Scripture readings.

God tells us through the Prophet Ezekiel that we have a duty to warn and correct others. If we ignore this, we share responsibility for what happens (cf. Ez. 33:7-8). We should not just watch others make mistakes, but speak the truth with respect. Sometimes people might misunderstand and think we are interfering. In those times, we can pray the Responsorial Psalm: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts" (Ps 95:7). We ask God to soften the hearts of those who have gone astray so they can hear Him. St. Paul also reminds us that correcting others should come from love for our neighbor and from seeing everyone's dignity before God. We are called to respect, care for, and value others because they are made in God's image.

The Gospel reading brings these lessons together. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus teaches us to correct others with love when they make mistakes. He gives us a process: First, talk privately with the person instead of gossiping, since gossip only spreads negativity. If that does not work, ask one or two trusted people to help. In serious cases, go to the right authorities. The goal is always to heal and restore relationships. If nothing else works, Jesus says to treat the person as a Gentile or tax collector, which means stepping back and praying for them. This way, we are honest, speak openly, and show compassion. It can be hard, but often just talking to the person is enough. The goal is not to blame but to repair and rebuild relationships. What matters most is healing and making peace.

Let's remember how the gospel ends. Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Mat 18:19-20). When we pray with others, Jesus is with us and grants us grace. His presence is even stronger when we receive Him in the Holy Eucharist. Receiving the Eucharist means welcoming Jesus, the Lord and the source of reconciliation. Jesus forgives us first, and His mercy restores our dignity. Because we have received mercy, we are called to share it with others.



I remember a story about a parishioner who showed me how to live out Jesus' teachings. She was a mother whose college-age daughter had run away to live with her boyfriend. At first, she was angry and wanted to confront them. But she paused and asked



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herself, "What is God telling me?" Instead of reacting in anger, she spent a month praying and reading the Bible. She pictured Jesus with her as she shared her feelings. Through this, she remembered the love she had always given her daughter and realized she could not give up on her now. She saw that she needed to change herself before correcting her daughter and learned how important reconciliation is. When she was ready, she went to her daughter and future son-in-law with humility and shared Scripture with them. They began to talk openly and honestly. In the end, her daughter and her boyfriend graduated, found jobs, married in the Church, and now have two children. The mother's story shows the wisdom of our Lord Jesus.

We give glory and praise to our Lord for the clear and helpful wisdom in today's readings. Now, as people who listen to His Word, let's put it into action. We ask for the grace to respond with good humor, patience, kindness, and love instead of harshness.

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.

"Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy."

At the beginning of the Mass, before the readings, the Creed, and the preparation of the Holy Sacrifice at the altar, the priest calls three times for God's mercy: 'Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.' The early Church Fathers called this "the cry of the blind man on the road," which moved Jesus to respond (Luke 18:38). It is the plea of the sinner, the desperate, and of a world in need.

When the priest says 'Lord, have mercy' (Kyrie Eleison), he brings to God the pain of the faithful, the sins of the world, the quiet tears of mothers, the hidden shame of sinners, and the cries of orphans, widows, refugees, and the downtrodden, placing them in the wounds of Jesus Christ. When the faithful respond from their hearts, God's anger lessens, not because God is cruel, but because God is just and justice requires reparation that begins in that moment. This is more than tradition; it is a spiritual battle. The words 'Lord, have mercy' are not just emotional. They are sacramental, calling on Jesus Christ, who sits at the right hand of the Father and intercedes through his wounds. Heaven listens, angels grow quiet, and the gap between our world and God begins to close. The Mass thus becomes what it truly is, a perpetual realization of Christ's saving mission.

Whenever the priest says 'Lord, have mercy!', do not just answer. Pray with purpose. In that moment, you join the blind, the leper, and the thief on the Cross, all seeking healing, salvation, and mercy from God. Jesus answered them then, and he answers now. Say these words with faith, because sometimes the most powerful prayer is simply: "Lord, have mercy."

(Fr. MAH)



The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults 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

"Bringing About the Obedience of Faith"

Tuesday - September 8th at 6:30pm, room 107 (STS Bldg.)

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



**Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa
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Blessing for Expectant Mothers

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 24, 2026 - August 30, 2026



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- Preschool Aftercare - Janna Isidro
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- Kindergarten Aide - Lenie Macadangdang
- 1st Grade - Marvin Macadangdang
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- 3rd Grade Teacher - Sibel Mestanova
- 4th Grade Teacher - Laura Gabriel
- 4 Religion/4 & 5 Art - Francine Caetano-Fontanilla
- 5th Grade/Math 5-8 - Christian Raqueto
- 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

Weekly Collections Online Giving

SUNDAY Mass Offering	\$ 10,595.00	\$ 845.55
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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**

Save the Date

COME JOIN US!

Feast of St. Therese

Market Fair and Family Day

TUESDAY | 10 OCT 2026 | 9 AM - 2 PM

Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa | 712 North School St.

snacks / food / vegetables / plants /
crafts bingo and other games for children
and young at ❤️ and many more

Proceeds will go to our church roofing project
and support for St. Theresa School

FAMILY - JOY - FUN - ALL - FRIENDS - FAMILY - JOY - ALL

Second Collections:

September 5-6 for the Catholic University of America

September 19-20 for the Facilities Improvement

Mahalo for your generosity.

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

FORMING MINDS. STRENGTHING FAITH.
SUPPORT THE NEXT GENERATION OF CATHOLIC LEADERS

GIVE AT COLLECTION.CATHOLIC.EDU

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

Since 1903, Catholics across the country have helped build up The Catholic University of America through the National Collection.

As the national university of the Catholic Church, your gift helps to prepare priests and lay ministers to serve the Church through graduate and undergraduate programs in canon law, evangelization, preaching and catechesis, ecclesial management, sacred music, and more.

Mahalo for your generosity!





*"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

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Daily Mass Readings

www.usccb.org

September 7, 2026

Monday of the Twenty-third Week in Ordinary Time

1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11

September 8, 2026

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30;
Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

September 9, 2026

Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest [In the Dioceses of the United States]

1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26

September 10, 2026

Thursday of the Twenty-third Week in Ordinary Time

1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13;
Luke 6:27-38

September 11, 2026

Friday of the Twenty-third Week in Ordinary Time

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27;
Luke 6:39-42

September 12, 2026

Saturday of the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Luke 6:43-49

September 13, 2026

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:30—28:7; Romans 14:7-9;
Matthew 18:21-35