



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

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## *September 7, 2025 - 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)* *Gratitude, the Heart of Giving and Doing.*

**Wisdom 9:13-18b; Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33**

"In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge" (Ps 90:1). This Responsorial Psalm reminds us that we have a God who never abandons us but remains our refuge in all times and seasons, a God who comes to rescue us when we call upon him, renewing our lives through his love again and again.

Gratitude is the fitting response and posture for being blessed by God's saving actions in our lives. In our parish community, gratitude is at the heart of our discipleship way of life. We serve and give because we recognize that everything we are, everything we have, and everything we do is a result of God's gifts. We no longer base our serving and giving on what others are offering, nor do we excuse ourselves because we do not see others doing the same. We serve and give proportionately to all God has given us through a consistent and honest offering of our time, talent, and treasure.

When gratitude is the heart and the reason behind what we do, there is joy in doing it. There is the profound joy of having done something for others. Joy is the expansion of the heart. The heart expands, like open hands, when it is full of joy, but it constricts, like tightly closed fists, when it focuses only on itself. Closed hands can never make a beautiful melody, but open hands do. (Try clapping with your closed hands.)

Gratitude allows us to rise above mediocrity. It inspires us to make the best of our circumstances, even amidst the routine of daily life. Practicing gratitude opens us to understanding the cost of discipleship referenced in our Gospel this Sunday. Our Lord challenges us that, if we wish to follow Him wholeheartedly, we must be radically detached from self-importance and wealth, and even from our families and friends (cf. Lk 14:26-27). It means practicing the art of letting go and allowing God to be God, starting with small things, until we cultivate a spirit of self-sacrifice and attachment to God, truth, and His will.

The Book of Wisdom provides insight into this teaching. We are reminded that "the corruptible body burdens the soul, and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns" (Wis 9:15). Excessive attachment to material things, and even to people, can hinder us from giving ourselves entirely to Jesus. Life and material blessings are temporary, fleeting, and impermanent, no matter how beautiful or significant they may appear. However, our relationship with God endures and awaits its perfection in heaven, not our possessions.

Of course, this is easier said than done. There are significant challenges along the journey of our Christian discipleship, especially when it comes to understanding how far we can go in following Jesus. We are constantly tested in our ability to sustain our love for Him and to remain faithful disciples. Often, choosing to do what is right and holy may lead to discomfort or burdens that we must bear. However, this discomfort is beneficial, as we want to avoid regretting not doing what is right and holy for Jesus later in life.

Gratitude opens our hearts to God and allows us to connect with others in ways beyond our imagination. This must have been St. Paul's mindset while he was in prison. He sent Onesimus, a runaway slave, back to Philemon and appealed to Philemon to treat Onesimus as he would welcome and receive Paul himself in their community (cf. Phil 1:16-17). Treating others with dignity and respect, recognizing them as brothers and sisters in Christ, is a tangible sign of Christian discipleship. It would be impossible to discuss discipleship without this principle or





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to practice it without a genuine care for others; otherwise, it would merely be a show.

Like Onesimus, we are no longer slaves; we have been redeemed. The passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ have given us dignity as sons and daughters of God. We are called to live out this dignity by serving and caring for others in gratitude for the blessings God has bestowed upon our lives.

Fr. Manny Hewe, Pastor

## Learn about the Flu & Covid-19

Sunday, September 7, 2025  
6:30am - 12:30p

Co-Cathedral of Saint Theresa

### Please Join Us!

- Learn ways to lower your risk of catching the Flu/Covid-19
- Learn about the signs and symptoms of the Flu/Covid-19
- Learn when to seek medical help
- Free blood pressure screening
- Play games, win prizes!

Chaminade University, School of Nursing

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**Catechumenate process begins their journey in understanding the Catholic faith,**

**Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Room 210 (school building)**

We will talk about how we

**"Bring about the Obedience of Faith"**

The OCIA is aimed for those who are seeking to be baptized in the Catholic faith, as well as those desiring to receive the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, but is open for all who are looking to reinvigorate their relationship with Christ.

**We look forward to meeting you this Tuesday evening.**



**Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Production needs you!**

For more information, please contact Tyra Lam at [tlamb@rcchawaii.org](mailto:tlamb@rcchawaii.org)

**Dates to be announced...**



**PILGRIMS OF HOPE: WALK BY FAITH NOT BY SIGHT**  
(2 Cor.5:7)

**WHEN DO WE KNOW THAT WE WALK BY FAITH NOT BY SIGHT?**

**We walk by faith not by sight when prayer takes priority in our day, and gratitude fills our hearts.**

Read and Pray 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18: "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus"

**We walk by faith not by sight when we learn to trust in God's providence.**

Read and Pray Matthew 6:26: "Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they?"

**We walk by faith not by sight when we live with purpose and embrace our mission.**

Read and Pray 1 Corinthians 10:31-33: "So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to Jews or Greeks or the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved."

**We walk by faith not by sight when we keep our eyes on heaven.**

Read and Pray Philippians 3:20-21: "But our citizenship" is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself."

Fr. MAH

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offering this Weekend is for the Catholic university of America**

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# Weekly Offering Report

## For August 25, 2025 - August 31, 2025



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### Weekly Collections Online Giving

SUNDAY Mass Offering	\$ 10,805.50	\$ 583.12
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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. \*\*\*

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.

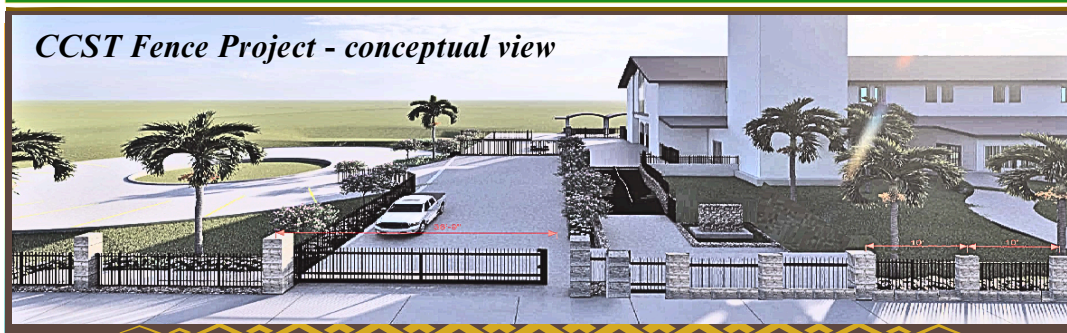
Parish Savings with the Diocese as of July 31, 2025	\$ 85,389.72
Outstanding Parish Loan with the Diocese as of July 31, 2025	35,846.97
Outstanding PV Loan with the Diocese as of July 31, 2025	\$ 295,374.16

### Second Collections:

September 6 - 7 for the Catholic University of America  
 September 20 - 21 for the Debt Reduction of Parish Loan

*Mahalo for your generosity.*

### CCST Fence Project - conceptual view



**West Honolulu Vicariate Presents**  
**JUBILEE YEAR 2025 SPIRITUAL CONFERENCES**  
**@ Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa**  
 (with Holy Hour and Confession)

**September 17, 2025 @ 6:00 PM - Speaker: Fr. Arlan Intal, MS**

Theme: **MARY, OUR MOTHER OF HOPE**

"In her apparition at La Salette on Sept 19, 1846 in France, the Blessed Mother who appeared to 2 children named Maximin and Melanie left a message of hope to make her message known to all people."

**October 15, 2025 @ 6:00 PM - Speaker: Fr. Royd Mweemba**

Theme: **PILGRIMS OF HOPE IN COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION**

### SCHOOL OFFICE STAFF AND FACULTY MEMBERS

- Principal/Music 1-8 - Conception (Bernie) Gora
- Vice Principal/Math 8 & Discovery - Lauren Ramirez-Asaeda
- Executive Administrative Assistant/LA 6 - Faith Leasiolagi
- 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
- Kindergarten Teacher - Leilani Tanaka
- PK, Kindergarten 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



**:We are in need of volunteers:**

### FRONT OFFICE

Anyone interested to help please call the Parish office  
at (808)521-1700 so we can put you on the schedule.  
**Mahalo!**

## 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

### Sr. Mercedita Estrella, SPC

Dir. of R.E. & Pastoral Associate

### Tyra Lamb

Safe Environment Liaison

### Pinky Mendoza

Office Coordinator

### Jennifer Asuncion

Office Secretary

### Francis Leasiolagi

Deacon

### Jonathan Lam

VHM Deacon

### Ray Lamb

Deacon

### Roy Matsuo

Retired Deacon

### Marlowe Sabater

Deacon

### Fr. Anthony Tran

VHM Chaplain

### Bernie Gora

Director of Music

### Ryan and Ashley Agcaoili

Coordinators of Youth Ministry

### Grace Young

Communications Coordinator

### Samy Ratum

Facilities Custodian

### Noraliza Tapeç

On-Call Church Custodian

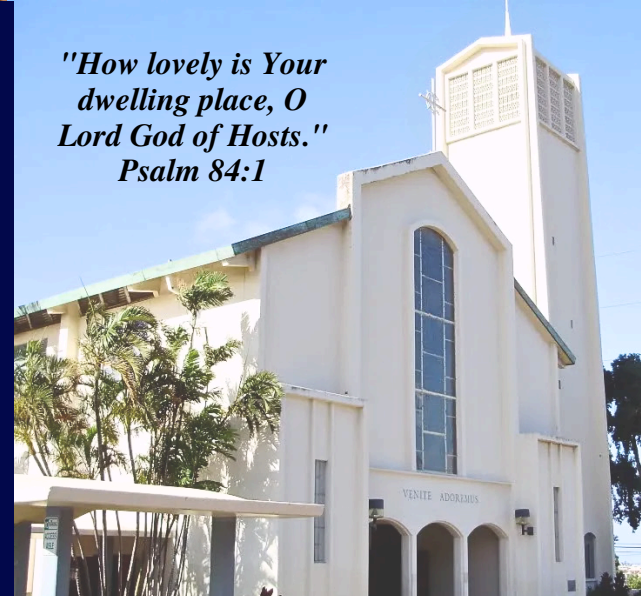
### Felipe Tan

Accountant

### Joan Mabag

Custodian

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



## Daily Mass Readings

[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

### September 8, 2025

*Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary*

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

### September 9, 2025

*Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest*  
Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 6:12-19

### September 10, 2025

*Wednesday of the Twenty-third Week in  
Ordinary Time*  
Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 6:20-26

### September 11, 2025

*Thursday of the Twenty-third Week in  
Ordinary Time*  
Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 6:27-38

### September 12, 2025

*Friday of the Twenty-third Week in  
Ordinary Time*  
1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; Luke 6:39-42

### September 13, 2025

*Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom,  
Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 6:43-49

### September 14, 2025

*Feast of the Exaltation of the  
Holy Cross*

Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11;  
John 3:13-17