



# The Co-Cathedral of ST. THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS

THE HEART OF CHRIST IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

December 18, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Advent

*My deeds, my little sufferings, can make God loved all over the world"*

- St. Thérèse



A CHRISTMAS CANTATA PROGRAM BY SAINT THERESA SCHOOL ON DEC 10

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### Schedule of Masses

Sunday..... 6:15am, 8:00am  
..... 10:30am, 6:00pm  
Saturday Vigil..... 5:00pm  
Mondays - Thursdays..... 6:30am  
Fridays & Saturdays..... 8:00am

### Vietnamese Masses

Sunday..... 3:30pm  
Saturday Vigil..... 7:00pm  
Mon, Tues, Thurs..... 5:30pm

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesdays..... 6:15pm-7:00pm

### Prayers & Devotions

Eucharistic Exposition  
Wednesdays..... 6:15pm-7:00pm  
Rosary..... Before daily Mass

### Co-Cathedral Office

Monday - Friday. 8:00am-12:00pm  
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**I**n today's Gospel we hear of the coming of Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." We celebrate three Advents: the birth of Christ, his Second Coming, and his presence in the world today. Our daily lives are attended by God's presence. Indeed, "God is with us." The Good News of Christ's Incarnation is that we are the sign, "sacrament," of Christ's presence in the world. People are supposed to see us, see how we love one another, see how we treat the stranger among us, give comfort to the poor and afflicted, share the Good News with joy. **They see how good stewards are the light of Christ.** And there can be no possible response except to say: **"God is here!"**

**A BIG MAHALO** for everyone for sharing your God-given gifts of treasure to support our parish and for those who responded generously to the "We Remember, We Believe, We Celebrate Increased Offertory Commitment Program. Your response has been both humbling and inspiring. Your gifts will enable us to continue and expand our work for God. It also shows your sincere desire to continue the mission of the Church. Indeed, **"God is here."**

Through our commitment, we are living as God intended. Through our commitment we are ministers of the Gospel message. Through our commitment we acknowledge that as Catholics, **We are called to a higher purpose - the building of the Kingdom of God.**

Every gift is valued - and needed. Thank you for your pledge of financial support for our parish and its ministries! We will wrap-up the results of the Increased Offertory Program this week and you will be receiving reports.

Gratefully in Christ,

FR. GREG

**MISSION STATEMENT:** We the people of the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, seek to be an example of the presence of God through our Christian Catholic worship, education, service and stewardship of all God's gifts.

We celebrate our diversity of age, culture, language, and view points as a sign of God's all powerful and ever-present love in our community of faith. We strive to witness the gospel of Jesus Christ to evangelize and to respond in love, as well as compassion to our community in Honolulu, to be a welcoming place to all who seek the grace, fellowship, and love of God.

Wedding  
Orville Baldos and Maria Dolores  
Tongco (12/20)

Funeral  
Pascencia Deguion (12/21)  
Macario Sison (12/22)

**M O N D A Y**  
**December 19<sup>th</sup>**

5:00a - Misa de Gallo - Fr. EJ  
3:30p - Wedding Rehearsal  
5:30p - VHM Mass **PC**  
7:00p - Choir Practice

**T U E S D A Y**  
**December 20<sup>th</sup>**

5:00a - Misa de Gallo - Fr. Manny  
10:00a - Wedding  
3:30p - Staff Mtg **R**  
6:00p - Legion of Mary **S**  
6:30p - Young Adult Mtg

**W E D N E S D A Y**  
**December 21<sup>st</sup>**

5:00a - Misa de Gallo - Fr. Sydney  
11:00a - Funeral  
6:00p - OLPH Novena  
6:15p - Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament/Reconciliation  
7:00p - Lectio Divina **FWR**

**T H U R S D A Y**  
**December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

5:00a - Misa de Gallo - Fr. Edgar  
11:00a - Funeral  
5:30p - VHM Mass

**F R I D A Y**  
**December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

5:00a - Misa de Gallo - Fr. Rex  
8:00a - Mass  
6:30p - HCCRS Prayer Group  
7:00p - VHM Mass **PC**

**S A T U R D A Y**  
**December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Christmas Eve

5:00a - Misa de Gallo - Fr. Greg  
5:00p - Vigil Mass  
7:00p - VHM Vigil Christmas Mass  
10:45p - Carols in the Co-Cathedral  
11:30p - Midnight Mass with Bishop

**S U N D A Y**  
**December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Christmas Day

6:15a - Mass  
8:00a - Mass  
10:30a - Mass  
3:30p - VHM Mass  
6:00p - Mass

ST. THERESA THIS WEEK **PL** Parking Lot **PC** Pastoral Center **PH** Parish Hall **R** Rectory **VHM** Vietnamese Holy Martyrs **FWR** Faculty Work Room **SIS** Saint Theresa School

**CELEBRATING 85 YEARS**

**We Remember, We Believe, We Celebrate**

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. As a reminder, all commitments need to be submitted to the church no later than December 18 in order to be accounted for in the final Summary Report. Please complete and submit your card to the church even if you are unable to make a change to your current level of giving. For those registered parishioners not currently supporting the church with regular offertory gifts, please consider a monthly gift to support the needs of our parish.



**Dec 21 & 22**

**Social Ministry**

**Stewards Are Sharers of God's Gifts**

On December 21 and 22, we will be distributing supplemental food items to members of our parish and the community at large who are vulnerable to food insecurity (not knowing where the next meal is coming from). We thank you for your care and generosity. Your food donations during our Thanksgiving Day mass and the donations that continue to come in every week both from the school and the parish has made it possible for the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa through its social Ministry to reach out to our brothers and sisters who are in need.



We would like to do the food collection and distribution every month. Beginning January, every 3rd Sunday of the month us designated as Hunger Awareness Sunday. We request you to donate food items for those in need of assistance. A list of needed food items will be published in our church bulletin every second weekend of the month. The food items will be distributed the following week.

We thank you for your generosity and continued support. Let us continue to be good stewards of God's blessings.

Read an article about **Questions & Answers of Misa de Gallo** on our website

The Scripture Readings of December 19 - December 25, 2016

**Mon** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25 | Lk 1:5-25

**Thu** 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56

**Tue** Is 7:10-14 | Lk 1:26-38

**Fri** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66  
St. John Kanty

**Wed** Sg 2:8-14 | Lk 1:39-45  
Saint Peter Canisius

**Sat** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 | Lk 1:67-79  
Morning

**SUN The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

Vigil: Is 62:1-5 | Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 | Mt 1:1-25

Night: Is 9:1-6 | Ti 2:11-14 | Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12 | Ti 3:4-7 | Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10 | Heb 1:1-6 | Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14 (16)



Scheduled events are held in the church unless marked with a location **■**

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## A new graduate of Chaminade University

Bernie Gora is so grateful for the blessings and gifts that God has bestowed to her. The road to earning her Masters in Education in Leadership was smooth, windy challenging, but worth the tough journey. I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me. (Philippians 4:13)

The smooth road led her to discover that good leaders in our Catholic schools or schools in general ignite the fire of love; the love of God. This fire of love that God has engrained in each of us penetrates through the hearts of the young people educators touch each day. Good leaders inspire their teachers to teach with love and to collaborate with one another. For any school to move forward and achieve success, leaders must create a culture that values one another's voice, good ears to listen and mouths to speak for the benefit of all its shareholders.

The windy road revealed the amount of work that it takes to endure the ability to run a Catholic school in the 21st century. The reality of keeping the doors open in any Catholic school today is to keep enrollment up, update curriculum, have fairness with faculty and staff salaries, have an open communication with parents, retain great teachers, upgrade technology, create a culture of philanthropy and have a realistic budget. Those of you that have had any attachment or influence to a Catholic school know that it is extremely difficult in keeping a Catholic school open.

The challenging road involved many decreased hours of sleep and the many increased hours of staying awake to finish research papers, literature reviews, discussion boards, and tons of reading. Along this challenging road were signs that read patience, stop and breathe fresh air, time for family, work efficiently, don't forget due dates, maintain your daily activities, and the list went on and on for her. No matter what, she continued with the help of God; knowing the Holy Spirit is always with us.

All in all, it was all worth the effort! She recently told the children and teachers at St. Theresa School that you can do anything you want to achieve. All you must do is put your mind, heart and soul to accomplishing your goals. Importantly, it is our faith that sustains us in all that we do. For nothing is impossible with God. Everything is possible when God is at the head of your journey!

Congratulations and our best wishes to all your endeavors, Bernie! from all your family and friends here at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa.

Bernie Gora M.S. Ed & M.Ed  
Vice Principal of St. Theresa School  
with her loving family post her graduation  
last Monday, December 12, 2016 at Blaisedell  
Arena



## Sacraments & Rites

### Eucharist for Children

First Reconciliation and First Communion are celebrated after completing required two years of faith formation.

### Confirmation for Teenagers

Confirmation is celebrated after required two years of faith formation.

### Sacrament of Matrimony

Contact our office six months in advance.

### Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

By appointment, contact our parish office.

### Vocation to the Priesthood or Religious

Speak to one of our priests or our deacon.

## Prayers & Devotions

### Eucharistic Exposition

Wednesdays.....6:15pm-7:00pm

Rosary.....Before daily Mass

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena.....

Wednesdays.....6:00pm

### Contemplative Prayer

Wednesdays.....6:15pm

### Lectio Divina

Wednesdays.....7:00pm

### Legion of Mary

Tuesdays.....6:00pm

### Sacred Hearts Society

First Sundays.....8:00am

### Baptism for Infants

By appointment, contact our parish office

## Saint Theresa School

Sister John Joseph Gilligan, CSJ

Principal

Phone.....808-536-4703

Website.....[www.sts-hi.org](http://www.sts-hi.org)

## Parish Mobile App

Available for download for FREE on Apple and Android mobile devices! Search "CoCathedral"

## Weekly Bulletin

### Would you like your parish announcement in our bulletin?

Send your parish ministry announcements to:

[comm@cocathedral.org](mailto:comm@cocathedral.org)

10 days before the weekend of distribution. All announcements and write-ups must be submitted. [Click here to read the about the bulletin guidelines.](#)

## Prayers at the Advent Wreath - The Fourth Week

ALL FOUR CANDLES ARE LIGHTED ON THE FOURTH SUNDAY BY THE FATHER.



**Leader:** Let us pray. Stir up your power and might, O Lord, and come. Rescue us through your great strength so that salvation, which has been hindered by our sins, may be hastened by the grace of your gentle mercy. Through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**All:** Amen.

AT THE END OF ADVENT, THE CANDLES MAY ALL BE CHANGED TO WHITE, THE LEAVES REFRESHED IF NECESSARY, AND THE WREATH DECORATED WITH CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.



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### Advent

**Dec 16 - 24 Friday - Saturday**  
 5:00am Misa de Gallo  
 Note: There is no 6:15am Mass on Sunday, Dec. 18.

### Christmas

**Dec 24 Sunday**  
 5:00pm Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord (Children's Mass)  
 7:00pm Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord (Vietnamese Mass)  
 10:45pm Carols in the Co-Cathedral  
 11:30pm Midnight Mass with Bishop Larry Silva

**Dec 25 Sunday**  
 6:15am The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)  
 8:00am  
 10:30am (Vietnamese Mass)  
 3:30pm  
 6:00pm

**Dec 31 Saturday**  
 5:00pm Vigil Mass  
 7:00pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese Mass)



### New Year Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

**Jan 1 Sunday**  
 6:15am  
 8:00am  
 10:30am (Vietnamese Mass)  
 3:30pm  
 6:00pm

### Save-the-Date

By the Diocese of Honolulu  
 Bishop Robert Barron will be offering a lecture open and free to the public on Monday, January 16, 7:00 p.m. at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa Parish. Honor Martin Luther King Day by joining us to dig more into your faith!



- PARISH REGISTRATION
- ONLINE GIVING
- MOBILE APP!
- ST. THERESA SCHOOL

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### DIOCESE

## Cathedral Bell Tower Lighting

Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace  
 Wednesday, December 21, 2016  
 5:45 - 7:00 p.m.

Please join us for the Bell Tower Lighting Ceremony to celebrate the completion of Phase 2a of the Cathedral Renewal Campaign.

What to expect:

- Blessing and lighting of the newly renovated bell tower
- Projection light show
- Christmas music
- Pupu and drinks
- Tours of the Cathedral Basilica at 5:00 pm & 7:15 pm



## The Word Became Flesh Learning Lectio Divina

With Sr. Marie Lemery, ss.cc. and Malulani Kamanu.  
 Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017 from 9:00am - 2:00pm | St. Anthony Retreat Center. Open to woman and women 18 years and older who wish to deepen their faith life through Scripture and Prayer. Lunch provided. Free will offering. Registration required - call 845-0065.

## HCCRS Winter Conference

January 13-15, 2017 at Catholic Charities Hawaii Ching Campus



The Hawaii Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services will hold their second Winter Charismatic Conference next month featuring guest speakers Rev. John Farao, O.F.M., Rev. Lou Cerulli, and Rev. Michael Dalton, OFM Cap.

Call 781-9254 for more info.

### Our Parish Bulletin is NOW INTERACTIVE!



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directly in this bulletin. To use this option, simply open our bulletin in your mobile device OR

computer desktop, and click or tap on an item with this icon indicator. That's it!





## STEWARDSHIP

# Online Giving

The Secure & Convenient Way to Contribute to our Parish Offering

Need help? Steps by step instructions are available on our website.



*"Lord, my life in the Church is your gift to me.*

*My Stewardship is my gift to you.*

*How shall I serve?"*

Online donations may now be an option made at any time from the comfort of your own home or any place with internet access. Online donations are credited to your tax statement for the end of the year (except when made anonymously), and you can change your account preferences and donation

amounts at any time. The Benefits of Online Giving include:

- No need to hassle with checks or cash
- 24/7 web based access
- Easily schedule recurring donations to coincide with your pay period
- Credit card option allows you to take advantage of rewards such as air miles

or cash bonuses

- No need to share bank account information because you enter it directly into the Online Giving secure site
- Allows you to give even if you are unable to attend parish services
- Contribution amount is easily adjusted as needed
- Option to remain anonymous

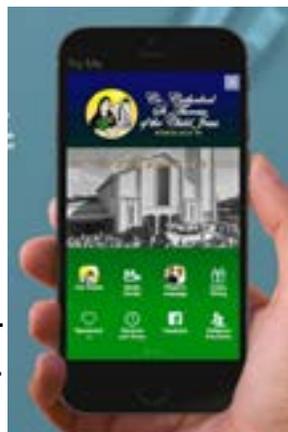


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## Y.E.A.S.T.



The

Youth

Youth

Young Adult

Evangelization

St. Theresa School

Lectio Divina

RCIA/RCIC

Religious Education

Bible Study

Sacramental Preparation

Legion of Mary

Altar

Altar Server

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Lector

Liturgical Environment

Music

Sacristan

Usher/Greeter

Sacred Heart

Social Ministry

Bereavement

Hospital & Homebound

Prison Life

Forever Young

Filipino Catholic Club

Respect for Life

Food Bank

Rice Bowl

Environment & Recycling

Time, Talent, Treasure

Stewardship Committee

Welcoming

St. Matthew

He spoke to them another parable. The kingdom of heaven is like YEAST that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened."

(Mt. 13:33 - NAB)



## Online Giving

DEC. 5 - DEC. 11, 2016

Weekly Offering \$ 227.50

Immaculate Conception \$ 130.00

Retirement Fund for Religious \$ 20.00

Repairs & Maintenance \$ 20.00

**THIS Weekend's  
Second Collection**  
(December 17/18, 2016)

## MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS

### COLLECTIONS OF DECEMBER 5 - DECEMBER 11, 2016

Weekend Masses \$ 8,168.74

Weekday Masses \$ 143.05

Mass Intentions \$ 412.00

Candles \$ 1,620.59

Initial Offering \$ 5.00

Baptism \$ 120.00

Funeral \$ 300.00

Blessings (cars, homes) \$ 200.00

Repairs & Maintenance \$ 605.00

Flowers \$ 382.00

All Saints \$ 5.00

Thanksgiving \$ 5.00

Immaculate Conception \$ 2,152.00

World Mission Sunday \$ 25.00

Arch for Military Service \$ 5.00

Retirement Fund for Religious \$ 3,205.60

Donation to renovate Adoration Chapel \$ 2,000.00

Please consider the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus in your Will.

For more information on Planned Giving, please do not hesitate to contact our office or the Diocese's Stewardship and Development Office" Thank you.