

November 2010

Dear Friends:

This month we will celebrate Thanksgiving Day and remember with gratitude all the gifts that God gives to us daily. If we think about it, God is generous to us in ways we can't even imagine. In addition to food, shelter, family, work, school, and material goods, God gives us opportunities to learn, grow, and improve. He gives us freedom to dream and to develop our lives as we choose. He gives us gifts, skills, time, and resources. Our very life is God's gift to us.

Stewardship is an important Christian concept. It means that we don't take life for granted and we don't spend our time, talent, and treasure frivolously. Instead, we pray about it and we ask for God's help.

I would like to ask every parish household this month to consider whether our financial stewardship to the Church reflects our gratitude for what God has given to us? My hope is that our giving to the Church would be intentional, that is, not an afterthought, but something we pray about, plan, and budget. Just as we plan and budget for other important expense in our lives (mortgages, car payments, utilities, food) we should be intentional in our giving to the parish.

Second, I hope our giving to the Church is sacrificial. The Bible talks about offering our "first-fruits." This means giving not from our surplus (what we have left over after we pay for everything else), but off the top, from what we receive first.

The gifts that are offered in the Mass (the bread, wine, and collected money) are symbols of our lives. In the liturgy, we are offering ourselves to God and asking that he change us into his Body so we can be his Body in the world.

Thank you for your generosity to our ministry at the Co-Cathedral, and be assured of my prayers for you and your family!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Fr. William

The word "Thanksgiving" is written in a large, bold, orange-to-yellow gradient font with a thick, dark brown outline and a slight drop shadow, giving it a 3D effect. The letters are slightly irregular and have a hand-drawn feel.

Community Life

Welcome to the Co-Cathedral!

Thank you for worshipping with us today! We are happy you have joined us! We pray that in our company you will experience the Lord's own welcome and discover anew God's loving purposes for your life. If we can be of help or support to you, please speak to any one of our staff or volunteers. If you are interested in joining our parish, visit our Cathedral Office after Mass to register and receive more information about our parish activities.

November @The Co-Cathedral

- Nov. 1 All Saints' Day Mass, 6 p.m.
- Nov. 2 All Souls' Day Mass, 7:30 -m.
- Nov. 5 Eucharistic Exposition & Benediction, after 8 a.m. Mass
- Nov. 5 Monteverdi Vespers, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 9 Pastoral Council, 6 -8 p.m.
- Nov. 14 C.A.F.E., 9:15 a.m.
- Nov. 21 Anointing of the Sick, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)
- Nov. 25 **Mass for Thanksgiving Day, 9 a.m.**
- Nov. 28 Family Advent Wreath-Making 9:15 a

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Check out the new look of our Co-Cathedral website! It has a new, fresh look and is more user friendly – and easier to update! You'll find pictures, calendar of events, announcements, and other useful information and spiritual resources.

New Member Reception

New parishioners that have registered in the last 3 months are invited to a special reception at the Rectory with Fr. William and our parish staff on Thursday, November 18th from 5 – 6:30 p.m. It's a great opportunity to meet our staff and other new parishioners.

Prayers...

Please remember Fr. Jon's brother, Patrick in your prayers. Fr. Jon will be accompanying Patrick to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN for surgery in November.

Food Collection

Each Sunday this month, and Thanksgiving Day, we are collecting canned and non-perishable food for the Food Bank at Kaumakapili Church. Please bring your donations to church and place them in or near the baskets at the doors of the church. Thank you for your generosity and for remembering those in need during the holidays.



Our Rose of the Month!

Congratulations to **Cesar Ramirez** our new Rose of the Month. Caesar is an usher at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, assists with traffic for major events, and is always willing to lend a helping hand. Thank you Cesar for being so generous with your time and talents and for modeling St. Theresa's "little way" of love.

Liturgy & Prayer

Mass for Thanksgiving Day

Bishop Silva will be the Celebrant for our Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9 a.m. here at the Co-Cathedral. Please join us as we give thanks and praise to God for all his blessings!

Book of the Names of the Dead

The Faithful Departed will be remembered in our prayers and Masses during the month of November. Our parish Book of the Names of the Dead will be displayed during the month of November near the Baptismal Font. You are welcome to inscribe the names of deceased loved ones in the book.

Prayer Vigil for Nascent Human Life

Everyone is invited to join Bishop Silva for a Prayer Vigil for Nascent Human Life on Saturday, November 27th at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of our Lady of Peace, downtown Honolulu. Validated parking is available at Century Square (Bishop & Beretania Sts.).

Faith Formation

Family Advent Wreath Making

All parish families are invited to join us for our annual Family Advent Wreath Making on Sunday, November 28 at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Materials to make a wreath (including candles) can be purchased for \$5.00, but if you have a wreath ring from last year, please bring it along. We also have some Advent music, devotional material, refreshments, and the Blessing of the Advent Wreaths. Come and get in the spirit of the season!

C.A. F.E. (Catholic Adult Formation & Education)

You have probably already heard that the texts of the Mass will be changing next year. Fr. William will be our presenter this month, on Sunday, November 14 at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall and will give an overview of the **Revised Roman Missal**, how it developed, the changes you can expect, and how it will be implemented in the United States and other English speaking countries.

Rite of Acceptance into the Catechumenate

On Sunday, November 28th at the 10:30 a.m. Mass we will receive new candidates into the Catechumenate in preparation for Baptism at the Easter Vigil. Please remember them in your prayers.



Outreach & Care

November Focus: Hunger Awareness

Sometimes we think of hunger as being a problem in far away countries. But the truth is Honolulu has many homeless families and others who struggle to make ends meet. As a result many children, seniors, and others go hungry or do not receive adequate nutrition. About 6 months ago we partnered with our neighbor, Kaumakapili Church (United Church of Christ), to resource their Food Pantry. Located just blocks from us, they serve many people in need of food each week. **On Thanksgiving Day, we will have a canned food drive for the Food Pantry.** Every parishioner is asked to bring one canned good to Mass. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

You Are Making A Difference!

This past month, our parish provided financial assistance to the following organizations:

- Our Lady of Kea'au Ministry to Homeless Families on the Waianae Coast - \$300.00
- Kaumakapili Church Food Pantry (Grocery Certificates) – \$480.00
- Carmelite Monastery - \$1000.00

Stewardship

Sunday Collections in October:

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Second/Specials</u>
October 3:	\$8108.59	
October 10:	\$5878.99	\$2526.47 (Maint/Repairs)
October 17:	\$7363.14	
October 24:	\$6371.52	\$2,050.00 (World Missions)

Thank you for your generosity!

Capital Campaign Report

This month we will receive our second parish installment of \$11,085.00 from the diocesan capital campaign, "With Grateful Hearts." Mahalo to all of our parishioners who have been so faithful in honoring their pledges.

