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"St. Jude Church—Hope for the despaired"



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August 17, 2025: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parochial Vicar

Dcn. John Coughlin
Permanent Deacon

Dcn. Will Friese
Permanent Deacon

Dcn. Raul Perez
Permanent Deacon

Dcn. Derek Wong
Permanent Deacon

Jeremiah on the ruins of Jerusalem

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY—FRIDAY
9AM TO 5PM
CLOSED WEEKENDS,
FEDERAL/STATE HOLIDAYS

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

MAY CHANGE
DURING HOLIDAYS

SATURDAY 5PM
SUNDAY 7AM, 9AM,
11AM, 5PM

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY,
FRIDAY 8AM
WEDNESDAY 7PM

UPCOMING BAPTISMS

SEPT.. 6 & 20, 2025 (6PM)

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY 3:45-4:45PM

MATRIMONY

CONTACT PARISH OFFICE AT LEAST 6
MONTHS PRIOR TO DESIRED WEDDING
DATE TO BEGIN PREPARATION PROCESS

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK

FIRST 1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH AT
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OR BY APPOINTMENT

LAST RITES

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REGISTRATION ONGOING
LAST DAY TO REGISTER:
SUNDAY, 8/24/25

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAY 7PM (ONGOING)

ST. JUDE MISSION STATEMENT

We, the community of St. Jude, commit ourselves to Jesus Christ our Savior, His teachings and the Tradition of the Roman Catholic Church. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we embrace and nurture our culturally diverse community through worship, evangelization, renewal and service.

St. Jude Catholic Church now accepts electronic donations Give Electronically

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Electronic Giving is a convenient way to provide consistent financial support to our church. Please contact the church office to learn how you can participate. Or sign up online: visit our parish website at www.stjudehawaii.org and click on the "Online Giving" button on the right panel.

For your convenience, volunteers will be available 15 minutes before and after Mass to process donations on the weekends.

To further enhance our services, we also have the attached barcode. Just scan this barcode-like QR code image with a smartphone's QR decoder, and it will instantly connect you to the mobile version of your web page, providing you a quick and easy access to your web page, without having to type out a long web address in order to locate your link.



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—ATTENTION—

MINISTRY HEADS & PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Announcements you wish posted in the Bulletin must be submitted in advance no later than 5PM TUESDAY afternoon if you wish the announcement posted by that weekend. Requests must be sent via email, NOT BY TEXT. Please indicate the exact information you want published. Staff will not be responsible for finishing incomplete details. Only approved announcements will be posted. Email your requests to thunt@rcchawaii.org with cc to rofalsa@rcchawaii.org. There will be NO exceptions to late entries. Mahalo!

PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS

Parish Committees

Pastoral Council	Ann Judilla
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Parish Planning & Building	Roland Calimlim
Stewardship	Socorro Guzman
Development	Angie Armas

Liturgical

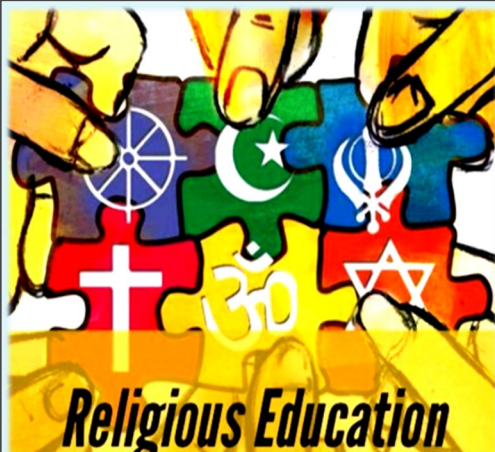
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Lectors	Jim Teson
Liturgical Environment	Barry & Belinda Danielson
Music	Donna Caris
Ushers	Mike Reis

Parish Ministries

Bereavement	Gussie Hayashi
Bible Study	Deacon Will Friese
Blood Drive	Gregg Patch
Cash Counters	Lucy Pascual
Children's Choir	Cecily Best
Electronic Offertory	Lucy Pascual
Emergency Preparedness	EMTs present during Masses
After Mass Fellowship	Socorro DeGuzman
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Homebound	Socorro DeGuzman
	Marina Takahashi
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Legion of Mary	Ana Quintal
Parking/Traffic	Kalani Frank
Prison	Deacon Will Friese
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Rosary-Making	Geri Tong
Senior Box	Judy Datzman/Pat Dukes
Senior Chair Exercises	Theresa Basta
Ukelele Club	Brigitte Kameoka
Vocations	Judy Datzman
Widows/Widowers	Theresa Basta

Lay Organizations

Basic Christian Community	Deacon Raul Perez
Filipino Catholic Club	Judy Datzman
Knights of Columbus	Lito Ordonio



Religious Education Registration *Continues!*

Registration for Adult OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), religious education from pre-K to 12 grade, and children preparing for the Sacraments is after most Masses from this weekend, through August 24, Sunday, the last day to register. We also accommodate Children with Special Needs who are missing any or all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion). For adults 18 years old and above who are interested in becoming Catholics or have been baptized but would like to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, you may join our Friday night classes at 7pm beginning Friday, Aug. 22nd. Please drop off completed registration forms in the gray container in the back of the church. **We are located in the church entrance.**

When one tugs at a single thing in nature,



he finds it attached to the rest of the world.

8/04/25 – 8/10/25 Weekly Financial Report¹

Total Weekly Collection: \$22,047.26

Breakdown:

5 p.m. Vigil (Saturday):	\$2,424.36
7 a.m. Sunday:	\$2,662.00
9 a.m. Sunday:	\$2,990.47
11 a.m. Sunday:	\$2,473.00
5 p.m. Sunday:	\$1,184.00
Online Giving:	\$9,897.42
Miscellaneous ² :	\$416.01

Benchmarks:³

Weekly Goal⁴: \$20,400.00

Fiscal Year-to-date Receipts / Budgeted:
\$111K / \$122K

Mortgage Capital Reserve⁵:
\$3,173,297 / \$10M

Moving Monthly Mortgage Allocation⁶:
\$27K / \$64K

¹ Format subject to change in the interest of communicating relevant financial information weekly, balancing clarity with simplicity; the Parish Finance Council reviews parish finances in more detail at a minimum of each fiscal quarter, and advises the pastor on all financial matters.

² Including Mass intentions, sacramental offerings, blessings, outreach & candles, etc.

³ Benchmarks include new categories of *Mortgage Capital Reserve* and *Moving Monthly Mortgage Allocation*; both goal amounts must be met in order for the design and construction of a new Church building and campus to be considered feasible at the future site of St. Jude Parish (at the *Leihano* property).

⁴ **Proposed Updated Budget divided by 52 weeks;** weekly collection amounts can vary according to season and celebration (e.g. Christmas collection, Easter Collection, etc.).

⁵ Capital funds reserved for design/construction of new Church building/campus; consider this akin to a mortgage deposit that is required in order to secure a loan for the remaining balance; these funds are not assessable (i.e. "taxable") by the Diocese of Honolulu; the goal amount is ½ the estimated construction amount, subject to change and based on latest estimates. **Adjusted for schematic design payment.**

⁶ Shared for informational purposes only, updated annually, and subject to change; the \$27K is the monthly mortgage amount that St. Jude can currently afford based on present financial situation and mortgage assumptions; the \$64K is the goal amount required to afford a \$10M loan, which is a rough estimate of the loan amount necessary in order to complete building a new Church building/campus at the *Leihano* property; \$27K will be allocated each month into the Mortgage Capital Reserve for Fiscal Year beginning on July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2026; this amount may increase or decrease in the next fiscal year.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."

—Luke 12:51



Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stance through Stewardship for life, marriage, and religious liberty.



"Love, honor, obey and lower your expectations?"

LET'S TAKE A MOMENT... By Tere Hunt

Edition #32

Just when you were enjoying life, traveling with loved ones and discovering new sceneries, making plans for spicier adventures and escapades, suddenly the hands of the clock are moved up too soon, you were diagnosed with Stage 4 Cancer. We are all dying, some seem to be sprinting towards it sooner, yet by learning to accept the inevitable, allowing the ticking timeclock to bring us to greater heights and experiences, we just might truly *live*. Choosing to live in the face of death, we not only enhance the time we have left, but perhaps set a noble example for those who may find themselves experiencing the same dilemma. It is so easy to become paralyzed by the fear of death, OR believe it will never happen to you. Both views are mistakes. When you are terrified, you are confined to live in mental agony. And if you feel invincible, then you lack the awareness of how limited earth life truly is. Your being terminally ill has its advantages. By embracing and openly talking about death, then you can ultimately accept it and make use of the time left. Dealing with our imperfection is painful yet we are all heading there...in time. If you drew the short straw at this early stage doesn't mean you avoid making the world a better place any longer. Take off those burdens you placed upon yourself, they won't matter. What matters to you now? What deserves your time now? Don't obsess on losing the future when each moment of now counts as your reality. Allow death to grant you perspective on your priorities and gain the life you truly want. Spend this remaining space being kind to yourself. Be in the present. *Live* in the moment. Love the people in your life you brought happiness to with every ounce you have left. This will set you free. *Alas, what do I say when there's no way to help, when my words seem like either foolish denial or uninvited advice? ...I love you, cousin Helen!*

For Health, Comfort and Healing:

Amy Alvarez

For Repose of the Souls:

Elena Viloria, Yvonne Dembinski, Brandon Padello, Samuel Martinez, Guadalupe Reyes

PLEASE KEEP OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS IN PRAYER

Submit names at 672-8669 to be posted for a month once.



Need a Rosary Repaired?

Netti Rader, a parishioner at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, offers free rosary repairs and is happy to help. If you have a rosary in need of repair, you can contact her at (503) 246-7973 or Lani Wong at (808) 754-2665 to assist with coordinating pick up.



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Friday, August 22, 2025
5-7pm at St. Jude Lanai



Little Bethlehem Christian Group



Remember the Little Bethlehem Christian Group that came to visit us last year? They will be back here the weekend of August 30-31st!!!



The Alsahour Family will display a collection of hand-carved olive wooden religious items for sale. These unique olive-wood pieces are hand-carved by the wood carvers and artisans directly from the Holy Land. They offer quality religious artifacts that contain various prunings like soil, rose petals, olive leaves, frankincense and stones from Bethlehem and Jerusalem.



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Please take a moment after the Masses to view these exquisite items.



FUNERAL SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22ND

FOR

SAMUEL ISAAC MARTINEZ

10:30 AM ~ ROSARY
11:00AM ~ MASS

Rest In Peace



UPDATE YOUR PARISH REGISTRATION INFORMATION



you may turn it in to the office or drop it in the offertory at any Mass



Today's Date: _____ () New to parish () Change of Address () Change contact info. () Requesting Envelopes

Name: (Last) _____ (First) _____ **Date of Birth** _____

Spouse: (Last) _____ (First) _____ **Date of Birth** _____

Address/city/zip: _____ **Ph: (Cell/Hm)** _____

Email: _____ **Interested in Ministry :** _____

Marital Status: Single () Married Civilly () Married By Catholic Priest () Widower ()
Separated () Divorced ()

List Children (dependents living with you) Gender / DOB : _____

or Other changes: _____

“God has been good to us...”

Is a mutual expression of gratitude and faith to acknowledge blessings and positive experiences with the intervention of God. And so it is for Russell and Gwen.

In 1984, we lived in Punaluu and Hauula for 20 years and were parishioners of St. Roch and St. Joachim. We shared our time, talent and treasure (as sacristan, religious director/teacher, and cleaners). We were at peace and grateful for our lives.

In 1993, we took a trip to see our son's homecoming game in New Mexico, then traveled to Las Vegas and Los Angeles. We spent four days in Vegas and won \$8,000; then proceeded to Los Angeles to visit our family. Russell enjoys betting at “horse races” and won \$3,000. What a joyful time, right? Well, at 2:00am LA time, we received a call from Honolulu, informing us that our house not only completely burned down, but exploded! So the monies we won went into replacing all that we lost.

While picking through the rubble of our charred possessions, we found the picture of the **Sacred Heart of Mary**, without the frame, laying over the ashes, unblistered by the fire. Our MILAGRO! For 41 years now, our miracle lady gloriously adorns our bedroom wall.

Losing all our possessions was devastating. I could not understand why, why us? We could not believe what happened. It felt like there was a death in the family. Feeling in despair, we kept our windows closed merely occupying a miserable home. Russell continued to work but I took leave from my job and did not attend Church for three months. My son would often call, insisting that I read “Job,” encouraging me every day. I stopped attending Mass and neglected my duties at St. Roch's and St. Joachim. Then one day, Fr. Don (bless his soul), visited me and declared “*it was time to return to church and continue to pray and service to God.*” He presented me with a Bible along with get-well cards from the parish children. He made me promise to come to Mass the following Sunday. He refused to leave until I agreed. So I kept my word and turned up at Mass. But I could not pray, I wept all throughout the Mass. My mind saying repeatedly, “Why?”

A couple of months passed then one day while cleaning the sacristy, I looked up at Jesus laying on the cross. I felt Him beholding me with those fervent eyes when it suddenly struck me realizing the why. *He saved our lives!* Everything we had didn't matter because He kept us alive! I fell to my knees and cried my heart out and thanked Jesus. Jesus' teachings emphasized that we maintain a hopeful and prayerful attitude during times of our tribulations. We are believers who rejoice in hope, patient in tribulation and vigilant in prayers.

In 1997, I was diagnosed with cancer. The treatments from Monday through Friday were excruciating. Saturdays I rest in bed all day. Come Sundays, the pain dissipates. So I get ready for the 7:30am Mass at St. Roch and volunteer as religious director/teacher. Then I continue to attend the 9am Mass at St. Joachim as a sacristan and secure the church. Returning home like clockwork, I'd feel sick again and retire in bed. We continued to pray.

In 2000, our new home got flooded while taking care of my mother. In 2003, Russell was diagnosed with liver disease AND cancer. With more fervor, we unrelentingly prayed, imploring on Him to console us with His blessings.

In 2004, after 20 years of residing at the North Shore, we sold our home and relocated to Kapolei and became parishioners of St. Jude. Despite the substantial misfortunes we've endured, Russell and I grew spiritually stronger. And with each test of our faith, we believe we are drawing closer to God. We understand and accept that suffering is part of our life, yet through all those difficult challenges, God has always been present. We remain committed and we WILL weather other storms because truly, God has been good to us.

We are the Valparaiso's! Russell retired in 2023 after 32 years serving as Business Agent with the State of Hawaii Police Organization (SHOPO-Union). Gwen has retired in 2025 as a paralegal from private law firms and from the State's Dept. of Attorney General. She volunteers as Eucharistic Minister, Lector, and subs for Aunt Judy at the 7am Sunday Masses.



We would like to share our daily prayer with you:

“Acceptance of God's will in all things makes the most holy, the most just and the most lovable will of God be done, praised and exalted above all forever. Your will be done, Oh Lord. Your will be done. The Lord has given and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord, now and always.”

On another note, I would like to acknowledge our bulletin's “*Let's Take a Moment*” the articles of which challenges your current understanding, prompts you to question assumptions, and encourages you to consider different perspectives.



On Friday, August 22nd, the *Feast Day of the Queenship of Mama Mary* will be celebrated at the 8am Mass led by the Legion of Mary. Herewith is the daily Novena prayer being recited for 9 days starting Wednesday, August 13th.

Queenship of Mary Daily Novena Prayer

Blessed Mother Mary, your Son Jesus Christ entrusted us to your protection as your own sons and daughters. In every age, the Church has known your maternal grace and intercession. In this special time of grace as we prepare to celebrate that you are our Queen, may we enjoy your protection, assistance, and love. By your sacred fiat, the Word was made flesh.

Teach us how to say yes to God when he calls us forth to work in his vineyard. Grant us reverence and humility when we receive the Lord Jesus Christ in his Holy Eucharist. We call upon you, Immaculate Virgin Mary, to inspire us by your own sorrow and suffering to true contrition for our sins. As you along with Saint Joseph made a home for the Son of God, help our families to grow in holiness in their own homes.

O Star of the Sea, please be a beacon of light for our parish so that we may fulfill our mission to bring God's Light to the World and guide all souls to heaven.

Amen



The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring another **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT** on **Saturday, August 23rd** at St. Jude's worship space, headlining the movie, "**SIGHT.**" It's about a little girl blinded by sulfer in her eyes purposely as a beggar in India, and her journey to restoring her sight. Based on a true story!

All are invited for hotdogs and lemonade before the show and also potluck in the MPR.



Before the 5pm Mass on Friday, August 23rd, the Knights of Columbus will present two (2)

\$1000 checks each to the 2

Scholarship winners !



Also scheduled that same week will be the Knights' Membership Drive.

We invite you to become new awesome members!

ATTENTION GREETERS, USHERS, AND MASS COORDINATORS: PLEASE BE AWARE OF WHERE OUR EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM MEMBERS ARE SEATED OR LOCATED DURING YOUR ASSIGNED MASS SO YOU CAN READILY NOTIFY THEM SHOULD AN INCIDENT ARISE WITHOUT FURTHER DISRUPTION. MAHALO!

MINISTERS' SCHEDULE - for the weekend of: August 23—24, 2025

	Sat 5pm	Sun. 7am	Sun. 9am	Sun. 11am	Sun. 5pm
Lectors	Filemon Castillo Kendrick Johnson	Lani Wong Sally Mejia	Afio Pula Mike Gabbard	Cathy Agor Lesina Peato	Anna Harder Brigida Cariaga
EMs	Conchita Castillo Myrna Lactaoen Richard Lacuesta Terry Morales Bernice Nicolas Janet Roman	Estrella Asuncion Judy Datzman Tere Hunt Bernadette Robins Gwen Valparaiso	Marcie Cabico Jeannie Enriquez Lydia Fontes Trinidad Rita Pauline Simao Lana Vargas	Wilfred Bucher Belinda Danielson Brayden Danielson Elizabeth Recamara Suzette Rivera Marina Takahashi	Judy Datzman Socorro DeGuzman Lesina Peato Rowena Pilapil-Murphy Allie Wong Michael Wong
Altar Servers	Evan Placencia—Cross Alec Walrod—Book	Xach/Xeke Callejo—Cross Kayla Quiocho —Book	Xach/Xeke Callejo—Cross Gabriel Langford—Book	Tony Domingo —Cross Anaya Domingo—Book	—Cross Jacob Rivera—Book
Ushers	Elitha Sulkowski Christopher Awa Paul Sulkowski	Yvonne Alakai Clyde Vierra	Ransen Pasion Edwin Arellano Makeilah Arellano	Louise Apodaca Tita Transfiguracion	Ryan Ferreira Mike Reis
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Office Coordinator and	
Youth Ministry Coordinator	Keahi Teson
Administrative Assistant	Tere Hunt
Accountant	Lucy Pascual
Custodian/Housekeeper	Marilou Anacan
Groundskeeper	Joe Anacan

SAY "Amen!"

The proper form when receiving Communion is to bow before receiving the Host as a gesture of reverence. Then reply "Amen" AFTER the Eucharistic Minister or priest raises the Host or Chalice and pronounces "The Body (or Blood) of Christ."

The Host may be received either on the tongue or in the hand, at the discretion of each communicant. If receiving on your tongue, tilt your head back slightly, extend your tongue, and hold still until the Host rests on your tongue. If you are to receive in the hand, extend both hands palm up, creating a kind of hollowed "throne" to receive God. When the Host is placed in your hand, respond with "Amen," then carefully transfer the Host to your mouth. It is expected to be consumed immediately. Be mindful not to lose any part of it, treating it with reverence. By responding this way, you openly state your belief in the presence of Christ in the Eucharistic bread and wine as well as in His Body, the Church.

Legend:

For Mass Intentions:

BAI	Back Area Inside Church	+	Repose of Soul
BSC	Blessed Sacred Chapel	A	Anniversary
FA	Front Area of church	C	Conversion
LA	Lanai	HB	Birthday
MPR	Multi-Purpose Room	H	Health
WA	Worship Area	HG	Healing
		M	Memorial of Passing
		R	Retirement
		SP	Special Intention
		TG	Thanksgiving



PLEASE write legibly on Mass Intention envelopes, otherwise the names for your intended will be inadvertently misspelled. Mass Intentions are reflected on the days Father celebrates Mass. Your intentions will be offered on the dates indicated. When a requested date is unavailable, or if it falls on a Solemnity, it will be offered at the next available Mass. Please note that your regular tithes are **separate** from requested Mass intentions. We appreciate **any** \$ amount for your Mass offering, and even more grateful when date assigned is a last minute request!

Mass INTENTIONS

& SCHEDULE OF THE WEEK

Mon	8/18	8AM	MASS 10AM 5:30P	MASS Legion of Mary-Rosary Making (MPR) Knights of Columbus & Legion of Mary (MPR & LA) <i>+David Powel</i>
Tues	8/19	8AM	MASS 9AM 2PM 5:30P 7PM	MASS Senior Chair Exercises (LA) Food Pantry (MPR/LA) Legion of Mary (WA) Parish Planning & Building Cmte (MPR) <i>+Samuel Martinez</i>
Wed	8/20	11:30A 6:50P 7PM	MASS MASS	Senior Box (Drive-Thru) Novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help <i>+Feliciano Echada</i>
Thurs	8/21	8AM 9PM 2PM 5:30P 7PM	MASS MASS	Senior Chair Exercises (LA) Food Pantry Children's Choir (WA) Bible Study (MPR) <i>+Victor-Beltrand Lujan</i>
Fri	8/22	8AM 11:30A 7PM	MASS MASS	<i>Nora & Milagros Lunaria (HB)</i> Funeral Mass ⇒ Samuel Isaac Martinez OCIA (MPR/WA)
Sat	8/23	8AM 3:30P 3:45P 5PM 6PM	MASS MASS	Leihano Project Oversight Comm (MPR) Rosary Making Ministry (MPR) CONFESSIO MASS Family Movie Night (WA)(MPR)
Sun	8/24	7AM 9AM 11AM 5PM 6:15P	MASS MASS MASS	<i>+Domingo Pascual</i> <i>Nenefil Besin-Lim (TG)</i> <i>+Catalino Echeverri</i> <i>+Leonor Almazan</i> <i>Aria Vallejos (HB)</i> <i>Mateo Asuncion (SP)</i> <i>Guillermo & Magdalena Pinera (SP)</i> <i>The People of St. Jude</i> Pastoral Council (MPR)