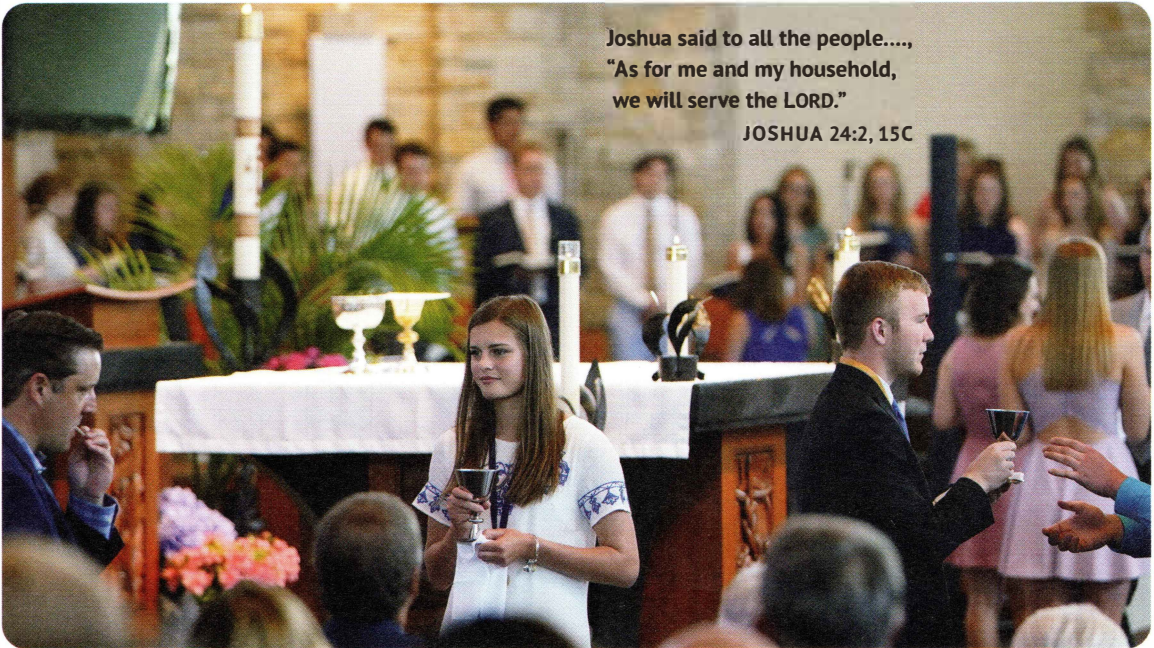




Joshua said to all the people....,  
"As for me and my household,  
we will serve the LORD."

JOSHUA 24:2, 15C



## Taking a Stand Matters

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

One day I happened to be sitting and chatting with some teenagers. When the discussion turned to parents, expectations, and how they respond, I asked them, "What's really important to you? What do you value and try not to compromise on?" "Why do you want to know?" one asked. "Just wondering," I said. Silence. Then one said that being honest was really important to her, that she always tried to tell the truth. Another said "family." Another, respecting his body, said, "No drugs, no alcohol." More silence, and then one spoke of her faith and how it really mattered and made a difference in her life. Their conversation then moved on to other things, friends, movies, and what to do later that day.

In reality, I had another reason for asking my question, one beyond a simple inquiry. There is something good about saying aloud what is truly important to us, what we won't compromise on. Saying it out loud makes it more real, something we can stand for. Some of those teens didn't say anything, maybe because they had never thought about what their values were. Perhaps hearing others speak up inspired them to think about it, maybe for the first time in their lives. Saying aloud where we stand in life makes a difference.

Jesus reminds us that it is the spirit that gives life, that the flesh is of no avail. Some of those teens have already begun to realize this truth. ●

### Reflect

***What are some values that you do not forsake easily? Why?***



*Sacred Heart of Jesus & Mary at Waimea*



## St. Theresa Parish

Established January 21, 1941  
P.O. Box 159, Kekaha, HI 96752



**Vision / Mission Statement**  
*To make St. Theresa Parish  
a dynamic Christian community of  
worship & service*



*St. Theresa School at Kekaha*



### Parish Directory



#### Clergy

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#### Parish Office

**Mass Intentions / Hospital Communion /  
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#### St. Theresa School

**Principal** David Verdugo 808-337-1351  
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sttheresakauai.com

### 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time August 25, 2024

*If it does not please you to  
serve the Lord, decide today  
whom you will serve...*  
**As for me and my household,  
we will serve the Lord.**  
Joshua 24:15

*When we commit to serve the  
Lord, we become a disciple in  
the work of the Lord.*

*A disciple is a person who  
spends time in prayer every  
day, joyfully participates in  
charitable works and  
generously supports their  
local parish and Church  
mission.*

*If we say we serve God, our  
words and actions should  
reflect the Gospel message to  
others.*

~ Archdiocese of St. Louis



### St. Theresa Church – Kekaha

**Sat** 5pm Vigil Mass  
**Sun** 7:45am Rosary, 8:30am Mass  
**Weekdays** 6:30am Mon-Thu,  
8:10am Fri (all are  
welcome to the weekly  
School Mass on Friday)

**Wed** 6pm Rosary to Our Lady of  
Fatima & Novena to OLPH  
**First Friday Holy Hour** 6-7pm  
with Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament & Benediction



### Sacred Heart of Jesus & Mary Church – Waimea

**Sun** 7am Mass  
**First Saturday Devotion to the  
BVM** 8-9am

#### Confessions

Please call the parish office at  
808-337-1548 to schedule an appt.

View the bulletin in color at  
**kekahacatholic.com**

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

✝ *Mahalo for being as generous  
as your means allow.* ✝

#### Sunday Offerings

Kekaha \$ 1,935  
Waimea \$ 832

#### Other Donations

Candles \$ 55  
Catholic Charities \$ 75  
Cross We Share \$ 370  
Maintenance Fund \$ 1,221  
Mass Intentions \$ 45  
Miscellaneous \$ 3.73

**God bless you!**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY and  
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

**to all who celebrated in August.**

**MAY GOD BLESS YOU WITH MUCH ALOHA!**

Mahalo to all those who participated in Deacon Bambi's evening retreat.



**Mahalo to Deacon Bambi for  
encouraging our parish ministers!**

"Death is a decisive moment in the human person's encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christian to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and open them to hope..."

While palliative care cannot entirely eradicate suffering from people's lives, it provides an authentic expression of human and Christian care - allowing us to 'remain' at the side of a suffering person, as the Blessed Mother and the beloved disciple remained at the foot of the Cross."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
"The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice"

### MINISTRY NEWS

**Worship meeting** Tuesday, August 27 at 6pm in the parish hall.  
**Choir practice** Thursdays at 4:30pm at STC. All are welcome.  
**K-12 Religious Education** Classes begin in October. Enrollment forms are available at the back of Church or electronically on our parish website: kekahacatholic.com/about-us/latest-news/.  
**Youth Ministry** Activities for grades 7 thru 12 will begin in October.  
**OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)** Classes begin in October. Please contact Clarissa Emayo at 808-651-9725.

### SCHOOL NEWS

Monday, August 26 – Friday, September 6 **STAR Testing**  
Sunday, September 1 8:30am **Family Mass** (learners participate in ministries)  
Monday, September 2 **NO SCHOOL** (Labor Day) (Parish offices are also closed)  
Friday, September 6 **NO SCHOOL** (Teacher Workday) and **NO SCHOOL MASS**



# Dear Padre,

***A friend claims that various saints have appeared to her.  
Is this something that really happens?***

Your friend might be experiencing what are called “private” revelations. Many recognized saints experienced visions in which Jesus, Mary, or the disciples spoke to them. These revelations were sometimes the sparks that caused future saints to leave whatever they were doing and follow Jesus in a dynamic way.

Saint Francis of Assisi was a rich young man who had a vision of Christ that radically changed his life. After this private revelation, Francis embraced poverty and devoted himself to the care of the sick. He founded the Franciscans to carry on his mission. An example of recent private revelations are the apparitions at *Medjugorje*. Even though the Church has not formally recognized these revelations, many have discovered a deeper faith because of them.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says this about private revelations: “Throughout the ages, there have been so-called “private” revelations, some of which have been recognized by the authority of the Church. They do not belong, however, to the deposit of faith. It is not their role to improve or complete Christ’s definitive Revelation, but to help live more fully by it in a certain period of history” (CCC 67).

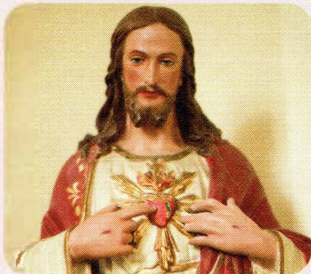
It is important to note whether the private revelation is contrary to the faith or the morals of the Church, and whether a particular revelation brings one closer to God. ●



PRAYING IN FRONT OF THE STATUE OF OUR LADY MARY, MEDJUGORJE, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA. DIEGO HORN / SHUTTERSTOCK

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August 26	August 27	August 28	August 29	August 30	August 31	September 1
Weekday	St. Monica	St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Passion of St. John the Baptist	Weekday	Weekday	Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Thes 1:1–5, 11–12	2 Thes 2:1–3a, 14–17	1 Cor 1:1–9	1 Cor 1:1–9	1 Cor 1:17–25	1 Cor 1:26–31	Dt 4:1–2, 6–8
Mt 23:13–22	Mt 23:23–26	2 Thes 3:6–10, 16–18 Mt 23:27–32	Mk 6:17–29	Mt 25:1–13	Mt 25:14–30	Jas 1:17–18, 21b–22, 27 Mk 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

***The Lord asks the disciples the decisive question: “But who do you—  
you!—say that I am?” Who am I for you, now? Jesus does not want to  
be a key figure from the past; He wants to be an important person for  
you today, for me today.... Jesus wants to be the God who is close to us!***

**ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 27, 2023**