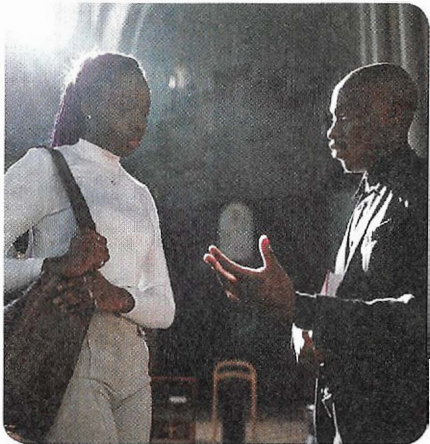


Dear Padre,

What is spiritual direction? How does it differ from counseling?

In spiritual direction, a person is guided in a process of reflection, self-discovery, and recognition of God's presence in human experience; the primary focus is on one's relationship with God. Thus, in one sense, it is the Lord himself who is the "director" in all spiritual direction. In counseling, a person is also guided in a process of reflection and self-discovery; but the primary focus is on human growth and development. Counseling does not presuppose a person's faith or relationship with God; spiritual direction cannot be complete without it. Both spiritual direction and counseling share the same expectations of openness and honesty in the process; they share the same standards of confidentiality and professional conduct. Moreover, spiritual direction is similar to counseling in its aim toward human growth and development, but it further aims toward holiness and "toward ever more intimate union with Christ" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2014). That union is twofold: a personal relationship with Christ and with Christ's Church. "This union is called 'mystical' because it participates in the mystery of Christ through the sacraments" (CCC 2014). "All Christians in any state or walk of life are called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of charity. All are called to holiness: 'Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect'" (CCC 2013). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Greatness and success in God's eyes are measured differently: they are measured by service. Not on what someone has, but on what someone gives. Do you want to be first? Serve.... [Service] has a precise and concrete meaning in the Gospel. To serve is not a courteous expression: it means to act like Jesus.

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Monday

September 23

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Prv 3:27-34

Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

September 24

Weekday

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13

Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

September 25

Weekday

Prv 30:5-9

Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

September 26

Weekday

Eccl 1:2-11

Lk 9:7-9

Friday

September 27

St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

Eccl 3:1-11

Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

September 28

Weekday

Eccl 11:9-12:8

Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday

September 29

Twenty-sixth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Nm 11:25-29

Jas 5:1-6

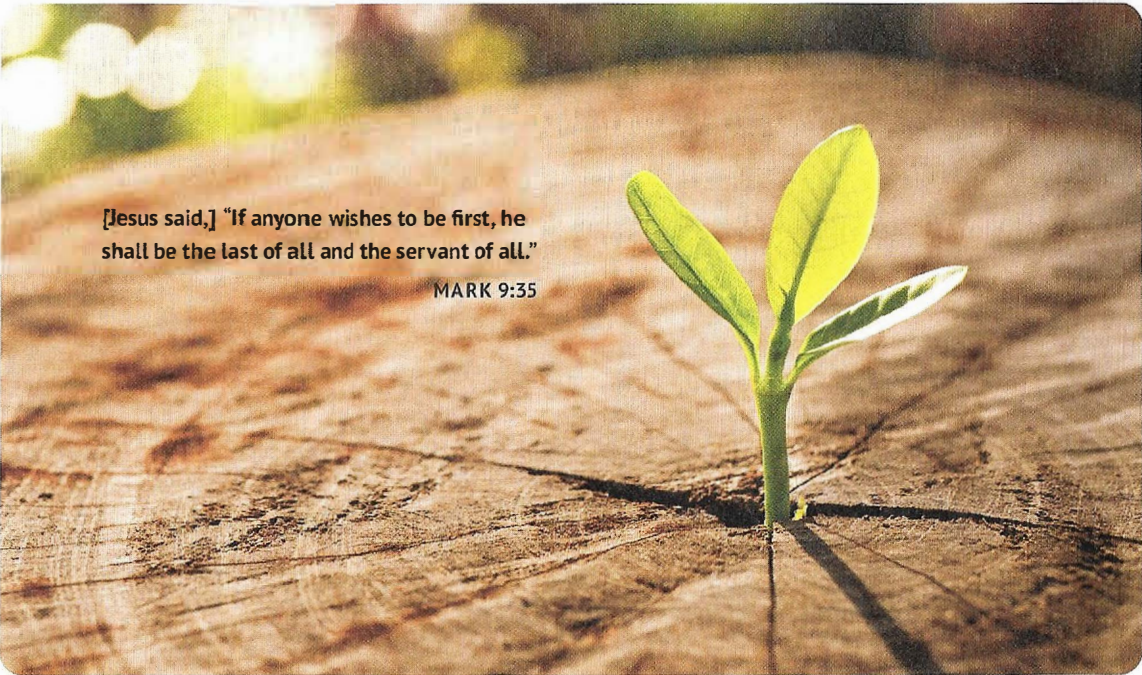
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 22, 2024

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 / James 3:16-4:3 / Mark 9:30-37



[Jesus said,] "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

MARK 9:35

Learning How to Die Well

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Karl Rahner was a German Jesuit priest and a leading theologian of the twentieth century. He once observed that one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well. On first hearing this, we may be much like the disciples who didn't understand Jesus when he spoke of his own need to enter death (see Mark 9:31-32).

How do we learn to "die well"? If we forgo the need to always have our own way, if we forgive and resist the impulse to get revenge, if we are sensitive to the needs of others even when it's inconvenient, if we care for the child among us, whether that "little one" be five, forty-five, or eighty-five—if we practice a willingness to die in such ways, then when it comes time for us to make that final journey of our earthly lives, it will not be as frightening because we will have been there before.

Furthermore, if we learn how to die well, our lives will take on new meaning. The focus of our lives will not be on ourselves, but on others and their needs. We will find ourselves less disappointed when life doesn't go our way. Blue moods will evaporate more readily. We will have a greater interest in daily life. In other words, the very aspects that once seemed to drag us down will become doorways to hope and renewed life. What once seemed to have been a kind of death will become an avenue to faith in the resurrection. ●

Reflect

Have you ever "died to yourself" and then experienced a resurrection?



Sacred Heart of Jesus & Mary at Waimea

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THE UPHOLDER OF LIFE.**

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

Reverend Edwin D. Conselva, MS,
Pastor 808-337-1784
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Deacon Ron Jones 907-978-4018
Deacon Jim Bostick, retired 808-337-1124

Parish Office

Mass Intentions / Hospital Communion /
Weddings / Marriage Convalidation / Baptisms /
Funerals
Dee Young, Parish Secretary 808-337-1548
M-F, 8am-noon sttheresac@yahoo.com

PPC Raynette Newall

Worship / HI Catholic Herald articles
Chantal Duarte 808-634-0403

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Evangelization Commission

Director of Religious Education
Sr. Gloria Camitan, O.P. 808-337-1548
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Social Services Commission

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Agency on Elderly Affairs 808-241-4470

St. Theresa School

Principal David Verdugo 808-337-1351
M-F, 7:30am-3:00pm
sttheresakauai.com

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 22, 2024

***"If anyone wishes to be first,
he shall be the last of all and
the servant of all."* Mark 9:35**

*Jesus teaches us that we are
called to love one another.
Love involves sacrifice.*

*Sacrifice is a word that many
of us don't like to hear.
We think it means that we
must give up something that
we want. However, the literal
meaning of sacrifice is
"to make holy," from the
words "sacer" = sacred
and "facere" = to make.*

*In other words, when we
sacrifice, we make our lives
holy by sharing our gifts in
the service of God.*

~ 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 \$ 1,750
Waimea \$ 1,120

Other Donations

Candles \$ 76
Catholic Charities HI \$ 30
Catholic University \$ 42
Cross We Share \$ 310
Maintenance Fund \$ 1,423

God bless you!

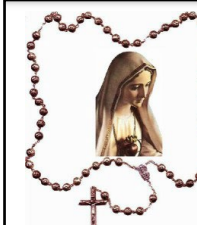
St. Theresa Parish Annual Finance Report FY-24 (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)		
	Budgeted	Actual
Total Income	\$270,300	\$272,507
Total Expense	\$294,534	\$264,216
Net	-\$24,234	\$8,291

The annual **Public Square Rosary** will be held **Saturday, October 12** on the lawn in front of Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary Church at Waimea. Bring your rosary, chair, umbrella and water.
**Pray the Rosary for America! As human efforts fail to solve America's key problems,
we turn to God through His Holy Mother asking His urgent help.**



Novena to St. Therese of Lisieux

Sun, Sep 22nd thru Mon, Sep 30th
Oct 1st is the Feast Day of
St. Therese, our parish patron saint.
Holy Rosary prayed 45 minutes before
Mass on Sun, Sep 22 & 29 and on Sat,
Sep 28...and at 6pm weekdays.



Month of the Holy Rosary

We invite you to open your home in
October to having the rosary prayed
with those that wish to join. See the
usher's table as you exit Church;
today is the deadline to sign up.

Priesthood Sunday September 29



**Thank you, Father Edwin, for shepherding this flock.
May God continue to bless you in your ministry!**

{Please take time to express your gratitude to our pastor.}

Join the **Kauai Youth Vicariate** for a youth social on Sunday,
Sep 29 from 2pm to 4pm at Immaculate Conception Church
in Lihue, followed by a youth Mass at 4:30pm.
Contact our parish Youth Coordinator
Rena Ulanday at 808-635-2701.

MINISTRY NEWS

K-12 Religious Education Parent/Student Orientation
September 26 at 6pm at St. Theresa School.

RE classes begin October 3. Enrollment forms are
available at the back of Church or electronically
on our parish website:
kekahacatholic.com/about-us/latest-news/.

Youth Ministry Grades 6-12 will meet in the parish hall
following 8:30am Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sundays
of each month beginning October 6.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) Classes
will meet in the parish hall on the 1st and 3rd
Wednesdays of each month beginning October 2.

Choir practice Thursdays at 4:30pm at STC. All are
welcome.