

Dear Padre,

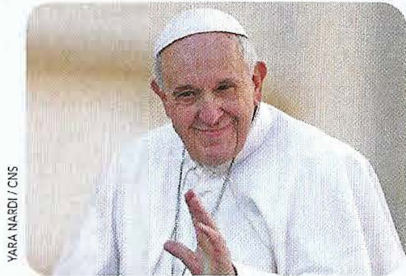
After we die and go to heaven, will our guardian angel still be with us? Will we know the angel in a closer way?

“The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls ‘angels’ is a truth of faith” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 328). The notion that each person has his or her own guardian angel may be based on Jesus’ warning not to despise “little ones” because “their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father” (Matthew 18:10). Saint Basil wrote, “Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life.” How might we interact with these constant companions in heaven? In heaven, we’ll be consumed with the presence of the beatific vision—the immediate knowledge of God, which the angelic spirits and the souls of the just enjoy. In beholding God face to face, we find perfect happiness. “This perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity—this communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed—is called ‘heaven.’ Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness” (CCC 1024). Even though “this mystery of blessed communion with God and all who are in Christ is beyond all understanding and description” (CCC 1027), to imagine the pure joy of being close to our guardian angel is just a foretaste of what heaven will be! ●



Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
September 30	October 1	October 2	October 3	October 4	October 5	October 6
St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	The Holy Guardian Angels	Weekday	St. Francis of Assisi	Weekday	Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jb 1:6–22	Jb 3:1–3, 11–17, 20–23	Jb 9:1–12, 14–16	Jb 19:21–27	Jb 38:1, 12–21; 40:3–5	Jb 42:1–3, 5–6, 12–17	Gn 2:18–24
Lk 9:46–50	Lk 9:51–56	Mt 18:1–5, 10	Lk 10:1–12	Lk 10:13–16	Lk 10:17–24	Heb 2:9–11
						Mk 10:2–16 or 10:2–12



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We need to be vigilant about closure in the Church.... Because the devil, who is the divider—this is what the word “devil” means, the one who divides—always insinuates suspicions to divide and exclude people.... The Holy Spirit does not want closure; he wants openness, welcoming communities where there is a place for everyone.

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

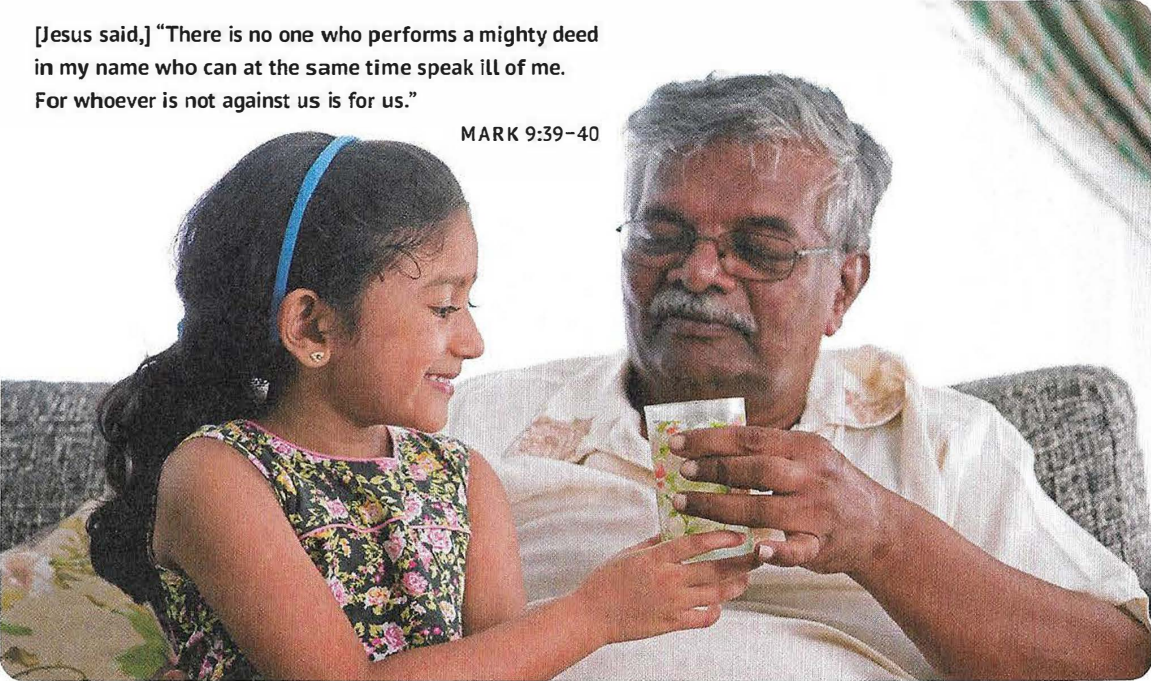
Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 29, 2024
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Numbers 11:25–29 / James 5:1–6 / Mark 9:38–43, 45, 47–48



[Jesus said,] “There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us.”

MARK 9:39–40



Spirited Truth

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It’s not always easy to figure out where God’s spirit of truth is revealed or by whom the truth is spoken. After “the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to Moses,” some of that same spirit given to Moses was also bestowed upon the seventy elders. Two other men also received the spirit, although they were not specially designated, much to the consternation of the elders (see Numbers 11:25–26). These two outsiders were somehow included among those who saw themselves as insiders. How is one to know who speaks with the authority of the spirit?

Perhaps we all need to pay attention to the possibility that “outsiders” may be speaking the truth to us. Faith communities are often considered outsiders in the larger society, not worthy of a platform to be heard from; yet, many faith communities raise their voices in

defense of the unborn, the immigrants at our doors, and the lost souls adrift among us. Throughout life, we’ve been surprised by children who speak truth that is unrecognized by adults. We’ve been surprised by the voice of women to a patriarchal society, the sexually abused to the larger Church, those who defend victims of violence. But not all outsiders speak with the authority of the spirit. How is one to know? Perhaps the Gospel gives us a clue—those who give others a cup of water to drink, which is to say, those who speak with compassion on behalf of others who are thirsty for justice and life. ●

Reflect

How have you been surprised by someone unexpectedly speaking God’s truth and wisdom?



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St. Theresa Parish

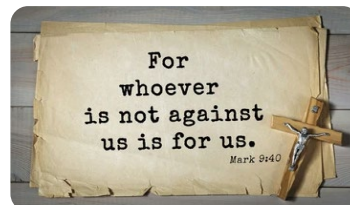
Established January 21, 1941
P.O. Box 159, Kekaha, HI 96752



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



1946 / 1993
St. Theresa School at Kekaha



Parish Directory



Clergy

Reverend Edwin D. Conselva, MS,
Pastor 808-337-1784
Deacon Bambi Emayo 808-645-1740
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

Bulletin / Website *Betsy Jones* 907-347-6618

Evangeliization Commission

Director of Religious Education
Sr. Gloria Camitan, O.P. 808-337-1548
OCIA *Clarissa Emayo* 808-651-9725
Youth Coordinator
Rena Ulanday 808-635-2701

Social Services Commission

Respect Life call parish office 808-337-1548
Agency on Elderly Affairs 808-241-4470

St. Theresa School

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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 29, 2024

***"Anyone who gives you a cup
of water to drink because
you belong to Christ, amen,
I say to you, will surely not
lose his reward."*** Mark 9:41

*We are made in God's image
and likeness. We tend to
forget this. When you look at
others, do you see the face of
Jesus in them? When others
look at you, do they see the
face of Jesus in you?*

*When we realize that **all lives
matter to God**, then
gratitude and generosity
become easier. Why?
Because that's the way we
are made!*

***We are one Body of Christ;
when one of us is hurting,
all of us feel the pain.***

~ 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 \$ 1,652
Waimea \$ 1,099

Other Donations

Candles \$ 65
Catholic University \$ 2
Cross We Share \$ 370
La Salettes \$ 5
Maintenance Fund \$ 52
Marriages \$ 550
Mass Intentions \$ 140

God bless you!



MONTH of the HOLY ROSARY

Rosary locations this week

TUE	10/1	6:00pm	C.Visitacion, 707 Akalei St, Eleele
WED	10/2	6:00pm	St. Theresa Church (Novena to OLPH)
THU	10/3	6:00pm	D.Muraoka, 7814 Nukupu'u, Kekaha
FRI	10/4	6:00pm	St. Theresa Church (Holy Hour 6-7pm)
SAT	10/5	4:15pm	St. Theresa Church (Mass at 5pm)
SUN	10/6	7:45am	St. Theresa Church (Mass at 8:30am)

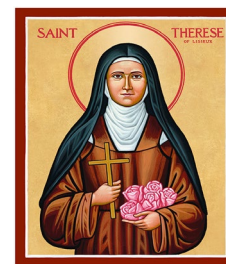


**God bless you,
Father Edwin!**

**We celebrate you, Father, especially today on
Priesthood Sunday. Mahalo for your "Yes!" to God
and for guiding your flock at St. Theresa Parish.**

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

Please gather for the annual **Public Square Rosary** at **NOON** on **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. As human efforts fail to solve America's key
problems, we turn to God through His Holy Mother asking His urgent help.**



To conclude the
Novena to St. Therese of Lisieux,
Holy Rosary will be prayed 45 minutes
before Masses this weekend and at
6pm on Mon, Sep 30.

Oct 1st is the Feast Day of St. Therese,
our parish patron saint.

First Friday is Oct 4 ~ First Saturday is Oct 5

MINISTRY NEWS

K-12 Religious Education 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.