

Dear Padre,

I am confused by Genesis 6:6: “The LORD regretted making human beings on the earth, and his heart was grieved.” How can a perfect being regret something he created in his own image?

Sometimes reading an isolated line of Scripture can be confusing. Context is essential. The Second Vatican Council’s Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation (*Dei Verbum*), promulgated by Pope St. Paul VI on November 18, 1965, clearly teaches this Catholic understanding of sacred Scripture. A proper appreciation of context, in the example you provided, reminds us that the holy writers of Scripture were not reporting the words of the Lord like an announcer on the evening news. This is not a newspaper account of a witnessed event or a report commenting on the scene that has unfolded. Biblical authors were constrained by their own experience and perception, even as they were inspired by the Spirit of God. When they made a conclusion, they frequently revealed more about their humanity than they did about the divinity they witnessed. The divine is just too wonderful and mysterious for humans to fully comprehend.

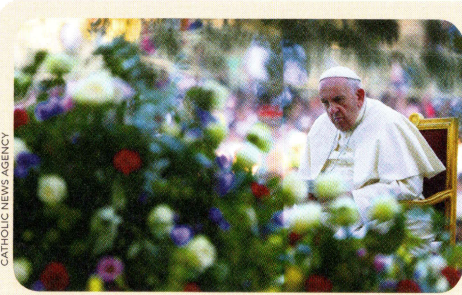
The author of Genesis provided a summary of how the experience of the creative activity of God was perceived. It is not the whole story and is perhaps best understood more as a contrast with Genesis 1:31, where we read that on the sixth day, “God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good.” ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
November 18	November 19	November 20	November 21	November 22	November 23	November 24
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr	Weekday	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Rv 1:1–4; 2:1–5	Rv 3:1–6, 14–22	Rv 4:1–11	Rv 5:1–10	Rv 10:8–11	Rv 11:4–12	Dn 7:13–14
Lk 18:35–43	Lk 19:1–10	Lk 19:11–28	Lk 19:41–44	Lk 19:45–48	Lk 20:27–40	Rv 1:5–8
						Jn 18:33b–37



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Those who do good, are investing in eternity. When we see a person who is generous and helpful, meek, patient, who is not envious, does not gossip, who is not boastful...who is not rude...this is a person who builds Heaven on earth.... What they do will not be lost because good is never lost, good lasts forever.

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When Worlds Collapse

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When personal worlds collapse, we can lose our way. The stars that marked our path through life disappear. When everything in life on which we had depended is shaken, we can feel life is not worth living. It happens when someone we love dies, when life-threatening illness lays us low, when a relationship disintegrates without warning. Then the world we once knew is no more. This week’s Gospel suggests “when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates” (Mark 13:29). But how can that be?

I met Marguerite and Ken when I came to the parish. A short time later, I received a phone call that Ken had suffered a massive heart attack. He had gone down to the basement for something, and that was where he died. I spent some time with Marguerite, and as you

can imagine, she was wrapped in grief. They’d had a wonderful marriage, she told me, had done everything together. Whatever one did, the other went along. Two years later, Marguerite and I were talking and she began telling me how life had changed for her without Ken. She still missed him terribly. But lately she found herself involved in all sorts of parish activities and services she never would have gotten into, simply because they had always done things together. Without Ken, she found new worlds she never knew existed. For Marguerite, God had opened the gates to new life. ●

Reflect

Has a personal tragedy ever become a doorway to new life for you?

[Jesus said,] “In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light.”

MARK 13:24



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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Pastor 808-337-1784  
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Deacon Jim Bostick, retired 808-337-1124

### Parish Office

Mass Intentions / Hospital Communion /  
Weddings / Marriage Convalidation / Baptisms /  
Funerals

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M-F, 8am-noon sttheresac@yahoo.com

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Sr. Gloria Camitan, O.P. 808-337-1548

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### 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

33rd Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
November 17, 2024

And then they will see  
‘the Son of Man  
coming in the clouds’  
with great power and  
glory. Mark 13:26

We will all have that day  
when we are standing  
before God and our life is  
played out like a movie.

When this happens, God  
will ask, “What have you  
done with the gifts that I  
have given you?”

How will you respond?

The good news – it’s never  
too late to start living a  
grateful and generous  
lifestyle.

~ 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 School  
Mass each 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

Saturdays at 4:30pm or call the  
parish office to schedule an appt.

View the bulletin in color at  
[kekahacatholic.com](http://kekahacatholic.com)

## WORLD DAY of the POOR

Second collection today is for  
CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN for  
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

† Mahalo for being as generous  
as your means allow. †

### Sunday Offerings

Kekaha \$1,632  
Waimea \$1,103

### Other Donations

All Souls Day \$ 150  
Candles \$ 75  
Catholic Campaign for  
Human Development \$ 20  
Cross We Share \$ 230  
Flowers \$ 30  
Maintenance Fund \$ 826  
Mass Intentions \$ 10  
Ohana In Christ \$ 774  
Thanksgiving \$ 100  
World Missions \$ 10  
Youth \$ 100

God bless you!

### Holy Communion for Homebound

Contact the parish office to make  
arrangements. 808-337-1548

## ST. THERESA SCHOOL NEWS

NOV 1-22 See’s Candy Fundraiser

[ONLINE ORDERING!](#)

NOV 28-29 No School

## November 24 is Commitment Sunday

COMMITMENT: a pledge to do something in the future.

Please consider lending your time and talents to  
St. Theresa Parish and commit to being involved in  
one or more ministries for a year. You are needed!



“What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?”

## Thanksgiving Day Mass

9am at St. Theresa Church

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Bishop Larry Silva has decreed the Solemnity  
be celebrated this year as a  
HOLY DAY of OBLIGATION in the Diocese of Honolulu.  
Mass will be offered at St. Theresa Church on  
Monday, December 9 at 6:30am and at 6:00pm.

Please contact Chantal Duarte via text at 808-634-0403  
or via email at [chantal\\_duarte@yahoo.com](mailto:chantal_duarte@yahoo.com) and  
our Prayer Warriors will pray for your special needs.  
God hears and answers our prayers.

## MINISTRY NEWS

K-12 Religious Education Classes meet Thursdays at 6:30pm.  
No classes on Nov 28 or Dec 26.

Youth Ministry Grades 6-12 meet in the parish hall following  
8:30am Mass on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) Classes are held  
in the parish hall at 6pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays.

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

Additional ministries in our parish include altar servers,  
ushers, offertory collectors, lectors & Eucharistic ministers.