

# Dear Padre,

When receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, I feel the need to respond, “Thank you, Jesus. Amen.” Is this OK or should I just stick to “Amen”?

“Amen” is an appropriate response, in and of itself. An emphatic, heartfelt “Amen” is an affirmation of faith meant to capture our feelings of profound gratitude and awe in the presence of God. It’s also a statement of belief, roughly translated as “truly,” “most assuredly,” or “so be it” to what has been said.

For example, when we conclude the Creed with “Amen,” it repeats and confirms the first words “I believe.” “To believe is to say ‘Amen’ to God’s words, promises and commandments; to entrust oneself completely to him who is the ‘Amen’ of infinite love and perfect faithfulness” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1064). “Jesus Christ is...the definitive ‘Amen’ of the Father’s love for us. He takes up and completes our ‘Amen’ to the Father.... That is why we utter the Amen through him, to the glory of God” (CCC 1065).

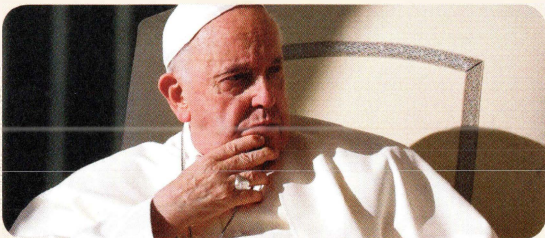
Sharing in the one bread and the one cup is a time of unity with God and with God’s people. Each individual communicant’s “Amen” is also meant to be an expression of our unity together in receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. Responding with something other than “Amen” may serve to disrupt that unity and draw attention to yourself. So, yes, stick with a sincere, mindful “Amen!” ●



Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

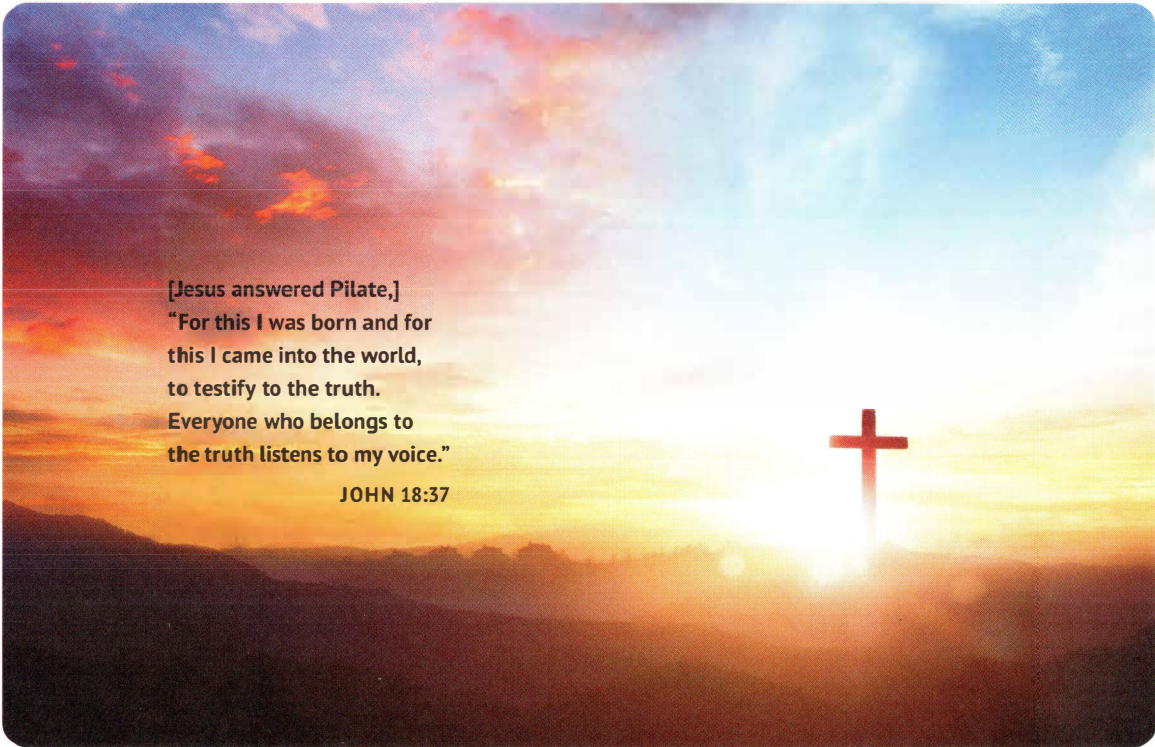
*The best proof that Christ is our king is detachment from what pollutes life, makes it ambiguous, opaque, sad.... When we live under the lordship of Jesus, we do not become corrupt, we do not become false, inclined to cover up the truth. We do not live double lives. Remember this well: all of us are sinners, yes; corrupt, never.*

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 21, 2021

<b>Monday</b> November 25 Weekday Rv 14:1–3, 4b–5 Lk 21:1–4	<b>Thursday</b> November 28 Weekday Rv 18:1–2, 21–23; 19:1–3, 9a Lk 21:20–28	<b>Saturday</b> November 30 St. Andrew, Apostle Rom 10:9–18 Mt 4:18–22
<b>Tuesday</b> November 26 Weekday Rv 14:14–19 Lk 21:5–11	<b>Thanksgiving Day (US)</b> Sir 50:22–24 1 Cor 1:3–9 Lk 17:11–19	<b>Sunday</b> December 1 First Sunday of Advent Jer 33:14–16
<b>Wednesday</b> November 27 Weekday Rv 15:1–4 Lk 21:12–19	<b>Friday</b> November 29 Weekday Rv 20:1–4, 11–21:2 Lk 21:29–33	1 Thes 3:12–4:2 Lk 21:25–28, 34–36

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 24, 2024  
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (B)  
Daniel 7:13–14 / Revelation 1:5–8 / John 18:33b–37



[Jesus answered Pilate,]  
“For this I was born and for  
this I came into the world,  
to testify to the truth.  
Everyone who belongs to  
the truth listens to my voice.”

JOHN 18:37

## His Life as Truth

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We are bombarded by many statements professing to be true. Advertisers seek our endorsement, political parties seek our allegiance, and friends seek our agreement. Each purports to offer truth. In the Gospel this week, Pilate asks Jesus whether he is a king. Jesus replies, “You say I am a king. For this...I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice” (John 18:37). What is Jesus’ truth?

We tend to go through life taking stands on various issues: how to raise children, what kind of exercise is best, which political approach to endorse, and countless others. Once we decide, we often make that stance one of life’s truths and proclaim all others

false. Jesus, on the other hand, offers his life as truth, much bigger than our petty truths. His truth stretches us beyond what we already are, more than Life issues that change daily. His life’s truth declares that meaning is found only by living for others, that loving someone can heal their pain, that wisdom is found in the struggle, that less is more. Jesus’ ultimate truth is doing his Father’s will. The fact that it is difficult or that we tend not to live it very well makes it no less the truth. ●

### Reflect

*How does your life witness to the truth  
Jesus’ life reveals?*



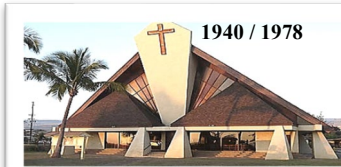


Sacred Heart of Jesus & Mary at Waimea



# 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

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

### Parish Office

Mass Intentions / Hospital or Homebound  
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

### Evangelization Commission

Director of Religious Education

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

OCIA Deacon Ron Jones 907-978-4018

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

## Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 24, 2024

**Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world."** John 18:36

*Life is short. How much time, energy and money do you put into building "your" kingdom here on earth? We all know we can't take it with us.*

*The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy and money do you invest in working for that eternal kingdom?*

*Ask God for His guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. Generously share your material goods with others for the greater glory 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 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

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

### Sunday Offerings

Kekaha \$2,164  
Waimea \$ 809

### Other Donations

Candles \$ 55.00  
Catholic Campaign for Human Dev. \$1,237.00  
Cross We Share \$ 250.00  
Flowers \$ 10.00  
Kalua Pork sales \$7,481.25  
Maintenance Fund \$ 117.00  
Mass Intentions \$ 10.00  
Ohana In Christ \$ 50.00

**God bless you!**

Church offices and school will be closed Nov 28 & 29.

### Thanksgiving Day Mass

9am at St. Theresa Church

## Advent Reconciliation Services

Dec 2 St. Theresa Church  
Dec 3 Holy Cross Church  
Dec 4 St. Raphael Church  
Dec 5 Immaculate Conception  
Dec 6 St. Catherine Church

All services begin at 6pm



## Today is Commitment Sunday

*Heavenly Father, inspire me to connect deeply with my community, sharing in faith and fellowship. On this Commitment Sunday, open my eyes and ears to discover where I am most needed. Amen.*

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or **Christ the King**. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, **Christ reigns as King forever.** (USCCB)

## 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.**

## 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.**