

# Dear Padre,

## Where does the Hail Mary prayer come from?

The Hail Mary owes its origin to the rosary. The traditional story of the rosary was that Mary herself appeared to St. Dominic in the twelfth century and gave him the rosary with the promise that if he spread devotion to the rosary, his religious order would flourish. In the twelfth century, religious orders recited together the 150 psalms as a way to mark the hours of the day and the days of the week. In order to pray the psalms, though, people had to know how to read. People who didn't know how to read wanted to share in the practice, so the rosary, or praying on beads, began as a parallel prayer practice. It was a way that illiterate people could remember the Lord and his Mother throughout the day.

The first rosaries consisted of a string of 150 beads, and, much as we do now, a person would pass over each bead after saying a prayer, usually the Our Father. Later, people added the Archangel Gabriel's greeting—"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee"—and later still, Elizabeth's prayer we hear in today's Gospel—"Blessed art thou among women." Finally this prayer was added in the sixteenth century: "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death." ●

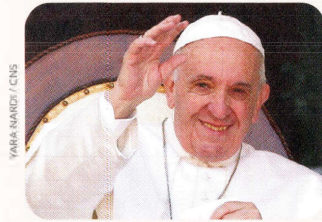


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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 23	December 24	December 25	December 26	December 27	December 28	December 29
Advent Weekday	Advent Weekday	Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)	St. Stephen, First Martyr	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist	Holy Innocents, Martyrs	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16	Is 52:7-10	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59	1 Jn 1:1-4	1 Jn 1:5-2:2	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28
Lk 1:57-66	Lk 1:67-79	Heb 1:1-6	Mt 10:17-22	Jn 20:1a, 2-8	Mt 2:13-18	Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24
		Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14				Lk 2:41-52

### Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](#) to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.



### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Do I move forward with hope...? We can also ask for...the grace of a healthy sense of humor: it does so much good.... The first act of charity we can do for our neighbors is to offer them a serene and smiling face. It is bringing the joy of Jesus to them, as Mary did with Elizabeth.*

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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 22, 2024  
Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)  
Micah 5:1-4a / Hebrews 10:5-10 / Luke 1:39-45



## Feeling Our Way

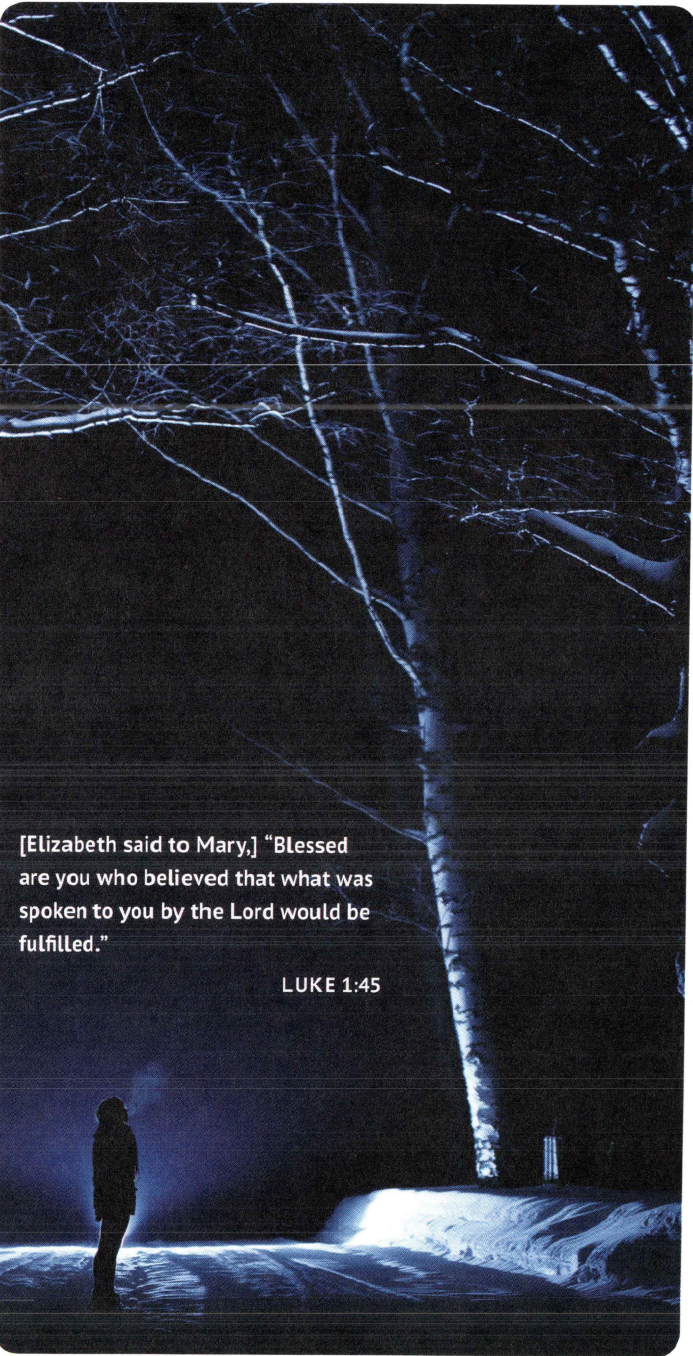
FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Most of the time we find ourselves backing our way into the will of God, or maybe even feeling our way into it. There are times when the will of God is quite clear: Should I lie or tell the truth? Should I steal or not? Most often, however, the will of God is not so clear. Too often it becomes a question of how to negotiate an aspect of life that's been handed to us, often a reality we cannot escape. It may be an unwanted divorce, or a son or daughter in a questionable relationship, or an illness that dismantles one's life plans. On the one hand, it is not as if God hands out scripts that we are expected to live by. On the other hand, God is part of all that unfolds. Somewhere in the midst of that is the will of God, which is another way of saying somehow you and I need to negotiate what we never chose, but is now served up by life. Or is it served up by God? Or by our own doing? Or all of that? That's what I mean when I say we feel our way into the will of God.

It is what Jesus sorted out in the desert when he was tempted, "I come to do your will, O God." It is Elizabeth's story of an unexpected pregnancy in her old age. It is Mary saying "Yes" to an uncharted path. Living God's will seems mostly to be a sorting process. ●

### Reflect

*Have you responded with a whole-hearted "Yes" to God's will for you?*



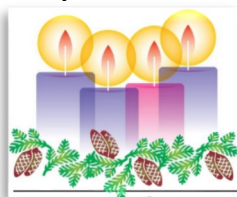
[Elizabeth said to Mary,] "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

LUKE 1:45





Sacred Heart of Jesus & Mary at Waimea



# St. Theresa Parish

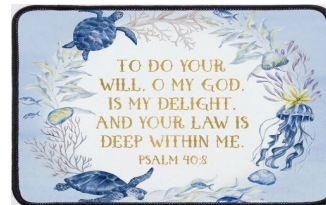
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**Vision / Mission Statement**  
*To make St. Theresa Parish  
a dynamic Christian community of  
worship & service*



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

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Convalidations / Baptisms / Funerals  
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PPC Raynette Newall

Worship / HI Catholic Herald articles  
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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

## Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 2024

*For behold, when the voice  
of your greeting came to my  
ears, the babe in my womb  
leaped for joy. Luke 1:44*

*When you hear the scripture  
readings and Gospel reading  
at Mass, do you  
"leap for joy?"*

*If not, don't blame the  
lecturer or priest, rather  
look inside yourself.*

*What are you doing to grow  
in friendship with Jesus?  
How do you prepare for  
Mass each week?  
Do you just show up and  
expect to be entertained?*

*As the Body of Christ,  
we are called to be  
active participants, not just  
passive observers.*

~ 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 attend the  
School Mass each Friday)

Wed 6pm Rosary to Our Lady of  
Fatima & Novena to OLPH  
**\*resumes Wed, Jan 8, 2025\***

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)

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

### Sunday Offerings

Kekaha \$ 1,544  
Waimea \$ 1,464

### Other Donations

Candles \$ 56  
Christmas 100  
Cross We Share 450  
(GOAL MET! Campaign ends 12/31)  
Flowers 90  
Funerals 300  
Immaculate Conception 630  
Kalua Pork 224  
Maintenance Fund 1,181  
Mass Intentions 45  
Misa de Gallo 193  
~ candles 228  
Missalettes 53  
Religious Education 30  
Retirement Fund 205  
Thanksgiving 120

**God bless you!**

## Adult Religious Education

Six-week study begins Mon, Jan 6 at 6pm  
at the home of Deacon Ron & Betsy.  
~ 4526B Alae Rd, Kekaha ~  
Gather for enlightening videos &  
discussions about our saints.

Parish office is closed

Dec 24 and 25.

**Merry Christmas!**

## SCHOOL NEWS

Dec 23 - Jan 6 Winter Break  
Jan 20 No School  
Jan 26 8:30am Family Mass  
Jan 26 - Feb 1 Catholic Schools Week  
Jan 31 No School

Reflect, pray, and prepare for the coming of the  
Savior! **Misa de Gallo** Mass at 5am at St. Theresa  
Church continues through Tue, Dec 24.

(There will be no 6:30am Mass on these days.)

## Christmas 2024

Christmas Eve - Tue, Dec 24

6pm Family Mass at St. Theresa Church

8:30pm Mass at SHJMC

11:15pm Christmas carols, followed by  
Midnight Mass at St. Theresa Church

Christmas - Wed, Dec 25

9am Mass at St. Theresa Church



Wed, Jan 1: 9am Mass will be offered at St. Theresa  
Church for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of  
God. This is not a Holy Day of Obligation in our diocese.

## CELEBRATE FATHER EDWIN'S 10th ANNIVERSARY!



**6pm Sat, Jan 4** on St. Theresa School grounds

*Dinner provided. Please bring a pupu or dessert to share.*

Contact Lisa Johnston with questions at 808-652-7984.

## MINISTRY NEWS

**K-12 Religious Education** Classes meet Thursdays at 6:30pm.  
No classes on Dec 26<sup>th</sup>.

**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.  
Revised schedule in January: classes on 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> only.

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

**\*\* Lectors at STC \*\***

**Tue, Dec 24 at 6pm** St. Theresa School learners  
**at midnight** Edita & Chantal

**Wed, Dec 25 at 9am** Ursuline & Maica

**Sat, Dec 28 at 5pm** Evelyn & Chantal

**Sun, Dec 29 at 8:30am** Chermain & Edita