

Dear Padre,

What happened to Candlemas? When I was a child, there was one day when everyone brought candles to church to have them blessed. At the end of Mass, the priest would bless everyone's throats with the candles.

Candlemas is another name for our celebration of the Presentation of the Lord: the day Mary and Joseph presented their child to God in the Temple at Jerusalem in accordance with the law of Moses (Luke 2:22-38). We remember how the elderly believers Simeon and Anna recognized Jesus as their longed-for Messiah and how, addressing God in a canticle, Simeon proclaimed Christ to be “a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel” (Luke 2:32).

Mass on this day often begins with the blessing and lighting of candles, which the priest and people carry into the church. The name Candlemas springs from this ritual blessing.

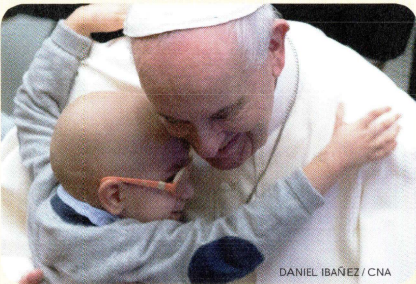
The day after the feast of the Presentation is the memorial celebration of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr. According to tradition, St. Blaise was instrumental in healing a person who was choking. The Church remembers this encounter and celebrates the intervention of the Spirit of God through the blessing of throats, using the blessed candles from the feast of the Presentation. It is a wonderful and very practical spiritual practice that is much appreciated and anticipated each year. ●

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

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
February 3 Weekday	February 4 Weekday	February 5 St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr	February 6 St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs	February 7 Weekday	February 8 Weekday	February 9 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Heb 11:32-40 Mk 5:1-20	Heb 12:1-4 Mk 5:21-43	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 Mk 6:1-6	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 Mk 6:7-13	Heb 13:1-8 Mk 6:14-29	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 Mk 6:30-34	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11 Lk 5:1-11



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Like Simeon, let us also pick up this child, the God of newness and surprises.... Let us be restless, let us be moved by the Spirit, like Simeon and Anna.... If, like them, we live in expectation, we will embrace Jesus, who is the light and hope of life.

HOMILY, ROME, FEBRUARY 2, 2024



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Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 2, 2025
The Presentation of the Lord
Malachi 3:1-4 / Hebrews 2:14-18 / Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32



Blessings of Many Shapes

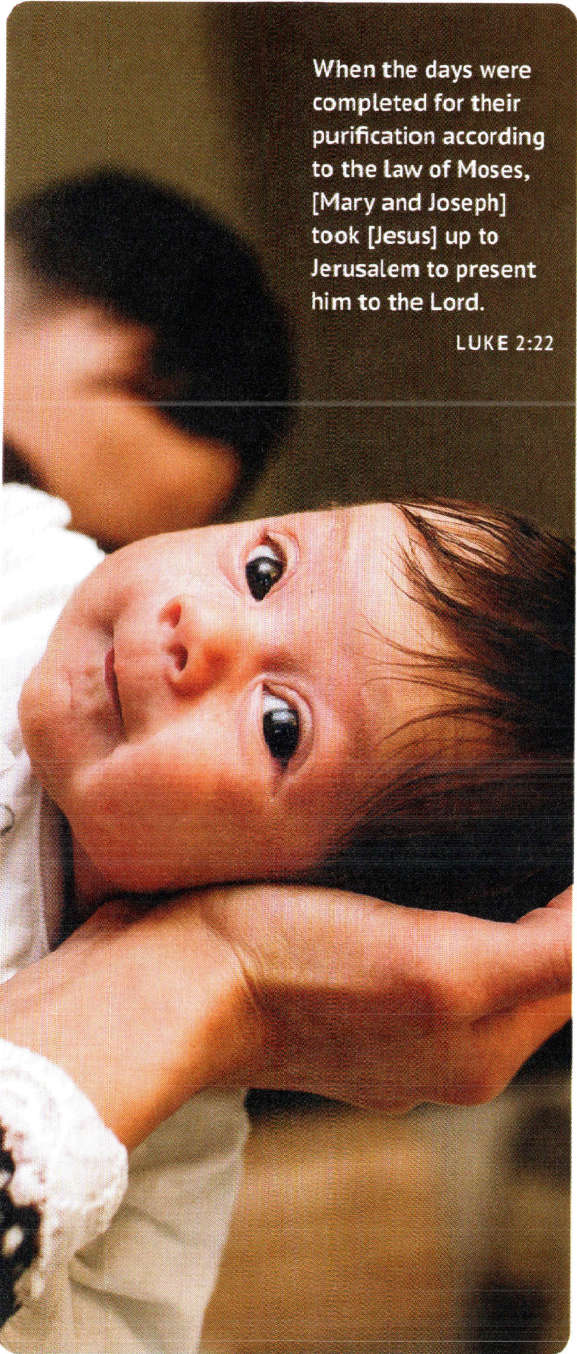
FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It is always a blessed and holy occasion when parents bring their child to the parish church for baptism. They gather family and friends and proudly present their child to both God and the faith community. Somewhere in the midst of it all, they will wonder who their child will become, what their child's gifts and talents will be, and what hopes and dreams their child will have. Yet like Simeon, who blessed the Holy Family in the Temple, they will also realize that life is not always favorable to us. As Simeon foretold, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many...and you yourself a sword will pierce” (Luke 2:34-35).

Although we recognize that suffering is a part of everyone's life, and we would never wish it upon a child, we might hope that the child does not run from every suffering, for it becomes the path to wisdom and compassion—perhaps the only path. We might also wish on the child a bit of loneliness, for it teaches us to treasure friends. And amid hoping for the blessing of success, losing can also be a gift and a blessing, for it is how we learn to deal with failure and understand the important lesson that we cannot always have our own way. Failure can be the seed of humility. Fortunately, while doing our best as parents, we must allow God to decide how our children will be blessed and what will nurture their growth into the image of Jesus. We simply present them to God from whom they came. ●

Reflect

Call to mind someone you love deeply and remind yourself that God loves him or her even more.



When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] took [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

LUKE 2:22



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Sunday Offerings

Kekaha \$ 1,776
Waimea \$ 967

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Candles \$ 65.06
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Funerals 300.00
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Saint Theresa Choir 50.00
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Solemnity of Mary (Jan 1) 10.00

✠ **God bless you!** ✠

*** SPECIAL COLLECTION *
THIS WEEKEND**

Please support St. Theresa School.



2nd collection next weekend!

The **Augustine Educational Foundation** was founded in 1984 to provide tuition assistance to help families with financial needs that count on Hawaii Catholic Schools for their children's education.

SCHOOL NEWS

Feb 7 **No School (Staff Workday)**
Feb 17 **No School (Presidents' Day)**

- APRIL 25 & 26 -



- SAVE THE DATE -



JUBILEE 2025 WEBSITE
jubilaum2025.va/en.html

The Holy See has designated several Jubilee Days throughout 2025 to recognize and celebrate different groups of people and various ministries in the Church.

The Jubilee of the Armed Forces, Police, and Security Officials will be held 2/8 to 2/9.

Prayer for Military Chaplains

Heavenly Father, bless and protect
Military Chaplains and fill them with the joy and
courage of their vocation as personal ministers of
Christ in preaching your word and nourishing us
with the Sacraments.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Blessing of the Throats
Mon, Feb 3 at the 6:30am Mass**

Adult RE: Our Saints

**Mon, Feb 3 at 6pm – Saint Perpetua
Mon, Feb 10 at 6pm – Blessed Carlo Acutis**

All are welcome.
4526B Alae Rd, Kekaha

KIAWE CHICKEN Pick up is Sat 2/8, 9am to 1pm

Many adult hands are needed on prep day Fri 2/7 at 4pm.

MINISTRY NEWS

K-12 Religious Education Classes meet Thursdays at 6:30pm.
Youth Ministry Grades 6-12 meet in the parish hall following
8:30am Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) Contact Deacon
Ron if you are interested. Call or text 907-978-4018.

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

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
Convalidations / Baptisms / Funerals**
Dee Young, Parish Secretary 808-337-1548
M-F, 8am-noon sttheresac@yahoo.com

PPC Raynette Newall66

Worship / HI Catholic Herald parish 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
HCH school articles

The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2025

***Because he himself was
tested through what he
suffered, he is able to help
those who are being tested.***
Hebrews 2:18

When we join a support
group, there is comfort
sharing our pain with
people who have
experienced the same
thing; they understand
what we are going
through. The next time you
experience suffering, talk
to Jesus. He has
experienced more
suffering than most of us,
He understands. Plus, Jesus
knows us better than we
know ourselves. Only He
can fill the hole you feel in
your heart.

~ 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**
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.

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kekahacatholic.com