

# Dear Padre,

*We are told that we are baptized into Jesus’ death and resurrection, and that baptism is necessary for our salvation. But why was Jesus baptized?*

Jesus was baptized, not because he needed saving, but so that others might be saved. By accepting baptism, he established this act as the normative path for salvation. Saint John Chrysostom addressed this question: “Though [Christ] needed not baptism for his own sake, yet carnal nature in others had need thereof.” Or as St. Gregory Nazianzen said more poetically: “Christ was baptized that he might plunge the old Adam entirely in the water.”

Another reason Jesus accepted baptism is suggested by St. Augustine. He said our Lord was baptized “because he wished to do what he had commanded all to do.” This is true servant leadership—not asking of others what one is not willing to do oneself. Or as St. Ambrose said, “This is justice, to do first thyself that which thou wishest another to do, and so encourage others by thy example.”

Perhaps as we launch into a new year, we might try to remember our baptismal promise to “put on Christ” and imitate Jesus in this way: to not ask of anyone—our children or parents; employers or employees; teachers or students; principals or pastors; or even presidents—what we do not ask of ourselves, especially when it comes to honesty, dedication, civility, and charity.

*The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org*

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 13	January 14	January 15	January 16	January 17	January 18	January 19
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Anthony, Abbot	Weekday	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Heb 1:1–6	Heb 2:5–12	Heb 2:14–18	Heb 3:7–14	Abt 4:1–5, 11	Heb 4:12–16	Is 62:1–5
Mk 1:14–20	Mk 1:21–28	Mk 1:29–39	Mk 1:40–45	Mk 2:1–12	Mk 2:13–17	1 Cor 12:4–11
						Jn 2:1–11



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## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*Let us thank the Lord for baptism. Let us also thank him for the parents who brought us to the font, for those who administered the sacrament...for the community in which we received him....*  
*Do I acknowledge, in my life, the light of the presence of God, who sees me as his beloved son, his beloved daughter?*

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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 12, 2025  
*The Baptism of the Lord (C)*  
Isaiah 42:1–4, 6–7 or Isaiah 40:1–5, 9–11 / Acts 10:34–38  
or Titus 2:11–14; 3:4–7 / Luke 3:15–16, 21–22



[John said:] “I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming.... He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire.”  
LUKE 3:16

## Spirit-Trained

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**T**he Spirit that descended upon Jesus is the same Spirit with which we have been baptized. In one way or another, it calls us out into the world, into the lives of others. At times, that call is a passionate desire that burns like fire “eager to do what is good,” as Paul wrote to Titus (Titus 2:14). It shows itself as a call to the work we do in life—perhaps parenting, teaching, medical work, or creating jobs through business. The Spirit beckons us into making the world a better place in which to live.

Sometimes, however, the Spirit’s voice echoes with calls made to us by others. Teachers are urged to become principals. Employees are recognized as potential managers and supervisors. People receive requests to volunteer in community or school projects. At other times, the Spirit calls us through the needs of life. A child may need to care for an aged parent. A family may have a child with special needs. One-sided relationships may call for a listening ear that saps our patience.

Saint Paul wrote to Titus that, in all of this, we are being trained by God’s Spirit to live life as follows: temperately, with a sense of balance, perhaps between giving and receiving; justly, because life is not all about us; and devoutly, for there is a power greater than ourselves (Titus 2:12). It may help to realize that those in training do not always perform their work perfectly. It is the nature of being trained. Trust the Spirit to train you well. ●

### Reflect

*How is the Spirit training you to make the world a better place?*





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



## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

### Sunday Offerings

Kekaha \$ 1,800  
Waimea \$ 1,244

### Other Donations

All Souls \$ 100  
Candles 85  
Catholic Campaign for  
Human Development 20  
Cross We Share 200  
Donations 75  
Initial Offering 793  
Maintenance Fund 40  
Missalettes 10  
Share the Faith 30  
Solemnity of Mary (Jan 1) 1,269  
Thanksgiving 100

**God bless you!**

**Kauai's March for Life Public Rosary**  
Noon on Sat, Jan 25 at Kukui Grove  
Center in Lihue (in front of Macy's).

March for Life is the largest annual  
human rights demonstration in the  
world. Together we gather to  
celebrate life from the moments of  
conception to natural death.

## \$ KIAWE CHICKEN FUNDRAISER \$

**Tickets available now!**

**\$15 = half a bird**

**Pick up Saturday, Feb 8, 9am to 1pm.**

Many adult hands are needed on  
**prep day Fri, Feb 7 at 4pm.**

\*\* Next fundraiser meeting (& first  
money turn-in) is Sun, 1/12 at 10am.

## SCHOOL NEWS

Jan 26 Family Mass 8:30am  
Jan 26 - Feb 1 Catholic Schools Week  
Jan 30 Stream Night 5:30pm  
Jan 31 No School



**JUBILEE 2025 WEBSITE**  
[jubilaeum2025.va/en.html](http://jubilaeum2025.va/en.html)

Our world needs hope.  
Be a pilgrim who prays for this virtue.

*Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame  
of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of  
your Kingdom.*

*May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators  
of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds  
transform from within both humanity and the whole  
cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and  
a new earth, when, with the powers of evil  
vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.  
May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us,  
**Pilgrims of Hope**, a yearning for the treasures of  
heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and  
peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.*

*To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and  
praise for ever. Amen.*

## Adult RE: Our Saints

**Mon, Jan 13 at 6pm - Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton**

**Mon, Jan 20 – no gathering (MLK Jr Day)**

All are welcome.

4526B Alae Rd, Kekaha

## MINISTRY NEWS

**K-12 Religious Education** Classes resume Thu, Jan 16 at  
6:30pm.

**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.  
The next January class is on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**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 Baptism of the Lord**  
January 12, 2025

**John answered them all,  
"I baptize you with water;  
but he who is mightier  
than I is coming...  
he will baptize you with the  
Holy Spirit..."** Luke 3:16

*The Catholic Catechism states  
that "Jesus' immersion in the  
water is a sign for all human  
beings of the need to die to  
themselves to do God's will."*

*In other words, as baptized  
Catholics there is only one gift  
that we need to give to Jesus  
– the gift of ourselves.*

*Surrender yourself to God,  
place your trust in Him and  
allow the Holy Spirit to work  
through you 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 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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