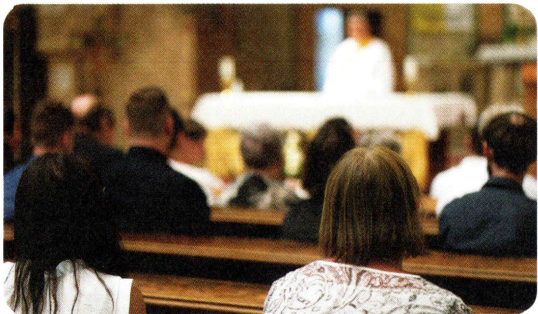


Dear Padre,

At Mass, I see people on their cell phones, and I'm really distracted and irritated. Isn't this wrong?

Would it help if you thought of good reasons for someone to use a cell phone at Mass? Cell phones are the new pagers. People whose work requires them to be on call, those who care for an elder, or parents of teenagers, for example, may need to check their phones. Many people use their phones to follow along with the readings on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website—usccb.org. It's easier for some to enlarge and read the print on a phone instead of following along in a missal. And, while this is relatively new, many hearing aids can be controlled by cell phone apps, so a person might use his or her phone to make adjustments to hear better. Perhaps if you imagine one of these reasons, your irritation will lessen, and you won't be so distracted.



Now, a word to those who are using a cell phone at Mass. If you are scrolling, checking your email or social media, think about giving yourself one hour when you will turn off your phone and put it aside. This is very difficult for some, and not just for young people. Checking one's phone is habitual—some might say addictive. Surely you deserve an hour when you are not tethered to your phone. A cell phone is a marvelous tool. Just make sure that it is the tool, and you are the master—not the other way around. ●

The Redemptorists / 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
January 27	January 28	January 29	January 30	January 31	February 1	February 2
Weekday	St. Thomas	Weekday	Weekday	St. John Bosco,	Weekday	The Presentation
Heb 9:15,	Aquinas, Priest	Heb 10:11–18	Heb 10:19–15	Priest	Heb 11:1–2,	of the Lord
24–28	and Doctor of	Mk 4:1–20	Mk 4:21–25	Heb 10:32–39	8–19	Mal 3:1–4
Mk 3:22–30	the Church			Mk 4:26–34	Mk 4:35–41	Heb 2:14–18
	Heb 10:1–10					Lk 2:22–40 or
	Mk 3:31–35					2:22–32



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

[Jesus] has descended to the streets of our world in order to encounter our wounded humanity, to caress faces furrowed by suffering, to bind up broken hearts, and to set us free from chains that imprison the soul. In this way, he shows us the worship most pleasing to God: caring for our neighbor.

HOMILY, ROME, JANUARY 23, 2022

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 26, 2025
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Nehemiah 8:2–4a, 5–6, 8–10 / 1 Corinthians 12:12–30 or 12:12–14, 27
Luke 1:1–4; 4:14–21



Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region.

LUKE 4:14

The Stories of Our Lives

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Every family has stories of times past when unique and curious happenings gave color to family life. They are part of each family's lore, told again and again with as much gusto as when they were told for the first time. Though everyone has heard them countless times, telling these stories still reminds us of who we are as family, lest we forget. This is why the faith community, the family of the Church, tells stories from the Bible every time we gather. We've heard them before many times, but we tell them because they are part of our history, part of who we have been, and part of who we are as God's people, lest we forget.

The stories in sacred Scripture are not just stories of past lives; they are also stories of our own lives.

The story of Moses standing before the burning bush in awe of God's presence is also our story as we come upon nature's beauty or experience the birth of a child. The story of Joseph, the son of Jacob sold into slavery by his brothers, may also be our story of being betrayed by someone we love. Zacchaeus climbing a tree to see Jesus is our story of longing to see and know God in our lives and in our homes. The story of the good shepherd is the story of God seeking us out, forgiving us, and carrying us back to life. We recognize the stories of sacred Scripture as our stories. ●

Reflect

What stories from Scripture comfort you, and which ones challenge you?



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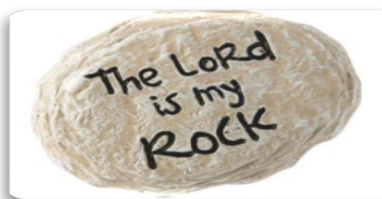
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Vision / Mission Statement
*To make St. Theresa Parish
a dynamic Christian community of
worship & service*



1946 / 1993
St. Theresa School at Kekaha



Parish Directory

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HCH school articles

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 26, 2025

***Go, eat rich foods and
drink sweet drinks, and
allot portions to those
who had nothing
prepared...***

- Nehemiah 8:10

*Ezra's instructions to the
people show us that God
does not forbid us from
enjoying the good things in
life. He wants us to be
happy! However, God
expects us to be **grateful**
for all that He has given us
and to generously share
our blessings with those
who are in need.*

*Now here's the hard part –
to share all we have
without expecting anything
in return.*

~ 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.

**View the bulletin in color at
kekahacatholic.com**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

Sunday Offerings

Kekaha \$ 2,707
Waimea \$ 1,005

Other Donations

Candles \$ 55
Christmas 150
Cross We Share 775
Donations 300
Flowers 60
Initial Offering 43
Maintenance Fund 224
Mass Intentions 160
Missalettes 8
Share the Faith 25
Solemnity of Mary (Jan 1) 22

✠ **God bless you!** ✠

A combined 2nd collection this
weekend will support pastoral
programs throughout **Latin America
& the Caribbean**, as well as assist in
evangelizing the **Black and Indian
peoples of the U.S.**
Please be generous!

\$ KIAWE CHICKEN FUNDRAISER \$

Tickets available – final weekend!

\$15 = half a bird

Pick up Sat, Feb 8, 9am to 1pm.

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

Sun 1/26 at 11:30am
final money & ticket turn-in

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
jubilaum2025.va/en.html

The concept of "**Jubilee**" has its origins in the
Book of Leviticus (chapter 25) as a special year
of reconciliation, pilgrimage, and coming home.

Pope Francis has designated the 2025
Holy Year as a time to renew ourselves
as "**Pilgrims of Hope.**"

**What should a couple do when they decide that they
want to marry in the Catholic Church?**

They should contact their parish as soon as possible and
make an appointment to talk with the priest, deacon or
staff person who is responsible for preparing couples for
marriage. This person will explain the process of marriage
preparation and the various programs that are offered.

FORYOURMARRIAGE.ORG

Please contact Chantal Duarte via text at 808-634-0403
or via email at chantal_duarte@yahoo.com and
our Prayer Warriors will pray for your special needs.
God hears and answers our prayers.

Adult RE: Our Saints

Mon, Jan 27 at 6pm – Saint Anthony of Padua

Mon, Feb 3 at 6pm – Saint Perpetua

All are welcome.

4526B Alae Rd, Kekaha

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 at 907-978-4018 if you are interested.

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

**** Worship meeting Tue, Jan 28 at 6pm. ****