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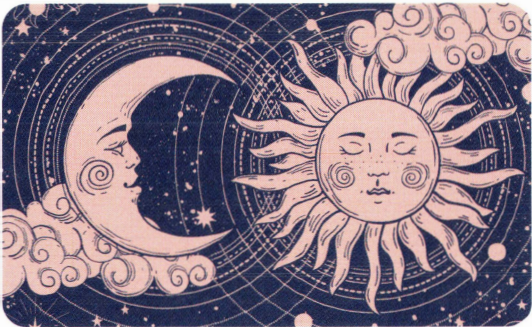
I'm into horoscopes. A friend told me that astrology is nonsense and against the Catholic faith. What do you say?

Stargazing is as old as the human race. We know with certainty that ancient Chaldea was known for its stargazers. Many of the constellations' names originated during that time. Some scholars believe that the three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the newborn Savior were themselves Chaldean stargazers.

Astrologers believe that the zodiac signs under which we were born largely control our human destiny. The Christian objection to astrology is that it insults almighty God, who alone knows the future. God alone, in cooperation with the free will of humans, controls the future. To suppose that stars, planets, animals, or inanimate objects can, independent of God, direct or influence our lives opposes the first commandment: "I am the LORD your God.... You shall not have other gods beside me" (Exodus 20:2-3).

The Old Testament clearly spells out that it is vain to imagine "either fire, or wind, or the swift air, or the circuit of the stars, or the mighty water, or the luminaries of heaven" as "the governors of the world" (Wisdom 13:2).

Don't give credit to or blame the stars for what you do and who you are. See past them to the God who made them, and who made us, and who cares for all creation.

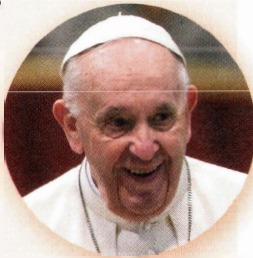


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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

God made us: brimming with desire, directed, like the Magi, towards the stars.... We are what we desire. For it is our desires that...drive our lives forward, beyond the barriers of habit, beyond banal consumerism, beyond a drab and dreary faith, beyond the fear of becoming involved and serving others and the common good.

HOMILY, ROME, JANUARY 6, 2022



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday

January 6
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 3:22-4:6
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday

January 7
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:7-10
Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday

January 8
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:11-18
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday

January 9
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:19-5:4
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday

January 10
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:5-13
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday

January 11
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:14-21
Jn 3:22-30

Sunday

January 12
The Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1-4, 6-7
or Is 40:1-5, 9-11
Acts 10:34-38
or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 5, 2025

The Epiphany of the Lord (C)

Isaiah 60:1-6 / Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Matthew 2:1-12



Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

MATTHEW 2:1B-2

In Search of God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We are always in search of something or other, it seems—an intangible something that tends to shift and change over the course of our lives, like the tumbling pieces of a kaleidoscope. Sometimes, it is love we seek. Other times, meaning. Or inner peace, freedom from anxiety or guilt. Or perhaps freedom from all that ties us down. And sometimes, it is God we seek. Like the Magi, we too are on a quest for the Holy One.

One afternoon, Tom, a high-school sophomore, stopped by. He asked if we could talk about God—or, more exactly, about what God was like. He had been in a study hall, waiting for the bell to ring, when the person behind him asked, "When you die, do you think you're going to see God?" Tom said he thought he would, but then the other student replied, "Well, you won't, because God doesn't have a body. There isn't something to see."

The bell rang, Tom said, and they never finished the conversation. Tom wondered whether God had a body or not, and, if not, then what was God like? Tom was searching for a God that made sense amidst galaxies and black holes and light years of time, but also a God who was personal and knowable and lovable. He wasn't sure how to put the two together. He had become one of the Magi on a journey to find God. ●

Reflect

Where are you on your journey to know and discover God?



Sacred Heart of Jesus & Mary at Waimea



St. Theresa Parish

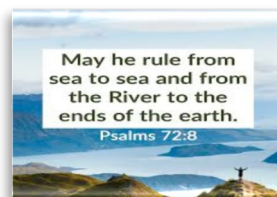
Established January 21, 1941
P.O. Box 159, Kekaha, HI 96752



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 \$ 2,310.74
Waimea \$ 937.00

Other Donations

Candles \$ 113
Christmas 5,505
~ baby Jesus 133
Cross We Share 280
Donation 13,000
Flowers 15
Immaculate Conception 30
Initial Offering 10
Maintenance Fund 75
Mass Intentions 20
Misa de Gallo 529
~ candles 318
Missalettes 24
Religious articles 5
Solemnity of Mary (Jan 1) 20

God bless you!

Offertory envelopes for 2025 are available at the rear of the church.

Finance Council meeting
Tue, Jan 7 at 6pm



Watch for details

SCHOOL NEWS

Jan 7 Classes resume
Jan 26 Family Mass at 8:30am
Jan 26 - Feb 1 Catholic Schools Week
Jan 31 No School

Pope's intentions for January

~ for the right to an education ~
Let us pray for migrants, refugees,
and those affected by war,
that their right to an education,
which is necessary to build a better
world, might always be respected.



Prayer Requests

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.

"Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him... Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary"

Adult RE: Our Saints

Mon, Jan 6 at 6pm - Saint Andre Bessette
Mon, Jan 13 at 6pm - Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
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 1st and 3rd Sundays.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) Classes are held in the parish hall at 6pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
January classes held on the 8th & 22nd only.

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

**** Lectors at STC ****

Sat, Jan 11 at 5pm Evelyn & Adele
Sun, Jan 12 at 8:30am Isabella & Anna KT

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 Epiphany of the Lord
January 5, 2025

...They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Matthew 2:11

What gifts do you give to the Lord?

Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day:

Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships.

Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God.

Myrrh – a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

~ 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