

Dear Padre,

I have always been an “every Sunday” Catholic. My problem is that holy Communion doesn’t feel that special. I believe that it’s the Body and Blood of Christ, but receiving feels “routine.” Sometimes I’m even distracted while receiving. Help?

Do you remember the story of the transfiguration of Jesus? (See Luke 9:28–36.) Jesus took his three special disciples, Peter, James, and John, up on the mountain, and while Jesus was praying, what did they do? They fell asleep! In the very presence of Jesus, their Lord and Master.

Human beings cannot maintain feelings of awe and ecstasy for long periods of time. We would be exhausted. Feelings don’t always reflect the specialness of the moment. That is why good habits are so important. Feelings may elude us, but we can fall back on the habit of Sunday Mass. Just as two contented, long-married people don’t feel like they did on their honeymoon, they still quietly enjoy the habit of each other’s company.

Lent is coming soon. You might consider shaking up your routine a little. Attend one weekday Mass. Prepare for Sunday Mass by reading the Scriptures for that Sunday and praying the entrance antiphon or the psalm. If you don’t already, consider volunteering as a choir member, lector, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion. Meanwhile, continue to receive holy Communion, giving thanks that it is readily available, and perhaps offer a prayer for communities where Communion every Sunday is not possible. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus says [his people] are blessed because they are poor. In what sense? In the sense that Jesus’ disciples do not find their joy in money, power, or other material goods; but in the gifts they receive every day from God: life, creation, brothers and sisters, and so on. These are gifts of life.

ANGELUS, ROME, FEBRUARY 13, 2022

Monday

February 17
Weekday
Gn 4:1–15, 25
Mk 8:11–13

Tuesday

February 18
Weekday
Gn 6:5–8; 7:1–5, 10
Mk 8:14–21

Wednesday

February 19
Weekday
Gn 8:6–13, 20–22
Mk 8:22–26

Thursday

February 20
Weekday
Gn 9:1–13
Mk 8:27–33

Friday

February 21
Weekday
Gn 11:1–9
Mk 8:34–9:1

Saturday

February 22
The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
1 Pt 5:1–4
Mt 16:13–19

Sunday

February 23
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 26:2, 7–9, 12–13, 22–23
1 Cor 15:45–49
Lk 6:27–38

Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 16, 2025
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Jeremiah 17:5–8 / 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16–20 / Luke 6:17, 20–26



And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.”

LUKE 6:20

It’s All about the Roots

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Where we put down our spiritual roots matters. For some, the old adage “Bloom where you are planted” may offer wisdom; however, the prophet Jeremiah reminds us that if we find ourselves planted in a lava bed or a salty and empty land, we won’t do much blooming. We’ll be no more than a shriveled, barren bush. So, where we plant our inner spiritual lives makes a difference.

This week’s gospel may seem to sap all the joy out of life. Woe if you have money to spend, a banquet to feast on, fun and laughter to dress up your days. Woe to you, it seems to caution, because when you die, the opposite will be your lot. What’s so wrong, we wonder, with having cash in our pockets, food on our tables, and a good time once in a while? Life can be downright dreary otherwise.

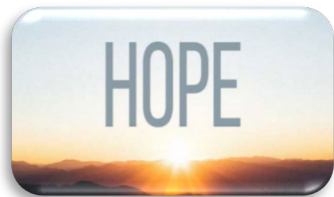
The answer, of course, is that there is nothing wrong with any of that—unless that’s where we put down our roots. In other words, if that’s what life is all about, sooner or later, we are likely to discover we have become a barren bush standing in lava waste. Jesus didn’t come to suck the joy out of life but to give us a heads up on how to live a life that is full. He hoped we might avoid the lure that can become a wasteland. He hoped we might become “like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream” (Jeremiah 17:8). ●

Reflect

Where are your roots? Are you growing and thriving?



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Sunday Offerings

Kekaha \$ 1,777.00
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Black & Indian Missions 20.00
Candles 41.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development 20.00
Cross We Share 100.00
Flowers 40.00
Kiawe Chicken Sales 2,715.00
~ Donations 24.65
Maintenance Fund 60.00
Mass Intentions 205.00
Missalettes 10.00



**CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED
for Presidents' Day, Mon, Feb 17.**



Last year's **palm leaves** are blessed sacramentals; for this reason, the palms are to be treated reverently, and proper disposal must be carried out respectfully. **As is our custom at St. Theresa Parish, please return your palms to the church so they can be burned and used for ashes on Ash Wednesday.**

The other way to properly dispose of the palms would be to either burn them or bury them but never discard them with the trash.

SCHOOL NEWS

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

- APRIL 25 & 26 -



JUBILEE 2025
jubilaum2025.va/en.html

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

The **Jubilee of Artists** will be held from 2/16 to 2/18. Artists imitate the creator God, the divine artist, in creating artistic works that give hope by lifting the spirit to transcendent realities. The work of artists is invaluable for society and for the Church since artistic creativity is an act of hope.

The **Jubilee of Deacons** will be held from 2/21 to 2/23. Holy Father says he expects humble deacons, letting all good be a secret between him and God; he expects deacons to be good spouses, fathers, and grandfathers, inspiring others with their witness of joy in everything without complaining; he expects deacons to be sentinels, to both know the face of the poor and also help the Christian faithful recognize Jesus in them.

All our clergy need our constant prayers!

Adult RE: Our Saints

Mon, Feb 17 No gathering (Presidents' Day)
Mon, Feb 24 at 6pm – Mother Teresa
All are welcome.
4526B Alae Rd, Kekaha

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.

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 Newall*

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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 16, 2025

***Blessed are you when people
hate you...exclude and insult
you, and denounce your
name...on account of the
Son of Man.*** Luke 6:22

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad?

Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

~ 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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