

# Dear Padre,

Who was St. Valentine? Do our Valentine's Day traditions of love and romance have anything to do with the actual St. Valentine?

There were actually three St. Valentines. One was a priest who was beheaded in Rome on February 14 in the year 269. Another was a bishop, who was also martyred in the third century. Both are buried on the Appian Way in Rome. The third St. Valentine is a lesser-known saint who died in Africa with a number of companions during the early centuries of the Church. The tomb of this St. Valentine became a center of popular devotion in the early Middle Ages. In 496, Pope Gelasius set aside February 14 to honor this particular St. Valentine.

The popular romantic customs that surround our present Valentine's Day trace their origins back to the Middle Ages. The English writer Geoffrey Chaucer noted that halfway through the second month of the year, February 14, the birds begin to choose their mates. For this reason, the day was looked upon as specially consecrated to lovers and as a proper occasion for writing love letters and sending lovers' tokens. People who gave or received these tokens or letters were referred to as "valentines." In the Middle Ages, a legend also developed that St. Valentine the priest left a farewell note for his jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and that he signed that note "From Your Valentine." ●



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### 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
February 10 <i>St. Scholastica, Virgin</i> Gn 1:1-19 Mk 6:53-56	February 11 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 1:20-2:4a Mk 7:1-13	February 12 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17 Mk 7:14-23	February 13 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 2:18-25 Mk 7:24-30	February 14 <i>Sts. Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop</i> Gn 3:1-8 Mk 7:31-37	February 15 <i>Weekday</i> Gn 3:9-24 Mk 8:1-10	February 16 <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Jer 17:5-8 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-26



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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*With Jesus, we sail the sea of life without fear...without giving up and saying, "there is nothing more that can be done." Always...there is something beautiful and courageous that can be done, always. We can always start over.... So let us accept the invitation: let us...put out to sea with Jesus!*

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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 9, 2025  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**  
Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 / 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11 / Luke 5:1-11



They left everything  
and followed him.  
LUKE 5:11

## Unsolicited Calls

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Sometimes life calls us to a place that feels just right, as if it's where we're meant to be. I know a person who has always wanted to be a dad, and so he is—a stay-at-home dad of three, and he loves it. On the other hand, sometimes life's calls unfold in directions beyond our plans and seem to flow from a wisdom greater than our own. Author John Grisham studied to be a lawyer, something that unfolded into his becoming a writer of mysteries and thrillers instead. Calls seem to be written upon our spirits. How else would God call us?

Isaiah, Paul, and Peter found themselves called by God into lives they never wanted, baffled by God's whys and wherefores. Their calls pushed them into lives they initially resisted. Such calls can happen to us as well. A man finds himself caring for his aged mother after his father's death. His siblings seem unwilling or unable to help, so there is no one else. Grandparents find themselves raising their grandchildren because their son's or daughter's life is frayed beyond repair, and there is no one else to nurture and love the children. The calls of God at times are calls into lives not of our own choosing. They arise from greater needs when there seems to be no one else but us to say "yes." Our reluctance and anxiety may attest that these calls come from God. They then become paths to ever-deepening faith and trust in God. ●

### Reflect

**Do you experience God calling you?  
What is your answer?**





1899  
*Sacred Heart of Jesus & Mary at Waimea*

## St. Theresa Parish

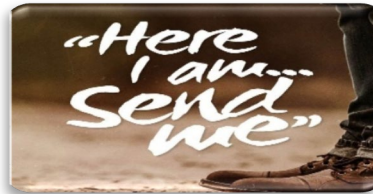
Established January 21, 1941  
P.O. Box 159, Kekaha, HI 96752



1946 / 1993  
*St. Theresa School at Kekaha*

**DO NOT  
BE AFRAID  
I AM  
WITH YOU**

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



### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

✠ *Mahalo for being as generous as your means allow. God bless you!* ✠

#### Sunday Offerings

Kekaha	\$ 1,631
Waimea	1,207

#### Other Donations

Augustine Educational Foundation	\$ 50
Candles	30
Cross We Share	250
Donation	50
Flowers	172
Funerals	300
Kiawe Chicken Sales	11,905
~ Donations	480
Maintenance Fund	40
Mass Intentions	220
Share Your Faith	65
St. Theresa School	3,725



**JUBILEE 2025**  
[jubilaum2025.va/en.html](http://jubilaum2025.va/en.html)



The *Amerigo Vespucci* was officially designated a **Jubilee church** by Archbishop Santo Marciàno of the Military Ordinariate of Italy. Built in 1930 and considered one of the most beautiful ships in the world, it has 3 masts and 27 sails. It has been transformed into a place where sailors & visitors can receive the spiritual benefits of the Jubilee.

### 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**

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 2025

***Then I heard the voice of the  
Lord saying, 'Whom shall I  
send? Who will go for us?'***  
***'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'***  
*Isaiah 6:8*

Every day, in little ways and  
in big ways, God asks,  
"Whom shall I send?"

Whether it is someone to  
take on a new ministry, to  
give a friendly smile to a  
stranger or to say a word of  
encouragement to a friend,  
God constantly provides  
opportunities to help  
someone in need.

God is always talking to us;  
we just need to pay more  
attention. When you hear  
God calling have the courage  
to walk through the door and  
say, "Here I am, Lord."

~ *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](http://View the bulletin in color at<br/>kekahacatholic.com)



2<sup>nd</sup> collection THIS WEEKEND for the  
**Augustine Educational Foundation.**  
Founded in 1984, AEF provides tuition  
assistance to help families that count  
on Hawaii Catholic Schools for their  
children's education.

**Happy  
Saint  
Valentine's  
Day!**

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

### SCHOOL NEWS

Feb 17 **No School (Presidents' Day)**

- APRIL 25 & 26 -



- SAVE THE DATE -

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### Adult RE: Our Saints

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

All are welcome.

4526B Alae Rd, Kekaha

**Mon, Feb 17 No gathering (Presidents' Day)**

**MAHALO for your GENEROSITY and SUPPORT with  
the KIAWE fundraiser. YOU help our parish thrive!**