

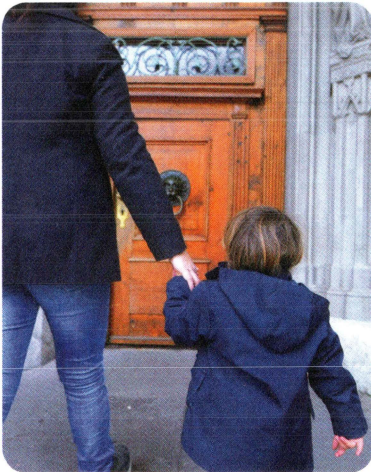
Dear Padre,

Does the Church teach how we should dress to go to Mass? Maybe I'm just old-fashioned, but the way some people dress seems very disrespectful.

Church teaching, dogmas, doctrines, and creedal formulations are not the specific resources to consult in order to answer this question. It is properly a matter of discipline and practice, although the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* does direct that “bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing) ought to convey respect” (1387). There are many commentaries on what exactly “respect” might mean.

It would be very difficult to establish a universal dress code. The many different cultures, climates, and particular circumstances of a specific Catholic community make a dress code unmanageable. It seems that you judge the local practice not up to your standards. Your judgment may be correct, or you may have unreasonable expectations. There was a time when “Sunday best” was the established norm. In other communities, the expectation would be “business casual” as a bare minimum. Now, it seems standards and practices are very fluid and flexible. All of this being said, it is ultimately a pastoral concern, not doctrinal or dogmatic. Try not to allow how other people dress distract you from your purpose at Mass. While they may not look like you imagine they should, their prayer might be genuine and heartfelt. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

After the labors of each day, it will do us good not to switch off the light in the room without placing ourselves in the light of God.... Wonder at the boundless love of God, who never tires of us and has the power to transfigure our days, to give them a new meaning, a new, unexpected light.

ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 13, 2022



Monday

March 17
Lenten Weekday
Dn 9:4b–10
Lk 6:36–38

Tuesday

March 18
Lenten Weekday
Is 1:10, 16–20
Mt 23:1–12

Wednesday

March 19
St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Sm 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16
Rom 4:13, 16–18, 22
Mt 1:16, 18–21, 24a or Lk 2:41–51a

Thursday

March 20
Lenten Weekday
Jer 17:5–10
Lk 16:19–31

Friday

March 21
Lenten Weekday
Gn 37:3–4, 12–13a, 17b–28a
Mt 21:33–43, 45–46

Saturday

March 22
Lenten Weekday
Mi 7:14–15, 18–20
Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

Sunday

March 23
Third Sunday of Lent
Ex 3:1–8a, 13–15
1 Cor 10:1–6, 10–12
Lk 13:1–9

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 16, 2025

Second Sunday of Lent (C)

Genesis 15:5–12, 17–18 / Philippians 3:17–4:1 or 3:20–4:1 / Luke 9:28b–36



Embrace the Darkness

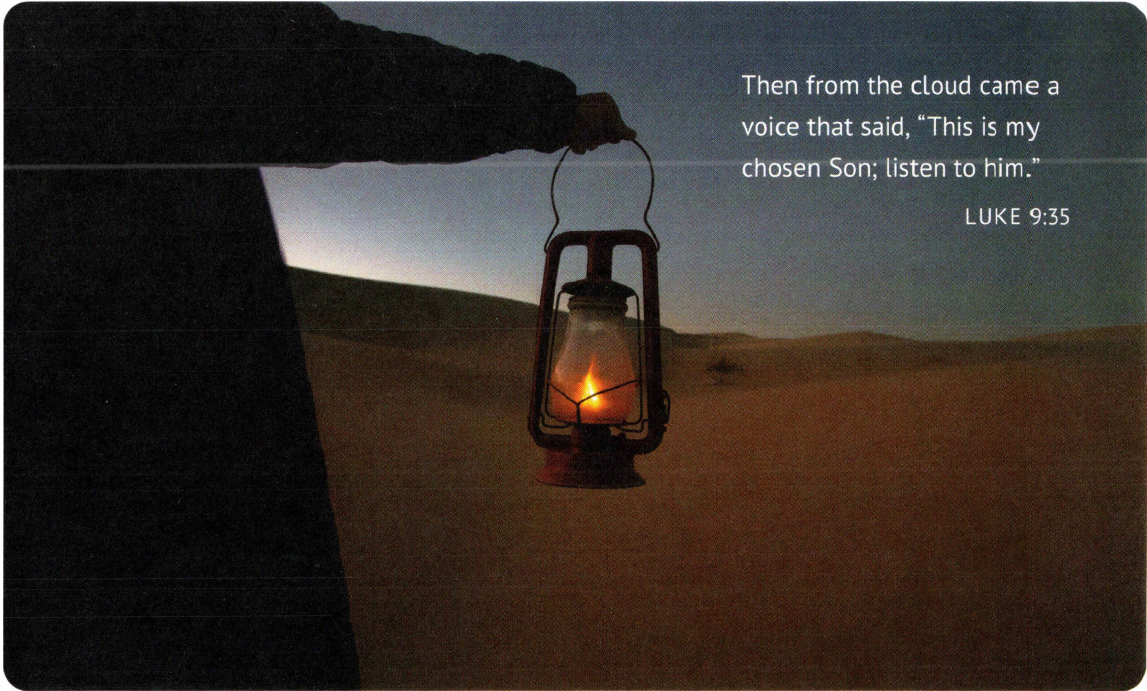
FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The darkness can be unsettling. As a child, my nightly bedtime ritual included checking beneath my bed as well as in the dark hall closet. One could never know what denizens of harm might be lurking there, hidden in the shadows. As adults, the darkness we fear is no longer what lies hidden about our home. Rather, the darkness we attempt to escape is the unknown forces that have the power to overturn our lives. It is the death of someone we love that plunges us into fear and loss, forcing us to somehow make our way, alone and unsure. It is the frightening medical diagnosis that has the ability to dismantle our planned future. It is the financial security that dissolves before our very eyes. In such darkness, we grope blindly to find our way.

The Book of Genesis notes that a trance came upon Abram, a terrifying darkness that enveloped him. The gospel relays how Peter, James, and John became frightened atop Mt. Tabor when they found themselves in a cloud that obscured their sight. Yet, the darkness became for each of them a place in which they came to know their God in a totally new way; it set them on a new path of faith. It is then that we, too, are forced to surrender trust in our own wisdom. Unable to see clearly what is in store for us, we can only rely on a new path, trusting that we will be accompanied by our God. ●

Reflect

When has life's darkness brought me to a new and deeper faith in God?



Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.”

LUKE 9:35



Sacred Heart of Jesus & Mary at Waimea

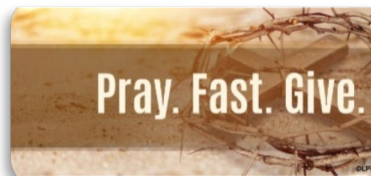


St. Theresa Parish

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



St. Theresa School at Kekaha



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 \$ 2,297.00
Waimea 1,366.00

Other Donations

Ash Wednesday	\$ 1,321.00
Augustine Edu Foundation	30.00
Candles	65.00
Catholic Relief Services	20.00
Cross We Share	650.00
Donation	125.00
~ candles	150.00
~ liturgical supplies	169.23
Flowers	30.00
Initial Offering	11.00
Maintenance Fund	100.00
Mass Intentions	110.00
Ohana In Christ	365.00



JUBILEE 2025
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.... the Jubilee logo

The Cross is not rigid, not static, but bends towards humanity as if to embrace it.

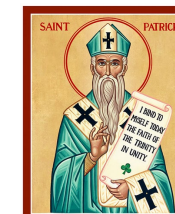
As for **the anchor**, “As is known, the anchor has often been used as a metaphor for hope. The anchor of hope is the name given in seafaring jargon to the reserve anchor, used by vessels to perform emergency maneuvers to stabilize the ship during storms.” The sense of this symbol in the Jubilee logo is clear: it is precisely in the most difficult moments that we need to rely on an anchor that gives us security and guarantees salvation, and what better anchor than the Cross, a symbol of Christ and His infinite love for all of us?

The presence of small, agitated **waves** at the bottom of the logo confirms the existence of dangers and obstacles, of those personal events and events of the world that make each of our lives not always easy.

Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

The norms concerning **abstinence from meat** are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

**Happy
Saint Patrick's
Day!**



Adult RE: Lenten Study

Mondays at 6pm. All are welcome!
4526B Alae Rd, Kekaha

Mar 17	Seven Deadly Sins
Mar 24	Confession
Apr 7	The Mass (part two)
Apr 14	The Passion

Prepare your heart for Easter at STC

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent at 6pm

Mar 7 – Apr 11

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Mar 31 at 6pm

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

Apr 4 beginning with 6pm Stations

SCHOOL NEWS

Mar 17-21	Spring Break
Mar 26	No school (Kuhio Day)
Apr 25-26	School Carnival Tickets available after Mass or in the office.

Parish Directory

Clergy



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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

808-337-1351 sttheresakauai.com
M-F, 7:30am-3:00pm
HCH school articles

2nd Sunday of Lent
March 16, 2025

***I am the Lord who brought
you from Ur of the Chaldeans
to give you this land as a
possession. Genesis 15:7***

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses, and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him.

How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

~ 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**