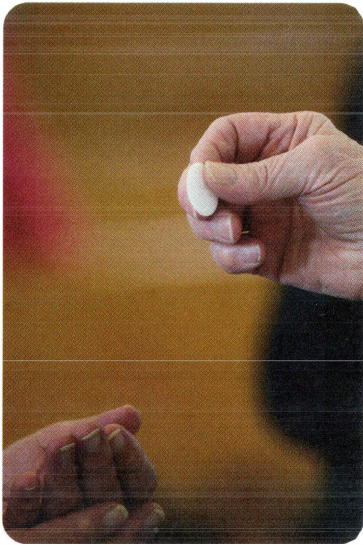


Dear Padre,

May I receive Communion if I'm divorced and haven't gotten an annulment?

Yes, you may. Divorce, in itself, is not an impediment to the reception of Communion. Divorce, although regrettable because of the many ramifications that may be part of the experience, is not in itself a sin. There are situations when divorce may be the most loving choice and make it possible for all parties involved to live the lives God is calling them to live.

Remarriage, when a person is not free to marry because of the presence of a previous bond, is an impediment to the reception of holy Communion. Although this situation is more and more common, it does not mean that the law of the Church, representative of the teaching of Jesus, can be set aside. As part of the process of healing from your divorce and moving on with your life, you may want to seek an annulment, particularly if you think you might want to marry again. The annulment process can often be healing and a source of great blessing. It also provides a rare opportunity to reflect on what was lost as a result of the original divorce and what can be learned as a way of moving forward and building a second marriage that is strong and life-giving.



STEVE LOVIE/SHUTTERSTOCK

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / 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
March 24	March 25	March 26	March 27	March 28	March 29	March 30
Lenten Weekday	The	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Fourth Sunday of Lent
2 Kgs 5:1-15b	Annunciation of the Lord	Dt 4:1, 5-9	Jer 7:23-28	Hos 14:2-10	Hos 6:1-6	Jos 5:9a, 10-12
Lk 4:24-30	Is 7:10-14; 8:10	Mt 5:17-19	Lk 11:14-23	Mk 12:28-34	Lk 18:9-14	2 Cor 5:17-21
	Heb 10:4-10					Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
	Lk 1:26-38					

**A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

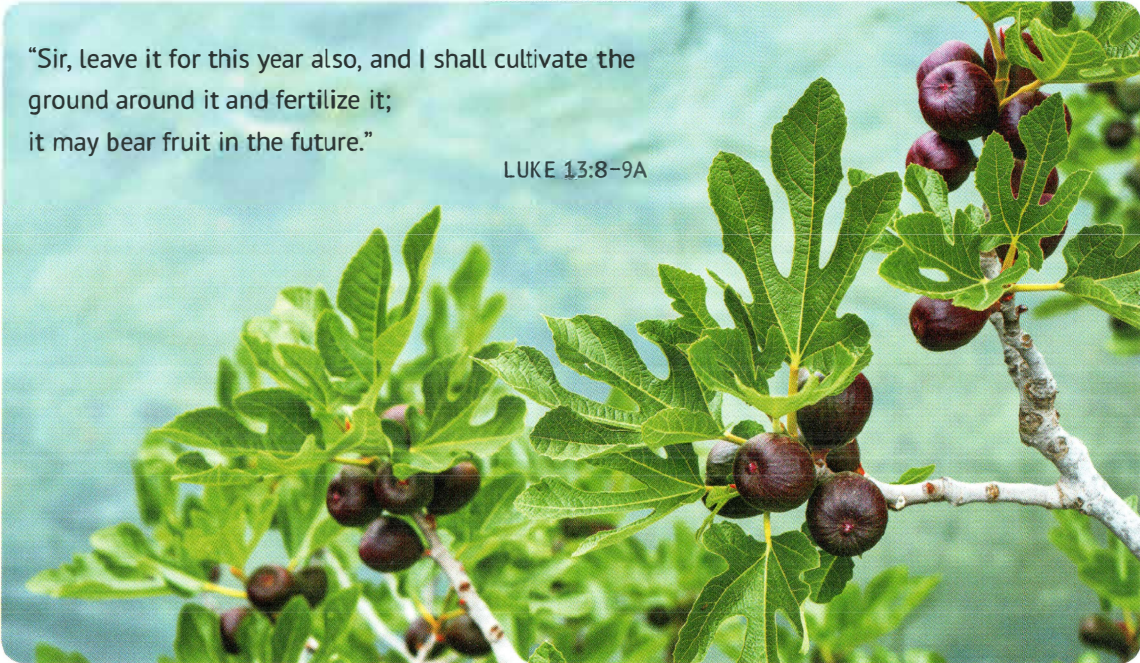
*I like to think that a nice name for God could be “the God of another possibility”.... [God] does not look at the achievements you have not yet reached, but the fruits you can still bear. He does not keep track of your shortcomings but encourages your potential. He does not dwell on your past, but confidently bets on your future.*

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 23, 2025  
Third Sunday of Lent (C)  
Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 / 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 / Luke 13:1-9



“Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future.”

LUKE 13:8-9A

A Gardener God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Charles Baudelaire was a French poet and essayist in the mid-1800s. He once observed that life is like a hospital in which each patient is possessed by the desire to change beds. In other words, he thought everyone seemed to think life would be so much better if only they had a different set of circumstances, a different job, a different marriage, a different place in life. Like trees, however, not everyone grows and matures at the same pace. There are forty-year-olds who still act and think like teenagers, and there are ten-year-olds who have an attitude toward life like that of an elder. Over time, we all grow into the lives we're given.

In this week's Parable of the Barren Fig Tree, some think God is like the owner who planted the tree, as

if God is impatient with us to begin bearing fruit and quick to uproot us if we fail. A case could be made, however, for God to be the gardener who patiently fertilizes and nurtures. In the beginning, it was God who had a garden called Eden, filled with all kinds of trees and plants among which God walked with Adam and Eve in the cool of the evening. After the resurrection, it was Mary Magdalene who went looking for the body of Jesus and mistook him for the gardener. It is God who hovers over us, watering and nudging and nurturing, waiting until in God's good time, we begin to bear fruit. ●

Reflect

What needs nurturing in my life, and what needs weeding out?



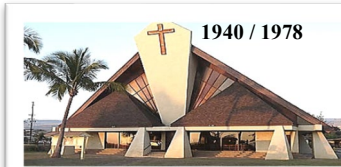


Sacred Heart of Jesus & Mary at Waimea



# 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. God bless you! ✠

### Sunday Offerings

Kekaha \$ 1,962  
Waimea 1,092

### Other Donations

Candles \$ 86.00  
Cross We Share 150.00  
Donation 100.00  
~ liturgical supplies 399.12  
Flowers 10.00  
Initial Offering 5.00  
Maintenance Fund 10.00  
Mass Intentions 30.00

Second collection next weekend  
for Catholic Relief Services

CRS carries out the commitment of the  
Bishops of the United States to assist  
the poor and vulnerable overseas.

### Adult RE: Lenten Study

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

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

#### FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

Apr 4 beginning with 6pm Stations

## SCHOOL NEWS

Registration is open for grades PK-8 for  
the 2025-26 school year. Call the office to  
schedule a visit, or find forms and  
information on the school's website.

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



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

The Holy See has designated a number of Jubilee Days throughout 2025 to recognize and celebrate different groups of people and various ministries in the Church. The **Jubilee of the Missionaries of Mercy** will be Mar 28-30. Pope Francis invites us to contemplate the profound link between mercy and hope—two pillars of our Christian faith that must guide our ministry.

The Holy Father reminds us that hope does not disappoint, because it is firmly rooted in the love of God poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5).

### LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES ON KAUAI

All services begin at 6pm.

Mon Mar 31 St. Theresa Church, Kekaha  
Tue Apr 1 Holy Cross, Kalaheo  
Wed Apr 2 St. Raphael, Koloa  
Thu Apr 3 Immaculate Conception, Lihue  
Mon Apr 7 St. Catherine, Kapaa

"Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy."  
Proverbs 28:13

### 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.

## 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.

*Interested in serving our Lord as an **Altar Server**? We need you!  
Please contact Deacon Ron at 907-978-4018.*

## Parish Directory

### Clergy



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Convalidations / Baptisms / Funerals  
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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

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent  
March 23, 2025

**He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'**  
Luke 13:7

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have, or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you?

Remember, not only are we called to be generous, but we are also called to develop and nurture our gifts and return them with increase. We are called to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

~ 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](http://kekahacatholic.com)