

Dear Padre,

Is it OK if I receive holy Communion more than once a day? Part of my routine is to go to early morning Mass in my parish, even on days I know I'm going to another Mass, like a wedding or funeral, or sometimes another Mass for that day.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that by the very nature of what the Eucharist intends and celebrates, those who participate in the great mystery of our faith should "receive the Lord's Body" (1388). In other words, reception of holy Communion is strongly recommended and is understood as the ordinary practice for all who participate in the Mass. Proper preparation and disposition are presumed as both necessary and important.

In response to a specific 'dubium' or question about this practice and expectation, in 1984 the Pontifical Commission on the Code of Canon Law issued an authentic interpretation of the Church's understanding of this practice. It mandated that "the faithful may receive the Holy Eucharist only a second time on the same day" (CCC, 1388, footnote 222). This directive is intended to establish the general norm and practice for the reception of holy Communion. Your practice, as a result of this norm, is directly representative of the understanding of the Church. ●

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 31	April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6
Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Fifth Sunday of Lent
Is 65:17-21	Ez 47:1-9, 11	Is 49:8-15	Ex 32:7-14	Wis 2:1a, 12-22	Jer 11:18-20	Is 43:16-21
Jn 4:43-54	Jn 5:1-16	Jn 5:17-30	Jn 5:31-47	Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30	Jn 7:40-53	Phil 3:8-14
						Jn 8:1-11



THE PRODIGAL SON, PETER PAUL RUBENS / WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

There was a pop theatre production...about the prodigal son.... [The son writes a letter]: "Father, I have repented, I want to come back home.... If you want to welcome me, please put a white handkerchief in the window." And when he was near home...what did he see? Not one handkerchief: it was full of white handkerchiefs, the windows, everywhere!

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 30, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)
Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 / 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 / Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



God of Justice, God of Mercy

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Life is not fair. Even though we know this, we expect God to be fair, which may be what irks so many about the Parable of the Lost Son. There is a part of our skewed human nature that agrees with the older son in the story. It certainly seems that the younger son was able to have his cake and eat it too, while the older son could only sit by and watch, missing out on the devil-may-care part of life. It didn't seem fair, and the older son said so.

The point of the story does seem to be that God is both just and merciful, but if ever one of those virtues seems to give way to the other, then, from God's perspective, divine mercy always trumps worldly justice. We,

however, think that's not fair. We grow suspect of deathbed conversions, worried that the person is trying to have life both ways. But do we give thought to the suffering such a life without God might entail? The humiliation and near starvation of the younger son as he lived his self-indulgent life?

We think we want God to be fair, but do we really?

In C.S. Lewis' novel, Till We Have Faces, one character asks another if the gods are just, to which is replied, "Oh, child, pray that they are not!" Do we really want to be treated with justice, getting exactly what we deserve and no more?

Or do we want to let God be God and be treated with mercy? ●

Reflect
Does my life seem unfair? More fair or less fair compared with others?



"Now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."

LUKE 15:32

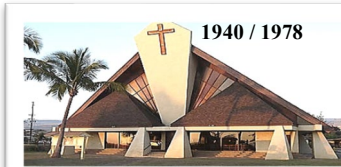


Sacred Heart of Jesus & Mary at Waimea



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



Second collection TODAY is for
Catholic Relief Services.
Please be generous. Mahalo!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

Sunday Offerings

Kekaha \$ 2,230
Waimea 750

Other Donations

Candles \$ 35
Catholic Relief Services 12
Cross We Share 150
Flowers 10
Maintenance Fund 1,154
Mass Intentions 10



Congratulations! St. Theresa
Parish has met its Diocesan goal
of \$6,116 for the 'Ohana in Christ
2024/2025 appeal. Thank you
for your big-heartedness!

Adult RE: Lenten Study

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

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.

Apr 18 No School (Good Friday)

Apr 25-26 School Carnival Tickets
are available after Mass or in the office.



JUBILEE 2025
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 Sick and
Health Care Workers** will be Apr 5-6.

We can all offer special prayers for those who are in need of
healing. We pray they will feel God's love with them during their
journey through the illness. We can offer prayers to experience
God's closeness – whether through their own life of prayer or
through the presence of their community.

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

Chrism Mass at St. Catherine Church - April 8 at 6pm

The Chrism Mass, which Bishop Larry concelebrates with
Priests on Kauai and during which he consecrates the sacred
Chrism and blesses the other oils, is among the principal
manifestations of the fullness of the Bishop's Priesthood and is
considered to be a sign of the close bond of the Priests with him.
For it is with the **sacred Chrism** consecrated by the Bishop that
the newly baptized are anointed and those to be confirmed are
signed. It is with the **Oil of Catechumens** that catechumens are
prepared and disposed for Baptism. Finally, it is with the **Oil of
the Sick** that those who are ill are comforted in their infirmity.

— (taken from) *The Order of Blessing the Oil of Catechumens and of the
Sick and of Consecrating the Chrism* (OBO), no. 1

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.

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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Pastor 808-337-1784
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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

4th Sunday of Lent
March 30, 2025

**No longer was there manna
for the Israelites, who
that year ate of the yield
of the land of Canaan.**

Joshua 5:12

Over the forty years that the
Israelites journeyed through
the desert, God provided
them with manna to eat.

As soon as they were able
to enjoy the fruits of
the Promised Land
the manna ceased.

Likewise, God's blessings to
us may change over the years
but it is important to
trust that God
will always provide us
with all that we need.

~ 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