

Dear Padre,

I'm thinking about going to the Easter Vigil, but why does it have to be so long?

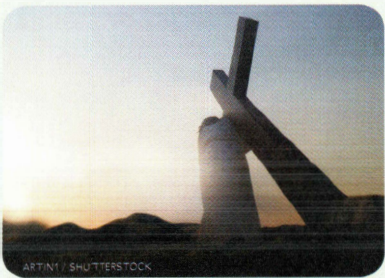
When an event seems long, it may have to do with our expectations. If we go to the Easter Vigil and expect it to be like a Sunday Mass, then it will seem long. The typical parish Easter Vigil lasts two to three hours. There are some communities who vigil all night. Why does it have to be so long? Because this is one night of the year when we Catholics tell our whole story.

There are four parts of the Vigil. Part One is the *Lucernarium* (Light) when we gather around the paschal fire from which the paschal candle is lit. Then follows the passing of the light to members of the congregation, who are holding candles. By candlelight, we hear the Exsultet—the Easter Proclamation, sung only on this night. Part Two is the Liturgy of the Word, when we take our time listening to readings, singing psalms, and reflecting on salvation history. Part Three is the Sacraments of Initiation, when new members are welcomed into the Church, baptized, and confirmed, and all renew their baptismal promises. And Part Four is the Liturgy of the Eucharist, when new members receive holy Communion for the first time. The Easter Vigil is rich with meaning, solemn as well as joyful, and to fully experience it, we must take our time. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We are preparing to celebrate the victory of the Lord Jesus Christ over sin and death.... But today, there is a war.... Christ bore his cross to free us from the dominion of evil. He died so that life, love, peace may reign.... What victory is there in planting a flag on a pile of rubble?

ANGELUS, ROME, APRIL 10, 2022

Monday

April 14
Monday of Holy Week
Is 42:1–7
Jn 12:1–11

Tuesday

April 15
Tuesday of Holy Week
Is 49:1–6
Jn 13:21–33, 36–38

Wednesday

April 16
Wednesday of Holy Week
Is 50:4–9a
Mt 26:14–25

Thursday

April 17
Thursday of Holy Week
(Holy Thursday)
Chrism Mass:
Is 61:1–3a, 6a, 8b–9
Rv 1:5–8
Lk 4:16–21
Evening Mass of the
Lord's Supper:
Ex 12:1–8, 11–14
1 Cor 11:23–26
Jn 13:1–15

Friday

April 18
Friday of the Passion of
the Lord (Good Friday)
Is 52:13–53:12
Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9
Jn 18:1–19:42

Saturday

April 19
Holy Saturday
(Easter Vigil)
Gn 1:1–2:2 or
1:1, 26–31a
Gn 22:1–18 or 22:1–2,
9a, 10–13, 15–18
Ex 14:15–15:1
Is 54:5–14
Is 55:1–11
Bar 3:9–15, 32–4:4
Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28
Rom 6:3–11
Lk 24:1–12

Sunday

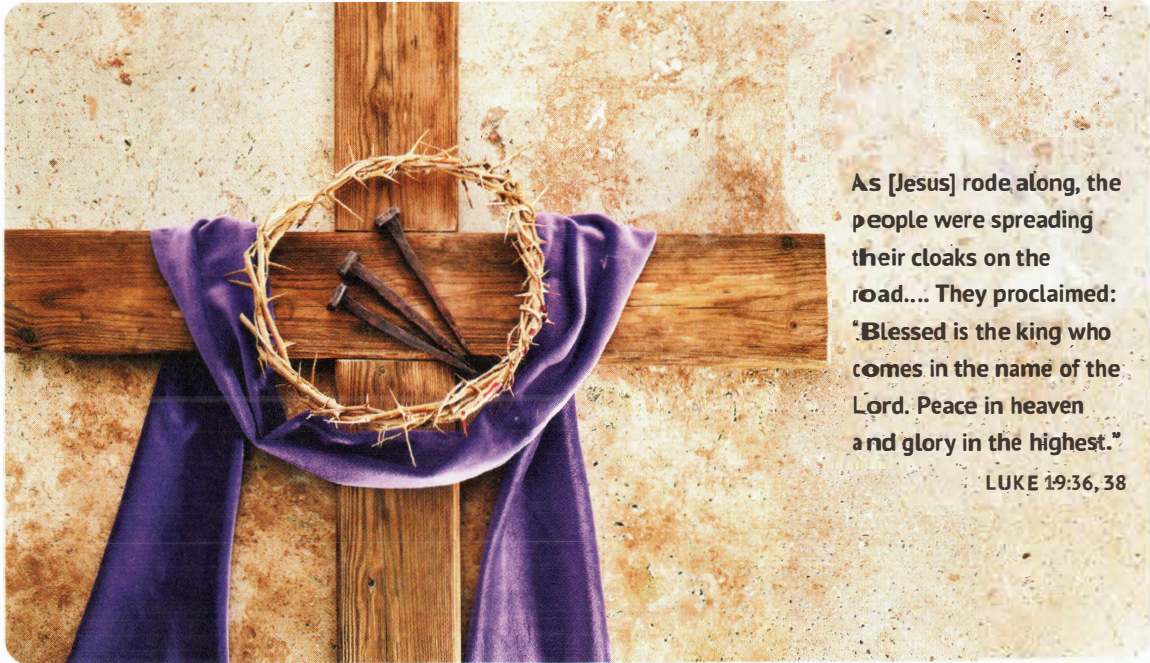
April 20
Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of the Lord
Acts 10:34a, 37–43
Col 3:1–4 or
1 Cor 5:6b–8
Jn 20:1–9

Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (C)

Luke 19:28–40 / Isaiah 50:4–7 / Philippians 2:6–11 / Luke 22:14–23:56 or 23:1–49



As [Jesus] rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road.... They proclaimed: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest."

LUKE 19:36, 38

The Emptying Process

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We like to fill life with good things—good friends, good times, good jobs, good memories. They are all graced moments of life. Life is also marked by an emptying process. Friends move away, good times come to an end, jobs become boring. Saint Teresa of Kolkata (Mother Teresa) once noted how even God can't fill what is already full. The emptying process may very well be the action of God in our lives, emptying us to make room for God's gift of resurrection and life in its fullest.

Holy Week is the story of such a process—one long saga that begins with Palm Sunday as it focuses on how Jesus willingly emptied himself even unto death. The story moves on to Holy Thursday and the gift of the Eucharist to sustain us in the emptying. On to Good Friday, where, once more, a narration in stark liturgical strokes tell of the emptying of Jesus. Finally, the Easter Vigil and the Feast of the Resurrection, the culmination of a journey through death into life. We tell this weeklong story because the story of Jesus is also our story—more of God working in us rather than our own doing. The Jesuit theologian Karl Rahner once noted that one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well. Our willingness to learn that lesson, again and again, is how we begin to share in the resurrection, even as we live our lives today. ●

Reflect

How does my faith help me through times of emptiness?



Sacred Hearts 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 \$ 2,468
Waimea 1,422

Other Donations

Candles	\$ 60
Catholic Relief Services	90
Cross We Share	150
Donation	20
Funerals	350
Maintenance Fund	25
Mass Intentions	20
Sacred Hearts Choir	50



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HOLY WEEK 2025 at ST. THERESA PARISH

April 17 Holy Thursday (STC)

6pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by
Adoration until 10pm

April 18 Good Friday (STC)

2:15pm Stations of the Cross
3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Death with
Communion and Veneration of the Cross
4pm Day 1 of the Divine Mercy Novena

April 19 Holy Saturday (STC)

7pm Easter Vigil Mass (no 5pm Vigil Mass)

April 20 Easter Sunday

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord
7am at Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary
8:30am at St. Theresa Church

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

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

Palm Sunday of
the Passion of the Lord
April 13, 2025

**...I tell you, Peter, before the
cock crows this day, you will
deny three times that you
know me. Luke 22:34**

How many times have you
heard someone make a
disparaging comment about
God or our Catholic faith?
How did you react?

Do you remain quiet so as not
to cause a disturbance? Or,
because you don't want
people to think negatively
about you? Or, because you
don't think you know enough
about the Catholic faith?

Pray for the courage to speak
up and enter into a respectful
conversation when the
opportunity to talk about our
faith arises.

Joyfully share your faith
with others.

~ 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 Hearts 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

MANDATORY REHEARSAL

on Tue, Apr 15 at 6pm at STC

for all who will be serving at
the Easter Vigil, including
Catechumens and Sponsors.

Adult RE: Lenten Study

Mondays at 6pm. All are welcome!
4526B Alae Rd, Kekaha
Apr 14 The Passion
NEW! Bible Study begins Apr 21,
focusing on the following
weekend's scripture readings.

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.

**Urgent! Your donations are needed for
the annual carnival's Country Store.**

Deliver to the school office, or
contact Addy at 808-222-7658.

Apr 18 No School (Good Friday)

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

~ ~ ~ **SAVE THE DATE** ~ ~ ~

Bishop Larry celebrates his 50th Year of Ordination

Sunday, June 29, 2025, at Immaculate Conception Church
Reception to follow at Smith's Luau.

Reception tickets are \$60 each and are limited to 100 per parish.

Ticket sales at St. Theresa Parish will begin in May.
(Add your name to the pre-sale list to secure your ticket.)

Contact Betsy 907-347-6618.)

MINISTRY NEWS

K-12 Religious Education Classes meet Thursdays at 6:30pm.
No classes on April 17.

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.