

Dear Padre,

I was baptized as a baby, but I never really went to church. Lately, I've been attending Mass. Are there steps I should take before I receive Communion?

The first step is to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation (confession). This is a wonderful opportunity to be officially welcomed back into full practice with the Church. After such a long absence, it is important to examine your conscience and celebrate the forgiveness of the Lord before you receive holy Communion.

I would also recommend that you “beef up” your understanding of what it means to be a practicing Catholic. You might do this by participating in your parish's process for the Christian Initiation of Adults (called OCIA or sometimes RCIA). The Liguori Publications program, *Journey of Faith*, is one resource used by many parish communities. Another possibility is to use some of the resources offered online, such as Bishop Robert Barron’s *Word on Fire* website, which has a fine reputation.

I am happy you have responded to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit within you and answered the call to deepen your spiritual practice and journey. The Church needs you. The people of God welcome you. You are beloved among us, and your response in faith is a powerful witness, a reminder to those who may be tempted to take for granted the gift of faith. Thank you. ●



A candidate and his sponsor sit for a photo after an Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) class. LOS ANGELES TIMES VIA GETTY IMAGES

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 21	April 22	April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26	April 27
Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Octave of Easter	Second Sunday of Easter / Sunday of Divine Mercy
Acts 2:14, 22-33	Acts 2:36-41	Acts 3:1-10	Acts 3:11-26	Acts 4:1-12	Acts 4:13-21	Acts 5:12-16
Mt 28:8-15	Jn 20:11-18	Lk 24:13-35	Lk 24:35-48	Jn 21:1-14	Mk 16:9-15	Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
						Jn 20:19-31

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](#) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

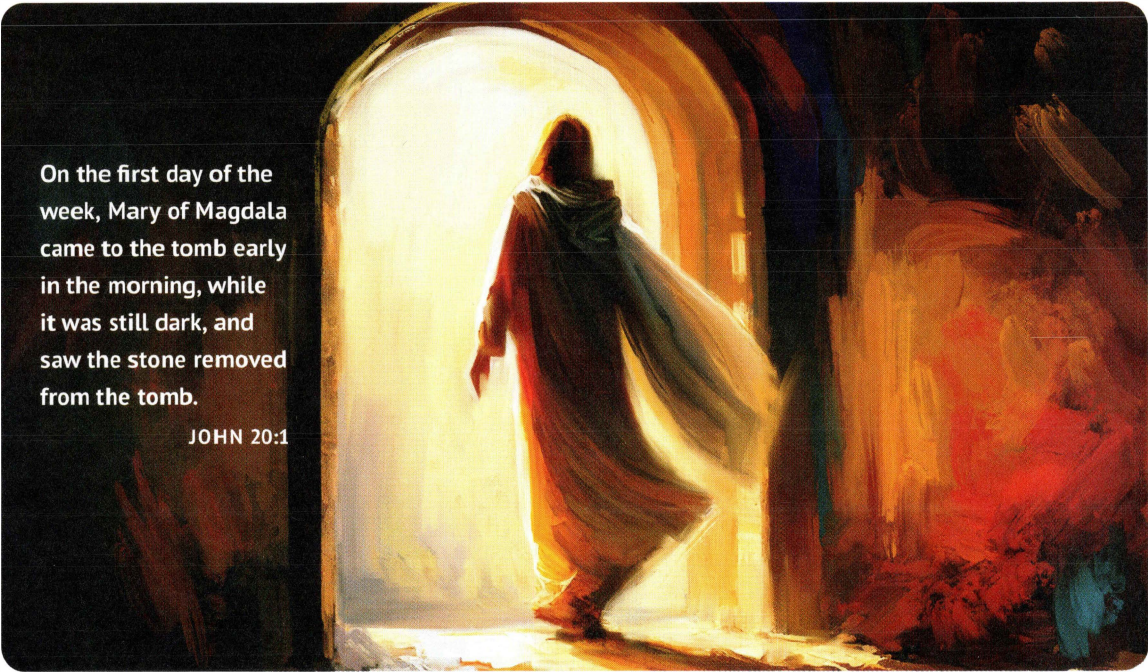


A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We welcome the Easter message: “Peace be with you!” Brothers and sisters, let us allow the peace of Christ to enter our lives, our homes, our countries!... Let there be a decision for peace.... Please, please, let us not get used to war!... May the leaders of nations hear people’s plea for peace.

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On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

JOHN 20:1

Bit by Bit

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Looking for proof of the resurrection is like looking for proof of love. Sometimes, we realize only gradually—bit by bit—that we are loved. John’s Gospel abounds with images of light and darkness. So when this Sunday’s Easter Gospel recounts Mary of Magdala going to the tomb early in the morning while it was still dark, the gospel is not simply marking the time of day. It’s noting that what was taking place was before they believed in the resurrection, when they were still in the dark. All sorts of hints about the resurrection begin to occur: Mary sees the stone rolled away, Peter and the other disciple go to the tomb and find the burial cloths. They see the cloth that had covered his head rolled up and set aside. No apparition of Jesus, no men in white garments, no angels. Only hints that with the resurrection of Jesus,

God has made all life new and destined for resurrection. What, then, might one do who is plagued by doubts? Look for hints of resurrection, of life coming about where one expects only death (as if to symbolically enter the tomb). What types of hints? Going for counseling, as frightening as that may be, and finding peace. Talking through a problem in marriage. Finding that empty-nesting gives way to new life. Discovering retirement’s gifts. Making a dreaded move to a new city or school. The resurrection of Jesus means God makes all life new. We only need to see it and discover that, bit by bit, it leads to faith. ●

Reflect

What are the hints of resurrection surrounding me? Have I missed any?



Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary at Waimea

St. Theresa Parish

Established January 21, 1941
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St. Theresa School at Kekaha



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To make St. Theresa Parish
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worship & service



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Easter Sunday of
the Resurrection of the Lord
April 20, 2025

...He went about doing good
and healing all those
oppressed by the devil, for
God was with him. Acts 10:38

We can't give what we don't
have. Open your heart to
receive God's love, mercy
and forgiveness. Then, show
the same to others.

As God's adopted sons and
daughters, we are made in
His image and likeness.
As Pope Benedict XVI says,
"we are made for greatness."
Let our lives reflect His light
to others. Pray to live a
grateful and generous life.

Strive for greatness!
We are made for more!
We are made for God!

~ 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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

Sunday Offerings

Kekaha \$ 2,097
Waimea 1,125

Other Donations

Ash Wednesday \$ 25
Candles 61
Catholic Relief Services 10
Cross We Share 2,615
Easter 150
Funerals 1,000
Holy Land (Good Friday) 100
Holy Thursday 210
Maintenance Fund 50
Mass Intentions 90
Rice Bowl 320
Saint Theresa Choir 200



HE IS RISEN!
A Blessed Happy
Easter to All!

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.

STS is accepting donations for the
Country Store & Silent Auction.
Help make this year's carnival
a HUGE success!

Apr 25-26 School Carnival Tickets are
available after Mass or in the office.
Apr 28 No School (Carnival Recovery)
May 2 No School (Teacher Workday)



JUBILEE 2025
iubilaeum2025.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 Teenagers will be held from April 25-27.

We pray that the teenagers in our parish community be
enlivened by the witness of the life of Blessed Carlo Acutis
to boldly proclaim the truth of the faith to a world in
desperate need of a savior.

Let the children come to me. Mt. 19:14



6pm Mondays at 4526B Alae Rd, Kekaha
Join us! All are welcome!
~ Led by Deacon Ron ~
Develop a fuller understanding of God's
word as we focus on the following
weekend's Mass readings.

~~~ SAVE THE DATE ~~~

Bishop Larry's 50th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination
Sunday, June 29, 2025

9:30am Mass at Immaculate Conception Church
Noon Reception Luncheon at Smith's Tropical Gardens

Reception tickets are \$60 each and 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 at 907-347-6618.)

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.

O CIA (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.