

Dear Padre,

How do we maintain our faith in a world that shames religion and creates doubt in our beliefs?

I would respond to your question with one of my own: “When has it ever been different?” In what place has there been universal praise and acceptance of the practice of faith and belief? When has there been a time when there is no doubt? This is a good question for this Sunday, when we hear about St. Thomas, the doubting disciple.

Many years ago, unanimity might have been understood as the norm in a tight-knit neighborhood community of people with the same experience and belief. However, in the wide world today that is so connected and disconnected at the same time, sameness and uniformity cannot be assumed. It may cause unease, or even fear, to learn that someone disagrees with you, perhaps even someone you love, but it should no longer be a surprise or considered out of the ordinary.

Doubt can help a person grow in faith and belief. Even though doubt is challenging, it is often a necessary experience in order to be strengthened and to persevere. Doubt is not something that should cause us to quiver in fear, but rather to rejoice in hope, in the confidence that what we believe is worth living and has something to teach us. ●

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 28 Easter Weekday Acts 4:23–31 Jn 3:1–8	April 29 St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Acts 4:32–37 Jn 3:7b–15	April 30 Easter Weekday Acts 5:17–26 Jn 3:16–21	May 1 Easter Weekday Acts 5:27–33 Jn 3:31–36	May 2 St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Acts 5:34–39 Jn 6:1–15	May 3 Sts. Philip and James, Apostles 1 Cor 15:1–8 Jn 14:6–14	May 4 Third Sunday of Easter Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41 Rv 5:11–14 Jn 21:1–19 or 21:1–14



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let us ask ourselves: at home, in my family, at work, in my community, do I foster fellowship, am I a weaver of reconciliation? Do I commit myself to defusing conflict, to bringing forgiveness in place of hatred, and peace in place of resentment? Do I avoid hurting others by not gossiping, which always kills?

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 27, 2025
Second Sunday of Easter / Sunday of Divine Mercy (C)
Acts 5:12–16 / Revelation 1:9–11a, 12–13, 17–19 / John 20:19–31



From Anger to Peace

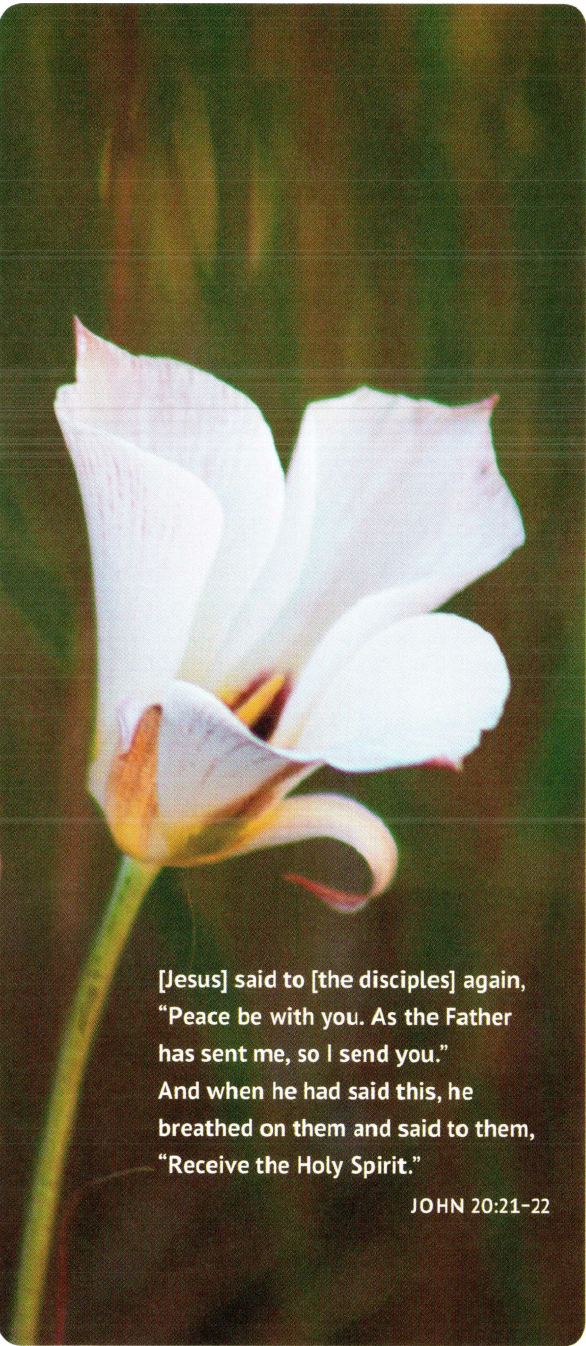
FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

At this point in history, we are a nation filled with much anger. Given all that is taking place, one might conclude that it comes from a fear of losing control—fears due to the waves of immigrants seeking asylum, to a changing economy, to political alliances, to artificial intelligence, resulting in our inability to sort truth from untruth. Fears also due to strained relationships with non-Western nations, to urban violence and the abundance of guns, to the conflict between pro-life and pro-choice allegiances, and, for some, to what is perceived as conflicted thinking within the Catholic Church. There is no shortage of what may be fueling our anger. How can faith help us respond in a life-giving way?

Saint John writes that “whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith” (1 John 5:4). This is not to say that we can easily make the world respond in ways we want, but rather that the world has no power over the person who places all trust in God’s presence among us. It was the risen Lord who once brought peace to the disciples behind doors locked out of fear. Might not our faith help us who have locked ourselves behind doors of mistrust and anger? If only we allow ourselves to trust God. Yet, we should not simply shrug off all cares or involvement in life; on the contrary, with faith and trust, we recognize we are not the only players in shaping the events of the world. ●

Reflect

Do I bring my faith to the news of the day; do I pray for peace?

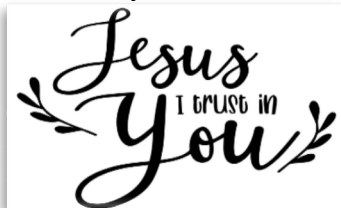


[Jesus] said to [the disciples] again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

JOHN 20:21–22

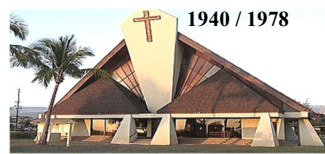


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† Mahalo for being as generous as your means allow. God bless you! †

Sunday Offerings

Kekaha \$ 1,914.00
Waimea 1,214.00

Other Donations

Candles \$ 96.25
Cross We Share 2,195.00
Easter Offering 2,836.00
Easter Vigil 562.00
Holy Land (Good Friday) 1,419.00
Holy Thursday 1,034.00
Maintenance Fund 100.00
Mass Intentions 20.00
Rice Bowl 2,106.81



JUBILEE 2025
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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 People with Disabilities will be held Apr 28-29. All persons with disabilities are a great gift to the Church and help to inspire hope and joy in the other members of our communities.

The Jubilee of Workers will be held May 1-4. Lord, help us to remember the appropriate place of work in our lives and recommit to working together for dignified work for all our sisters and brothers. Amen.

Parish Directory

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M-F, 7:30am-3:00pm
HCH school articles

2nd Sunday of Easter

Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 27, 2025

**Jesus said to them again,
'Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, so
I send you.'** John 20:21

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our “enemies.”

Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with.
Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.

~ 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



Come. Spend an hour.

First Friday Holy Hour

May 2, 6-7pm STC

First Saturday Devotion

May 3, 8-9am SHJMC

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 28 No School (Carnival Recovery)

May 2 No School (Teacher Workday)



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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 will be available  
after each Mass for the next two weekends

(May 3/4 and May 10/11).

Tickets are also available in the office from May 3-11.

## 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.

**\* ALTAR SERVERS MEETING Tue, Apr 29 at 6pm in Parish Hall. \***