

Dear Padre,

What does the Catholic Church teach about miracles?

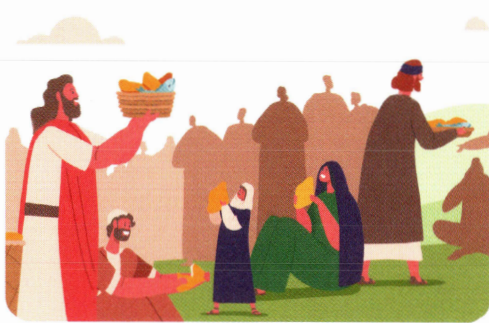
Miracles are extraordinary occurrences without natural explanation that manifest the presence and power of God. We believe in miracles “because of the authority of God himself who reveals them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 156).

Christ’s multiplication of the loaves is the only miracle recorded by all four evangelists. He performed many other natural miracles—calming the storm, walking on water—and numerous healings as well—curing the deaf and mute, the woman with a hemorrhage. These signs attest that the Father sent Jesus and “they invite belief in him” (CCC, 548). Moreover, Jesus’ miracles “also confirm that the kingdom has already arrived on earth...” (“Dogmatic Constitution on the Church,” 5).

Today, God still manifests his presence in the Church through miracles. For example, potential medical healings are rigorously investigated by the Vatican for sainthood causes. Other supernatural occurrences—such as apparitions and eucharistic phenomena—are likewise thoroughly and prudently investigated with caution to maintain the Church’s credibility and prevent confusion among the faithful.

To that end, in May 2024, the Vatican updated its guidelines for assessing apparitions, visions, and alleged revelations, and reaffirmed that a bishop cannot rule on the validity of a particular case before the pope formally deems it to be “supernatural” for pastoral value. (Search “Norms for Proceeding in the Discernment of Alleged Supernatural Phenomena” at Vatican.va.) ●

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

June 1, 2025
The Ascension of the Lord (C)
Acts 1:1–11 / Ephesians 1:17–23 or Hebrews 9:24–28; 10:19–23 / Luke 24:46–53



Why Doesn’t God Do Something?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It is said that we never grow up until both parents have died, when we can no longer go home. Yet, for each of us, there may also be a symbolic moment that moves us from childhood into adulthood. It may be achieving financial independence, graduating from school, or moving out on our own. Whatever it may be, we say to ourselves, “I am now grown up.” Whenever such moments occur, we feel empowered to shape our lives and our future.

The feast of the Ascension is that sort of marker: God has empowered us to shape the world in the image of Jesus. Just as our parents empower us into an adulthood that contributes to life, it is now God who empowers us with the very same power by which he raised Jesus from the dead. It is a power and a presence by which God makes the world new through us.

There are those who say they no longer believe in God, because if there is a good God, then he would not allow violence, the death of children before their time, and all sorts of evil that mars human life. Perhaps the greater question is not “Why doesn’t God do something?” but rather “Why do we not do something?” To pass on the responsibility to God is to abdicate our own responsibility and deny the fact that God continues to empower us as adults and expects us to utilize that power and presence to make all things new. ●

Reflect

In what ways do I act like an adult?
How is the world a better place because of me?



CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Do we know how to make ourselves intercessors for others, that is, do we know how to pray for them and bless their lives?... Let us learn this: intercessory prayer, interceding for the hopes and sufferings of the world, interceding for peace. And let us bless with our eyes and our words those we meet every day!

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 29, 2022

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Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary at Waimea

God mounts his throne
to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets
for the Lord.

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 \$ 1,432
Waimea 1,455

Other Donations

Candles \$ 28
Cross We Share 325
Dio. Priests' Retirement 100
Maintenance Fund 95
Mass Intentions 120
Religious Articles 2



**This weekend's 2nd collection
will benefit the Catholic
Communication Campaign.**

**Let us pray for
Pope Leo XIV**

JUBILEE 2025
iubilaeum2025.va/en.html

Prayer Requests: Contact Chantal Duarte via text at
808-634-0403 or via email at
chantal_duarte@yahoo.com and our Prayer Warriors
will pray for your special needs.

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR JUNE

That the world might grow in compassion

Let us pray that each one of us might find
consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus,
and from his Heart, learn to have
compassion on the world.

Parish Directory

Clergy



Reverend Edwin D. Conselva, MS,
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Deacon Ron Jones 907-978-4018
Deacon Jim Bostick, retired 808-337-1124

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Communion / Weddings / Marriage
Convalidations / Baptisms / Funerals**
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PPC Raynette Newall

Worship / HI Catholic Herald parish articles
Chantal Duarte 808-634-0403

Bulletin / Website Betsy Jones 907-347-6618

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OCIA Deacon Ron Jones 907-978-4018

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Rena Ulanday 808-635-2701

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Agency on Elderly Affairs 808-241-4470

St. Theresa School

808-337-1351 sttheresakauai.com

M-F, 7:30am-3:00pm

HCH school articles

The Ascension of the Lord
Jun 1, 2025

***I am the Alpha and the
Omega, the first and the
last, the beginning and
the end. Revelations 22:13***

This is a reminder of how
we should live our lives 24
hours a day, 7 days a week
– putting God first in all
that we do.

Not only when we are at
Mass and parish activities,
but in the world, at work,
or at school.

Living gratefully and
generously is an
intentional lifestyle.

**Every decision we make
either moves us closer to
God or farther away.
Choose wisely!**

~ Archdiocese of St. Louis



St. Theresa Church – Kekaha

Sat 5pm Vigil Mass

Sun 7:45am Rosary, 8:30am Mass

Weekdays 6:30am Mon-Fri

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 online:
kekahacatholic.com

* Call the office to receive
weekly bulletins via email.



**Congratulations & Blessings
to those who received
Sacraments of Initiation today!**

A Diocesan-sponsored Day of Study,
featuring Bishop Larry Silva, will
take place Jun 14 from 8:30am to
2:30pm at St. Elizabeth Church, Aiea
(on Oahu). To register,
call 808-203-6763.



**School's out!
Enjoy your summer!**

Mondays 6 to 7:30pm

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.



Mass intention donations should indicate the date/time
of the Mass you are requesting. Be sure to contact Dee
in the parish office at 808-337-1548 for all intentions.

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

MINISTRY NEWS

K-12 Religious Education classes will resume in the fall.

Youth Ministry for grades 6-12 will resume in the fall.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) Contact
Deacon Ron at 907-978-4018 to learn more.

Choir practice Thursdays at 4:30pm at STC. All are welcome.