

Dear Padre,

When is it OK to medicate for pain? If my relative is in hospice, should I permit the use of drugs that hasten his or her death?

When someone we love is dying, we do not want him or her to be in pain. It is only natural to want to ease or end all suffering. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* offers these guidelines: “The use of painkillers to alleviate the sufferings of the dying, even at the risk of shortening their days, can be morally in conformity with human dignity if death is not willed as either an end or a means, but only foreseen and tolerated as inevitable” (CCC 2279). In other words, it is permissible to medicate for pain, but you must not use narcotics as an end or means to hasten someone’s death—only to alleviate pain and minimize a person’s suffering. To give medication to cause death rather than merely to relieve pain is not allowed.

It is important to have a discussion about the types of treatment a person would want when they are dying. It is also important to have a discussion with your pastor or another priest or chaplain—someone who can help you discern whether the action, the intention, and the circumstances are consistent with Church teaching. Many times, one is forced to make very difficult decisions about medical care, and it is always good to have someone we trust who can help us make the best choice. ●

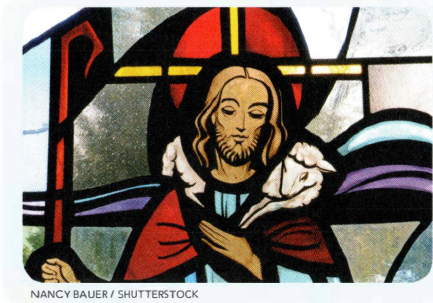


Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18
Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	St. Matthias, Apostle	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 11:1–18	Acts 11:19–26	Acts 1:15–17, 20–26	Acts 13:13–25	Acts 13:26–33	Acts 13:44–52	Acts 14:21–27
Jn 10:1–10	Jn 10:22–30	Jn 15:9–17	Jn 13:16–20	Jn 14:1–6	Jn 14:7–14	Rv 21:1–5a, Jn 13:31–33a, 34–35

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

What do those who follow Christ do?... They go to seek those who are lost (cf. Lk 15:4), they take an interest in those who are far away, take to heart the situation of those who suffer, know how to weep with those who weep, they reach out their hands to their neighbors, carrying them on their shoulders.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 8, 2022

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To Be or Not to Be...Spiritual

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

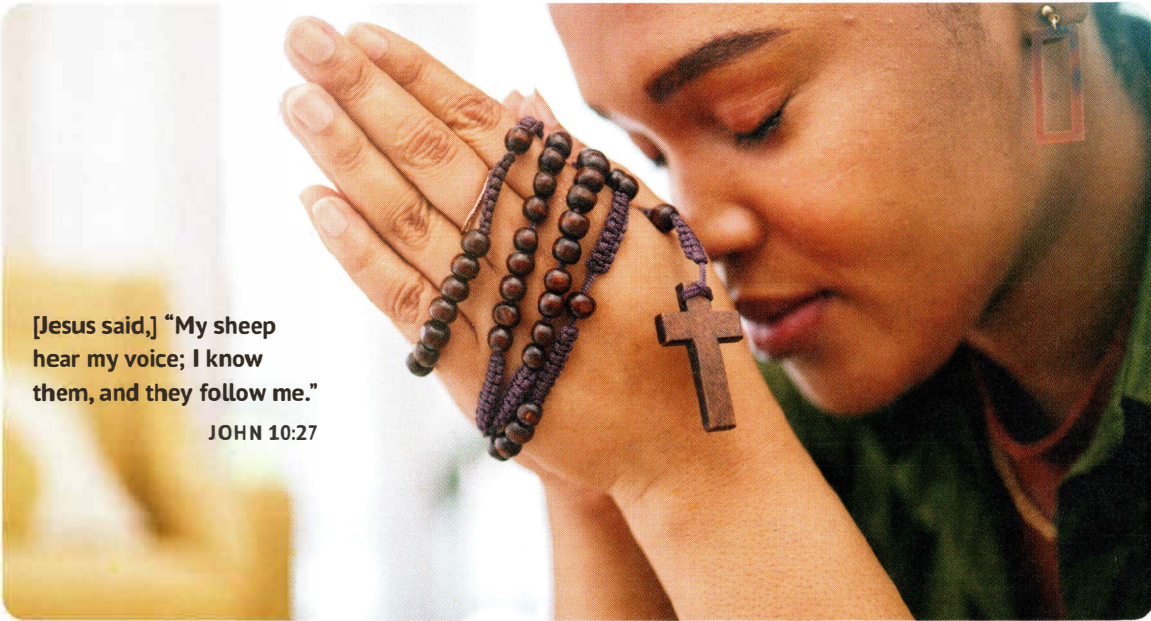
Just as we may hear the voice of our mother echoing in our head long after she has passed away, in much the same way do we who gather week after week as people of faith begin to hear the words and wisdom of the Lord Jesus. It is how he shepherds us, and how we follow him—by hearing and then living his word.

There are some who say they are not religious, but they are spiritual. Ultimately, to be spiritual is to have a core set of values by which one lives. One’s core values can take many shapes. For us, who call ourselves disciples of Jesus, to be spiritual is to take on the values and wisdom of Jesus—to allow his way to take root in the core of who we are. It means living by the wisdom of his word. Being spiritual includes honesty, gentleness, patience, joy, civility, simple living, mercy, compassion, peace, reverence and awe, obedience, justice, courage, balance in life, humility, chastity, kindness, generosity, lightheartedness, care for the common good, prayerfulness, and respect for all of creation as holy.

Spirituality is about absorbing the lifestyle of Jesus, about his word echoing in our lives, something that takes a lifetime. Religion, specifically our Catholic faith, is the practice of that spirituality in the company of others who are also trying to put those values into practice. Such practice, including weekly Mass and participation in the sacramental life of the Church, is necessary for the faithful followers of Jesus. ●

Reflect

Which qualities of a spiritual person do I have?  
What do I need to work on?

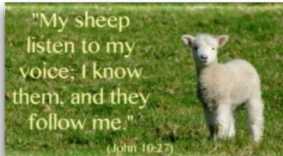


[Jesus said,] “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”  
JOHN 10:27





Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary at Waimea



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

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
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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

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

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



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



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 \$ 1,952.15
Waimea 1,062.00

Other Donations

Candles \$ 27
Cross We Share 3,040
Dio. Priests' Retirement 35
Donation 20
Easter 10
Holy Thursday 10
Good Friday (Holy Land) 10
Maintenance Fund 95
Mass Intentions 20
Religious Articles 1,200
Rice Bowl 10



2nd collection today is for the

Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund.

SPECIAL collection by Bishop Larry for
MYANMAR & THAILAND earthquake
survivors. Kindly designate your
offering & place in collection basket.

Please continue to pray for the
repose of the soul of Pope Francis.

Baccalaureate Mass is on
May 18th at 8:30am at
St. Theresa Church.
All 2025 graduates are
encouraged to attend.

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.

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May 16

May Day 6pm-8pm



JUBILEE 2025

iubilaeum2025.va/en.html

Join us on Sunday May 18th after the 8:30am Mass!

Celebrate FATHER EDWIN'S 60th BIRTHDAY
with a potluck in the Parish Hall
hosted by the Filipino Catholic Club.



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.

MAY 11 is WORLD
DAY of PRAYER for VOCATIONS



~~~ TICKETS ~~~

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 will be available
after each Mass this weekend.

MINISTRY NEWS

K-12 Religious Education Classes meet Thursdays at 6:30pm.
Final class is May 22nd.

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) If you are
interested, contact Deacon Ron at 907-978-4018.

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