

Dear Padre,

I committed some grave sins many years ago, and I have been to confession to confess and be absolved, but I still feel guilty. Do I need to confess again?

Absolutely not. There is no need to confess your sins again. This is not required, and it may indicate a lack of faith in the power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thankfully, the sacrament does not require perfection. It does not require any additional action on your part other than to be open to the movement of the Spirit of God.

Forgiveness is a gift from God. It is not something you merit. It is not something you earn. And there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive. Rather, it is a blessing you accept gratefully, thankfully, and with a profound knowledge and respect for the mercy of God at work in your life. To confess your sins again and again does nothing except make you feel more guilty. It is a way of punishing yourself; a futile attempt to try to earn what has been freely given. A better use of your time and energy would be to discover a way to remind yourself, not of guilt or imperfection, but of the love God has for you. It is indeed awesome and amazing, as the song so accurately celebrates: “Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.” ●

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

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9	May 10	May 11
Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Easter Weekday	Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 6:8–15	Acts 7:51–8:1a	Acts 8:1b–8	Acts 8:26–40	Acts 9:1–20	Acts 9:31–42	Acts 13:14, 43–52
Jn 6:22–29	Jn 6:30–35	Jn 6:35–40	Jn 6:44–51	Jn 6:52–59	Jn 6:60–69	Rv 7:9, 14b–17
						Jn 10:27–30



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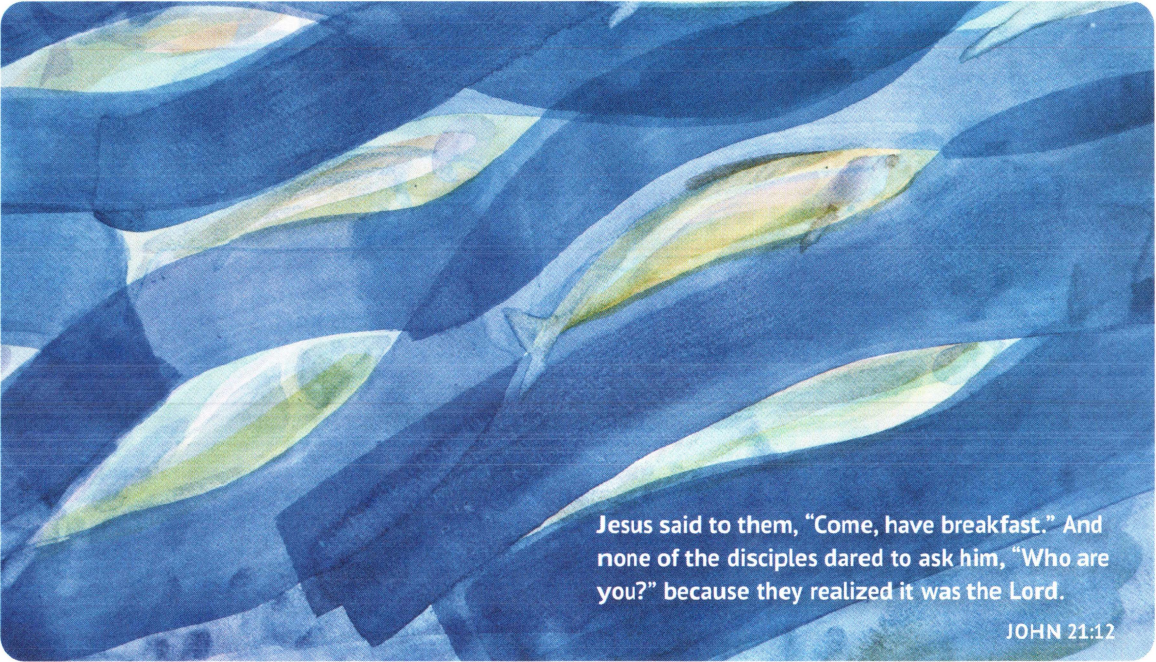
A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Brothers and sisters, when our nets are empty in life, it is not the time to feel sorry for ourselves, to take our minds off things, to return to old pastimes. It is time to begin again with Jesus, it is time to find the courage to begin again, it is time to put out to sea again with Jesus.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 1, 2022

Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 4, 2025
Third Sunday of Easter (C)
Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41 / Revelation 5:11–14 / John 21:1–19 or 21:1–14



Jesus said to them, “Come, have breakfast.” And none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they realized it was the Lord.

JOHN 21:12

The Abundance

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Twenty-five years ago, when Carl was about eighteen years old, he asked me how he would know when he had truly fallen in love. How would he know that it wasn't simply infatuation or passion and that she was the right person? Today, Carl tells me that I said something to him about recognizing that if you have to ask the question, it probably isn't love; it is probably the woman who best captures the most attractive aspects of all the women he has ever dated, liked, or loved.

For the next twenty years or so, Carl never seemed to find that love he was seeking—until one day, it happened. He fell in love and got married. Five years later, I asked Carl if it was indeed love. He said he believed it was, even though during those years of empty seeking, he thought true love would never come to him. He also said he's convinced that it was the hand of God that brought them together. Of that, he has no doubts.

In its own way, Carl's story is really the story of Peter and his friends going fishing and finding nothing all night long. Then, at dawn, a voice from the shore suggests that they try the other side of the boat. Lo and behold, an abundance appears where there had been only emptiness. That's when Peter and his friends realize, “It is the Lord!” For us, too, we have those moments when we recognize God's hand in our lives. ●

Reflect

Is there a hole in my life that's waiting to be filled? Where am I looking?



Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary at Waimea

If you love me, feed my sheep. John 21:17

St. Theresa Parish

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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 \$ 2,340 Waimea 1,052

Other Donations

Candles \$ 30 Cross We Share 650 Donation 250 Easter 215 Holy Thursday 20 Maintenance Fund 1,125 Mass Intentions 50 Reimbursement 75 Rice Bowl 20 Servant of God Jos. Dutton 25



2nd collection next week 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.

Pray for the repose of the soul of our beloved Pope Francis, and for his May intentions regarding working conditions.

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.



JUBILEE 2025 iubilaeum2025.va/en.html

Jubilee Days recognize and celebrate different groups of people and various ministries in the Church. Pope Francis' recent death leaves many pilgrims seeking answers about upcoming events in Rome. It is unknown if the May schedule will be adjusted.

May 4-5 BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP, May 10-11 MUSICAL BANDS, May 16-18 CONFRATERNITIES, May 24-25 CHILDREN, May 30- Jun 1 FAMILIES, GRANDPARENTS, AND THE ELDERLY

Please pray for all those journeying to Rome this month.

Saint Damien's Feast Day is May 10th.



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 will be available after each Mass this weekend and next weekend.

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

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

St. Theresa School thanks parishioners for their support of the school carnival.



A special shout out to the Filipino Catholic Club

for making ono pork, peas, and pimentos!

Mahalo to all who offered their time, talent and treasure to the school fundraiser.

Parish Directory

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St. Theresa School

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

3rd Sunday of Easter May 4, 2025

Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'

John 21:17

How often do you actually say the words "I love you" to Jesus, to family members, or to friends?

We are made to be in relationship with God and each other.

Sincerely telling someone that you love them is the best gift you can give them because it comes from your heart. You are giving them the gift of yourself. We were all made by love and for love. Tell someone you love them every day.

~ 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