

Dear Padre,

What does the Church teach about respect for the body after death? Is burial the most respectful? It's certainly the most expensive. What about donating your body to science? Or cremation? If someone is cremated, can the ashes be kept respectfully by a family member, or do they have to be buried?

Your question serves as a summation of current practice and exposes the real-life dilemma and choices facing loved ones: "How can I be respectful and at the same time practical?"

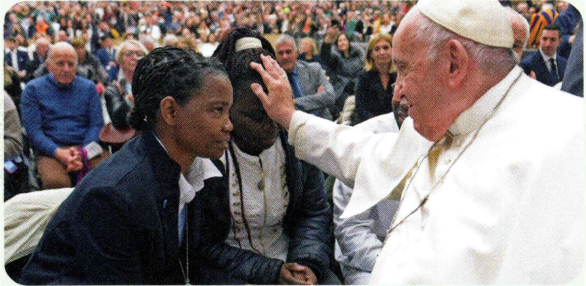
Catholics believe that the body of the deceased must be respected and not simply disposed of without care or concern. Current practice allows for burial, cremation, and the donation of the body to science, and choices depend in large part on tradition, culture, and economic circumstances. If someone chooses to donate to medical science, it is with the understanding that the body will be cremated or properly buried. If cremation is the chosen option, proper burial of the cremains in a sacred place is required.

All of this assumes an uneventful passing of the deceased person. It does not account for war, disease, or disaster. When faced with ordinary, rather than extraordinary, circumstances, loved ones have a real opportunity to be grateful and thankful for the chance to mourn, grieve, and show respect for the person. Unfortunately, that is not always the case in today's world. ●

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS
Celebrating the Most Holy Trinity is not so much a theological exercise, but a revolution in our way of life. God, in whom each Person lives for the other in a continual relationship...provokes us to live with others and for others. Open. Today, we can ask ourselves if our life reflects the God we believe in.
ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 12, 2022

Monday June 16 Weekday 2 Cor 6:1-10 Mt 5:38-42	Friday June 20 Weekday 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30 Mt 6:19-23
Tuesday June 17 Weekday 2 Cor 8:1-9 Mt 5:43-48	Saturday June 21 St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious 2 Cor 12:1-10 Mt 6:24-34
Wednesday June 18 Weekday 2 Cor 9:6-11 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	Sunday June 22 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Gn 14:18-20 1 Cor 11:23-26 Lk 9:11b-17
Thursday June 19 Weekday 2 Cor 11:1-11 Mt 6:7-15	

Our Parish COMMUNITY

June 15, 2025
The Most Holy Trinity (C)
Proverbs 8:22-31 / Romans 5:1-5 / John 16:12-15



Wisdom à la Water Balloons

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

A Calvin and Hobbes comic strip finds Calvin filling water balloons. Immediately, we know there's trouble ahead. Calvin's plan is to drench Susie Derkins unless, as he says, the universe can give him some sign that there is a moral law against it. Calvin gives the universe thirty seconds. When there is no sign, Calvin concludes he is allowed to soak Susie. He finds her and pummels her with water balloons. Susie takes off after Calvin as he runs, screaming, "Help! Help!" The final frame shows Calvin, dazed and beaten, wondering why the universe always gives the sign *after* you do something.

It does seem that we learn more about the ways of life from our mistakes and upheavals than we do from the times when life unfolds smoothly. It is how we come to wisdom—the wisdom that is the very aura of God present in our lives. In fact, John's Gospel

points out that God is always the one who brings us to that wisdom; a God woven into the very ups and downs of what we are about. "When he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth" (John 16:13). It is St. Paul who notices how the troubles of life are always the source of new wisdom. He writes of how our afflictions lead us to endurance, and how endurance brings about character, and how it is our character (our inner values) that brings us to hope and trust in God's wisdom rather than in our own. In so many ways, it is the power and presence of the Holy Trinity making us new. ●

Reflect

Think of a time when life was difficult. What blessings or important lessons did you receive as a result?



[Jesus said to his disciples,] "Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that [the Holy Spirit] will take from what is mine and declare it to you."
JOHN 16:15



Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary at Waimea



St. Theresa Parish

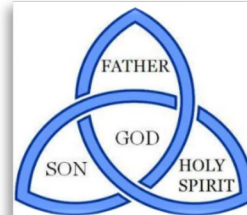
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Vision / Mission Statement
To make St. Theresa Parish
a dynamic Christian community
of worship & service



St. Theresa School at Kekaha



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

Sunday Offerings

Kekaha \$ 1,847.30
Waimea 1,000.00

Other Donations

Candles \$ 10
Catholic Comm Campaign 72
Cross We Share 961
Dio Priests Retirement Fund 50
Donation 65
In Thanksgiving 50
Mass Intentions 140



Let us pray for
Pope Leo XIV

JUBILEE 2025
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The Holy See has designated several Jubilee Days
throughout 2025 to recognize and celebrate different
groups of people and various ministries in the Church.
The **Jubilee of Sports** will be held June 14-15.

In his exhortation to and about young people,
particularly in *Christus Vivit* 227, Pope Francis noted:

*The Church should not underestimate the potential
of sports for education and formation, but instead
maintain a strong presence there... At the heart of
the experience of sport is joy: the joy of exercising,
of being together, of being alive and rejoicing in the
gifts the Creator gives us each day.*

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 ticket required)



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.

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.

Parish Directory

Clergy



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Convalidations / Baptisms / Funerals
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Sr. Gloria Camitan, O.P. 808-337-1548

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Rena Ulanday 808-635-2701

Social Services Commission

Respect Life call parish office 808-337-1548
Agency on Elderly Affairs 808-241-4470

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808-337-1351 sttheresakauai.com
Summer hours M-F, 8am-noon
HCH school articles

The Most Holy Trinity
Jun 15, 2025

**But when he comes, the
Spirit of truth, he will guide
you to all truth... John 16:13**

It has been said that the
best gift we can give
someone is to teach them
how to pray.

If you don't talk (and more
importantly, you listen) to
God every day, how else
will you know what He is
calling you to do?

Just as you talk to family
and friends every day, get
in the habit of talking with
God every day.

Develop a daily prayer
routine. Keep your prayers
simple and sincere. This is
best done in silence,
when you can hear
God's response.
~ 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

Confessions 4:30pm Saturday (or
call the parish office for appt.)
(Schedule subject to change.)



Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Church – Waimea

Sun 7am Mass

First Saturday Devotion to the
BVM 8-9am

View the bulletin online:
kekahacatholic.com
* Call the office to receive
weekly bulletins via email.

A 2nd collection will be taken
next weekend to benefit the

Diocese of Honolulu
Seminarian Education Fund.
Mahalo for your generosity in
supporting priestly vocations.

What Makes Marriage Work?

1. Communication
2. Commitment and Common Values
3. Spirituality / Faith

foryourmarriage.com

PARISH & SCHOOL
OFFICES ARE CLOSED
JUNE 19 IN OBSERVANCE
OF JUNETEENTH.