

Dear Padre,

What does the Church say about free will and predestination? I am confused and wonder if there is any fundamental difference?

The Church can be viewed as the champion of free will, for it is descriptive of God's grace at work in his creation. On the other hand, the Church does not champion predestination. The Church understands that this concept is in direct opposition and contradicts the creative act of God. It is understandable how someone might confuse these two different perspectives. In fact, some Christian belief systems have historically confused them; for example, those who follow the thought of John Calvin (1509–1564), including various Congregational, Reformed, and Presbyterian churches. But, regardless of the confusion, the two positions are not complementary, and someone cannot hold both positions because they are incompatible with each other. Catholics believe that we have been created by God with freewill. In response to this wonderful gift, we are invited to form our consciences and live our lives lovingly and deliberately as people who choose to respond, in total freedom, to the Way, the Truth, and the Life that is found in Jesus. ●

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

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

What can I do for the Church? Not complaining about the Church, but committing myself to the Church. Participating with passion and humility.... That is what a synodal Church means: everyone has a part to play, no individual in the place of others or above others. There are no first- or second-class Christians; everyone has been called.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 29, 2022

Monday

June 30
Weekday
Gn 18:16–33
Mt 8:18–22

Tuesday

July 1
Weekday
Gn 19:15–29
Mt 8:23–27

Wednesday

July 2
Weekday
Gn 21:5, 8–20a
Mt 8:28–34

Thursday

July 3
St. Thomas, Apostle
Eph 2:19–22
Jn 20:24–29

Friday

July 4
Weekday
Gn 23:1–4, 19;
24:1–8, 62–67
Mt 9:9–13

Saturday

July 5
Weekday
Gn 27:1–5, 15–29
Mt 9:14–17

Sunday

July 6
Fourteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Is 66:10–14c
Gal 6:14–18
Lk 10:1–12, 17–20
or 10:1–9

Our Parish COMMUNITY

June 29, 2025

Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1–11 / 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 17–18 / Matthew 16:13–19



Roots and Wings

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

“There are two things we should give our children: one is roots and the other is wings.” So goes the adage. It is in knowing our roots that we know who we are. It is with wings that we then shape the future—a future sprouting from those roots but also blossoming into something new. If there were only the roots, we would never know life's richness. Without wings, never would we come to beauty.

The solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul honors both of these dynamics in the Church. It was Peter who was the Rock, who was able to recognize God's presence made flesh among us, who would say to Jesus, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (Matthew 16:16).

It was Paul who pushed the envelope, who proclaimed that God's saving love was for Jews and Gentiles—both members of the household of God—without distinction. It was Paul who argued that circumcision was not necessary for a believer. It was Paul who recognized that the Law was indeed a blessing, yet also that obeying the Law does not save us—it is the love of Christ Jesus that saves us.

Many are rooted through faith in Christ Jesus. Some live out that faith as Catholics, others as Lutherans or Methodists, still others as Orthodox or Anglicans. All of us rooted in Christ, all of us living out faith, each blossoming in our own fruitfulness as guided by the Spirit, for the purpose of tradition is to pass on the flame and not to preserve the ashes. ●

Reflect

*Am I more comfortable with roots or wings?
Am I more like St. Peter or St. Paul, and why?*



[Jesus said,] “You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.”

MATTHEW 16:18



Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary at Waimea



St. Theresa Parish

Established January 21, 1941
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St. Theresa School at Kekaha

I HAVE FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT,
I HAVE FINISHED THE RACE,
I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH.

Vision / Mission Statement

*To make St. Theresa Parish
a dynamic Christian community
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Parish Directory

Clergy



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Summer hours M-Th, 8am-noon

HCH school articles

Saints Peter and Paul,
Apostles

Jun 29, 2025

***I have competed well;
I have finished the race;
I have kept the faith.***

2 Timothy 4:7

How many of us can say
this? St. Teresa of Calcutta
said, "God doesn't call us
to be successful, he calls
us to be faithful." How
many times have we been
blinded by the success of
the world at the expense
of our faith?

Matthew Kelly says, "Take
one minute each day to
remind yourself that you
are just passing through
this life and will die one
day; you will live more
intentionally with a
passion and purpose."

~ Archdiocese of St. Louis



St. Theresa Church – Kekaha

Sat 5pm Vigil Mass

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

Weekdays 6:30am Mon-Fri

(subject to change)

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.)



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.*

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

Sunday Offerings

Kekaha \$ 1,993.49

Waimea 750.00

Other Donations

Candles \$ 34.00

Cross We Share 185.00

Maintenance Fund 30.00

Mass Intentions 80.00

Seminarian Education Fund 1,636.00



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2nd collection next week

Our offerings to the Holy Father
through the **Peter's Pence**
Collection support Church needs,
humanitarian initiatives and social
promotion projects, as well as
the Holy See.

Please be generous. Mahalo!

MINISTRY NEWS

K-12 Religious Education classes and
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.

Let us continue to pray for Pope Leo XIV

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.



Patriotic Rosary Sat, Jul 5

following the 5pm Vigil Mass.
We will pray for the needs of
our country and peace in
our troubled world.



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.

ST. THERESA SCHOOL NEWS

REGISTRATION CONTINUES

STS teaches learners from preK through 8th grade. To
register for the upcoming school year, call the office or
find forms and information on the school's website.

UNCLE BILL IS RETIRING

After over 21 years of devoted service, Uncle Bill Dick
will be retiring from St. Theresa School on June 30th.

THANK YOU for your dedication to STS and
CONGRATULATIONS!!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

STS is hiring! Positions include Elementary School
Teacher, Middle School Teacher, Substitute Teacher
(grades K-8), and Maintenance Worker.

Visit the Diocese of Honolulu Careers page for more
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