

Dear Padre,

Where did the Virgin Mary spend her last days on earth? Ephesus or Jerusalem?

Shortly before Jesus died on the cross, he entrusted his widowed mother to the protective care of John the Evangelist. (See John 19:26–27.) Accordingly, when John lived his final years in Ephesus, it is believed that Mary also spent her last days nearby in a modest stone dwelling, before being assumed body and soul into heaven “to be preserved from the corruption of the tomb” (Pope Pius XII, *Munificentissimus Deus*, 1950). Moreover, it is likely in Ephesus (present-day Turkey) where the tradition of Mary’s Assumption started.

Pope Benedict XIV (1740–1758) declared Ephesus was “where the Blessed Mother...proceeded from this life into heaven.” More recent popes, such as Paul VI in 1967 and John Paul II in 1979, prayed in this venerable home, known as Mother Mary’s House.

However, close to Gethsemane in Jerusalem is the Basilica of the Tomb of Mary from the fifth century. It is built around an ancient crypt where Mary’s body was believed to have been laid before it was assumed into heaven.

While both Ephesus and Jerusalem claim to be the location where the Virgin Mary spent her last years on earth, experts contend the latter is the older tradition and the more credible place. Even if Mary temporarily left Jerusalem, it is probable she returned to the land of her birth and resided there at the end of her earthly life. ●

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

And at the end of our life, [the Lord] will call us to account for the goods he has entrusted to us.... We have received so much: life, faith, family, relationships, work, but also the places where we live, our city, creation.... [A]re we guardians of all that has been given to us?

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 7, 2022



RICCARDO DE LUCA - UPDATE / SHUTTERSTOCK

Monday

August 11
St. Clare, Virgin
Dt 10:12–22
Mt 17:22–27

Tuesday

August 12
Weekday
Dt 31:1–8
Mt 18:1–5, 10, 12–14

Wednesday

August 13
Weekday
Dt 34:1–12
Mt 18:15–20

Thursday

August 14
St. Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest and Martyr
Jos 3:7–10a, 11, 13–17
Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday

August 15
The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a,
10ab

1 Cor 15:20–27
Lk 1:39–56

Saturday

August 16
Weekday
Jos 24:14–29
Mt 19:13–15

Sunday

August 17
Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Jer 38:4–6, 8–10
Heb 12:1–4
Lk 12:49–53

Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 10, 2025
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Wisdom 18:6–9 / Hebrews 11:1–2, 8–19 or 11:1–2, 8–12 / Luke 12:32–48 or 12:35–40



Life Is a Game of Golf

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When the British colonized India, they brought with them the game of golf.

A worse hazard than sand traps turned out to be monkeys. Wherever the ball landed, a monkey would run onto the fairway, pick it up, and drop it somewhere else—from the fairway into the rough, out of a sand trap onto the green, from the green back onto the fairway. The Brits tried everything to keep the monkeys off the course—fences, sirens, booming noises. Nothing worked. In the end, they ended up changing the rule book: play the ball where the monkey drops it.

The scriptures today tell of people who lived with an openness to wherever it was that God would take them. They played the ball wherever the monkey dropped it. It is the story of the Hebrews enslaved in Egypt when they were about to be led out into a God-knew-where desert. It is the story of aged Abraham and Sarah, called to travel to an alien land and then into parenthood in their old age. Faith is not trusting that God will always take us to where we want to be; it is trusting that wherever it is that God takes us will ultimately bring us into fuller life. So, watch and be ready to recognize the coming of God. It may be in times of darkness for you (as when the master comes late at night, says Luke’s Gospel) or when you find yourself in an “alien land,” a place in life you’ve never been before. ●

Reflect

What surprising places has God led me?

[Jesus said to his disciples,]
“For where your treasure is,
there also will your heart be.”
LUKE 12:34





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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 10, 2025

***For where your treasure is,
there also will your heart be.***
Luke 12:34

Jesus encourages us to build
up our treasure in heaven.

The world encourages us to
build up our treasure in
real estate, investments,
and material goods.

How much time are you
investing in building up a
worldly treasure?

**How much time are you
investing in building up a
heavenly treasure?**

To invest more in the things
of heaven, you must let go of
some of the things of this
world.

~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 School Mass
(Weekday Masses 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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

Sunday Offerings

Kekaha \$ 1,698
Waimea 1,339

Other Donations

Candles \$ 25
Catholic Charities Hawaii 1,940
Cross We Share 810
Funerals 300
Maintenance Fund 10
Mass Intentions 40
Reimbursement 25



**“God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today.
Have you used one of them to say thank you?”**

---- William Arthur Ward

**To discern what we really treasure,
we need to do a check on our hearts.**

We can each ask ourselves,

“Where do I spend the majority of my energy?

Where do I find my thoughts dwelling?

How do I choose to spend my time when I find myself
with a few spare moments?

What do my spending habits reveal about what is
important to me?”

As Christian stewards, we are called to live our lives in
grateful response to all that God has given us.

Do I recognize and treasure these gifts?

MINISTRY NEWS

Religious Education classes will resume in September.

Youth Ministry for grades 6-12 resumes Sun, Sep 7 after the 8:30am Mass at the Parish Hall.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) Interested in becoming Catholic, or just want to
learn more about your faith? Weekly classes begin Wed, Sep 10 from 6-7:30pm at the Parish Hall.
To register, contact Deacon Ron at 907.978.4018.

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

PRAYER WARRIORS

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

PARISH OFFICE will be closed Aug 15 in observance of Admissions Day.

ST. THERESA SCHOOL NEWS

Aug 15 No School – Statehood Day

St. Theresa School is seeking a full-time Maintenance Worker.
School Teacher positions are also available.

To view current job openings, click the SEARCH link at

<https://www.catholichawaii.org/about-us/careers/> and use the keyword Kekaha.

BIBLE STUDY Mondays 6 to 7:30pm

Led by Deacon Ron. All are welcome! 4526B Alae Rd, Kekaha