

# Dear Padre,

## Is “co-redemptrix” a title for the Blessed Virgin Mary?

The Church does not officially regard Mary as a co-redemptrix with Christ. Her “unique holiness”...‘from the first instant of her conception’ comes wholly from Christ: she is ‘redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son’” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 492).

According to Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the title “co-redemptrix” would “obscure” the origin that “everything comes through Christ,” as written in Ephesians and Colossians. “Mary, too, is everything she is through Him,” stated the future Pope Benedict XVI, adding that “co-redemptrix” is a departure “from the language of Scripture and of the Fathers, and therefore gives rise to misunderstandings.”

Likewise, in 2019, Pope Francis quoted St. Bernard, who said that no praise is sufficient to talk about Mary, but, ultimately, her title as a humble “disciple” best represents Mary’s faithfulness to “her Son, the only Redeemer.” “She never wanted for herself something that was of her Son,” explained the pontiff. “She never introduced herself as co-redemptrix. No. Disciple.”

Pope Francis reiterated the Church’s position on this matter in 2021, saying that Jesus entrusted the universal Church and all the faithful to Mary, “Not as a goddess. Not as a co-redemptrix. As a mother.” Incidentally, “Mother of God” (Greek: *Theotokos*, “God-bearer”) is Mary’s oldest title, established in 431 by the Council of Ephesus. ●

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August 18	August 19	August 20	August 21	August 22	August 23	August 24
Weekday	Weekday	St. Bernard,	St. Pius X, Pope	The Queenship	Weekday	Twenty-first
Jgs 2:11-19	Jgs 6:11-24a	Abbot and	Jgs 11:29-39a	of the Blessed	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11;	Sunday in
Mt 19:16-22	Mt 19:23-30	Doctor of the	Mt 22:1-14	Virgin Mary	4:13-17	Ordinary Time
		Jgs 9:6-15		Ru 1:1, 3-6,	Mt 23:1-12	Is 66:18-21
		Mt 20:1-16		14b-16, 22		Heb 12:5-7,
				Mt 22:34-40		11-13
						Lk 13:22-30



## A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

*The Gospel does not leave things as they are; when the Gospel... is listened to and received, things do not stay as they are. The Gospel provokes change and invites to conversion. It does not dispense a false intimist peace, but sparks a restlessness that sets us in motion and drives us to open ourselves up to God and to our brothers and sisters.*

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 14, 2022

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 17, 2025

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 / Hebrews 12:1-4 / Luke 12:49-53



## Where I Stand

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

One day, as I was walking in a local nature preserve, I came across what someone had written in the sand: “It’s time to take a stand.”

Though the person never suggested what we should take a stand on, all of us take stands in life. In many ways, those stands define our lives: Republican or Democrat, pro-life or pro-choice, NRA and guns, save the whales, vax or anti-vax, ecology. As we all know so well, where we stand on any given issue can become divisive among friends and even family.

The Scriptures this weekend tell of the prophet Jeremiah, who took a stand of faith against the king who trusted in military arms rather than in God. The Letter to

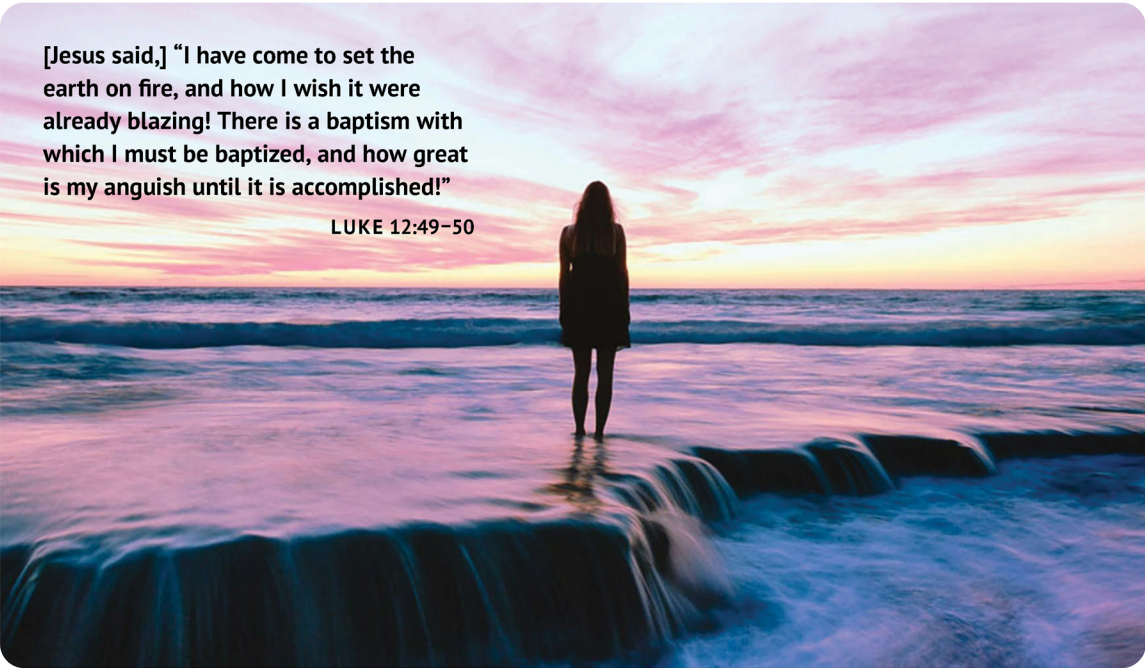
the Hebrews mentions an Old Testament “cloud of witnesses” who placed faith in God without knowing where that would take them. And, Jesus himself recognizes that those who place their faith in him and the vision of life he proclaimed would find themselves in conflict with others. For every person who professes faith in Jesus Christ, the question becomes how this faith affects all the other stands we take. To “keep our eyes fixed on Jesus” influences the lifestyle we choose, how we spend our time and our money, who our friends are, and even who we vote for. At some point, faith insists we take a stand. ●

## Reflect

*How does my faith affect all my other beliefs and practices?*

[Jesus said,] “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!”

LUKE 12:49-50





Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary at Waimea

# St. Theresa Parish

Established January 21, 1941  
P.O. Box 159, Kekaha, HI 96752



St. Theresa School at Kekaha



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

I waited patiently for the LORD.  
He turned to me and  
heard my cry for help.

PSALM 40:1

## 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  
M-F, 8am-noon sttheresac@yahoo.com

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 Coordinators  
Blu & 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

Wendy Souza, Principal  
808-337-1351 sttheresakauai.com  
Office hours M-F, 7:30am-3pm  
HCH school articles

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 17, 2025

**Do you think I have come to  
give you peace on Earth?  
No, I tell you, but rather  
division.** Luke 12:51

Many of us like to play it  
safe, not cause waves with  
our family and friends,  
especially when it comes to  
politics and religion.  
We don't want to cause any  
turmoil. However, many  
times this is at the expense  
of the truth.

**The truth being Jesus Christ.**

Too many people are  
misguided because they rely  
on their own limited human  
ability to reason and are not  
allowing faith in God to  
guide them.

Form your conscience; take a  
stance for life, marriage, and  
religious liberty.

~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](http://kekahacatholic.com)

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

### Sunday Offerings

Kekaha \$ 1,571  
Waimea 1,030

### Other Donations

Candles \$ 25  
Catholic Charities Hawaii 172  
Cross We Share 410  
Flowers 20  
Maintenance Fund 45  
Mass Intentions 20  
Religious Articles 20



Parishioners are cordially invited to attend  
**Fr. EJ's Pastoral Installation**  
on Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Catherine's  
5pm Mass. Bishop Larry will preside, and a  
full menu dinner will follow the Mass.  
A pupu table and beverage bar will welcome  
you at the door. Hope to see you there!



## MINISTRY NEWS

**Religious Education** classes resume Thu, Sep 25 at 6:30pm at St. Theresa School. Registration forms can be found at the Usher's table at St. Theresa Church.

**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.

## ST. THERESA SCHOOL NEWS

**Aug 21** Mass of the Holy Spirit at 9am, followed by Open House & Ohana Picnic. Noon Dismissal.

**Sep 1** No School (Labor 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

## ST. THERESA CHURCH

**Thu, Aug 21 6:30am Mass & 9am Mass**

**Fri, Aug 22 6:30am Mass (no 8:10am Mass)**