

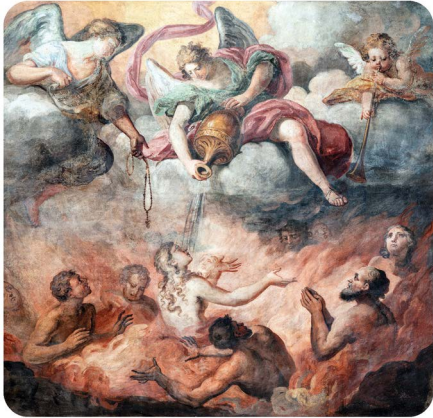
Dear Padre,

My wife mentioned that neither the Book of Mormon nor the Catholic Bible mentions purgatory. Please comment.

A not-uncommon frustration is when a person searches the Bible for a particular word or phrasing. Frankly, it is expecting too much from the religious text to be able to faithfully record a particular word or phrase that originated hundreds of years after the ancient text was composed. Purgatory is one such example of this frustration. The concept of purgatory is referenced in the biblical text, particularly in 2 Corinthians 5:10 and 7:1, Hebrews 9:27 and 12:14, and 2 Maccabees 12:46, but the word is never used.

This should come as no real surprise because it was not until the writings of St. Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274) that the concept was expanded and formed into a theological statement of belief that has become central to Roman Catholicism. And what is that belief? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is clear: “All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned” (CCC, 1030, 1031a). The Book of Mormon never references purgatory, but it does speak about the afterlife and the experience of “waiting” in the spirit world for the completion of earthly time. ●

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



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The narrow door is an image that could scare us, as if salvation is destined for only a select few, or for perfect people. But...a little further ahead, [Jesus] confirms, “Men will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.”

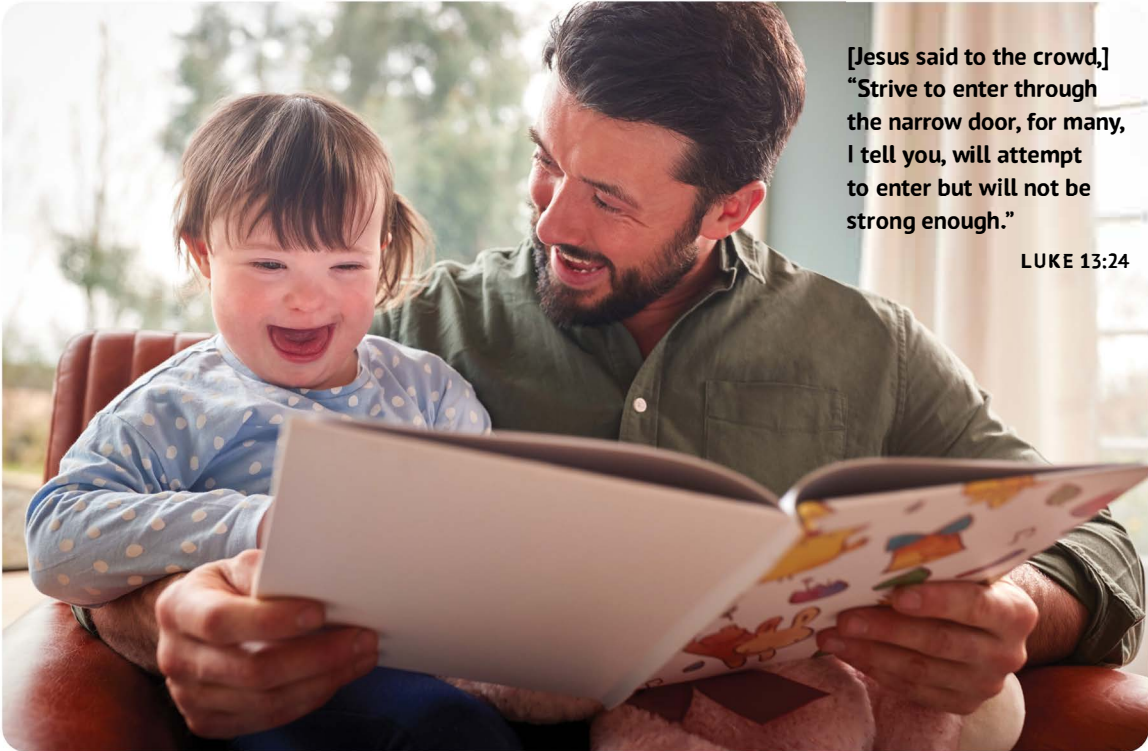
Therefore, this door is narrow, but is open to everyone!

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 24, 2025
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Isaiah 66:18–21 / Hebrews 12:5–7, 11–13 / Luke 13:22–30



[Jesus said to the crowd,] “Strive to enter through the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.”

LUKE 13:24

The Narrow Gate

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Some people find love in their lives; others complain of loneliness. Some find peace, while others seem to be perpetually angry. Some live comfortably amid human diversity, yet others insist that the rest of the world be like them. There are those who are able to forgive and compromise and offer compassion and those who cannot. The difference seems to be the ability to forgo one’s own desires for the sake of a greater good or the common good. Such may be the narrow gate through which some may not be strong enough to enter.

Phrases like *the kingdom of God* or *the kingdom of heaven* are not just references to places to which we go

but also ways of being or states of existence. They all refer to God’s presence, to life with God. You’ve heard people say they were so happy that they felt it was like heaven on earth. It wasn’t a place they went but an experience of being filled with joy and peace. It’s pure gift. No one ever finds it by focusing on oneself. It is the narrow gate by which we find our way into such a life. It is the doorway of caring for others. ●

Reflect

What is the “narrow gate” before me now—the most difficult challenge as a follower of Jesus?



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To make St. Theresa Parish
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"I am the way
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No one comes to the Father
Except through Me"

- Jesus Christ
John 14:6

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 24, 2025

**For behold, some are last
who will be first and some
are first who will be last.**
Luke 13:30

Our cultural standards
are different from
God's standards.

We often rank people by
what they have,
how powerful they are, or
how successful they are.

**Jesus reminds us that
God will not judge us by
the same earthly standards.**

When God asks you,
"What have you done with
the gifts I have given you?"
how will you respond?

~Archdiocese of St. Louis



St. Theresa Church – Kekaha

Sat 5pm Vigil Mass
Sun 7:45am Rosary,
8:30am Mass
Mon-Thu 6:30am Mass,
Fri 8:10am 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 \$ 1,749
Waimea 912

Other Donations

Candles \$ 30
Catholic Charities Hawaii 17
Cross We Share 1,184
Maintenance Fund 1,383



Parishioners are cordially invited to attend
Fr. EJ's Pastoral Installation
on Sunday, August 24th 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 27 Picture Day

Aug 29 Regal Foods Fundraiser ends
(Pickup is on Sep 20, 9am to noon)

Sep 1 No School (Labor Day)

Sep 5 No School (Teacher workday)

View current job openings at
<https://www.catholichawaii.org/about-us/careers/>.

Marriage Tip of the Month



In the midst of arguments,
fight against the *problem* and
not against your spouse.
Remember that **you and your
spouse are on the same team.**

BIBLE STUDY Mondays 6 to 7:30pm

Led by Deacon Ron. All are welcome!
4526B Alae Rd, Kekaha
(No gathering on Sep 1, Labor Day)

ST. THERESA CHURCH OFFICE

**will be closed Sep 1
in observance of Labor Day.**