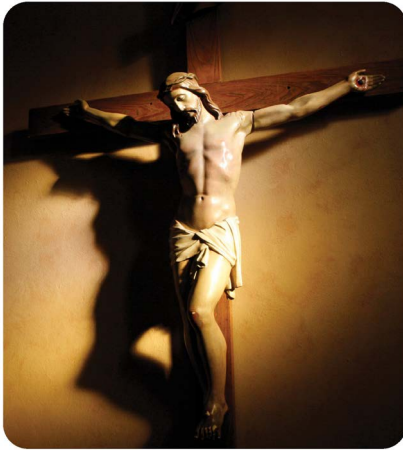


Dear Padre,

A Protestant friend tells me that Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins. That doesn't seem accurate to me. What does the Church teach about the meaning of Jesus' death on the cross?

Jesus understood his mission to be sacrificing his own life "as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was even at the cost of death. However, saying Jesus' death was payment for our sins doesn't mean that a vengeful God was appeased by the slaughter of his own innocent son. Rather, we are redeemed because of the mutual love between Father and Son, as well as the love Christ had for us all when he offered his life. "It is love 'to the end' (see John 13:1) that confers on Christ's sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 616). It is in this sense that Jesus' death was a payment—not one to be exacted—but a unique sacrifice "that completes and surpasses all other sacrifices," when "the Father handed his Son over to sinners in order to reconcile us with himself," and the Son of God freely and lovingly offered his human life to his Father "in reparation for our disobedience" (CCC 614). Christ "bore our sins in his body upon the cross.... By his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24). Viewed in light of the resurrection, Christ's death has meaning in eternal life's triumph over sin. ●



Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
September 15	September 16	September 17	September 18	September 19	September 20	September 21
Our Lady of Sorrows	Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs	Twentyfifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Tm 2:1-8 Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35	1 Tm 3:1-13 Lk 7:11-17	1 Tm 3:14-16 Lk 7:31-35	1 Tm 4:12-16 Lk 7:36-50	1 Tm 6:2c-12 Lk 8:1-3	1 Tm 6:13-16 Lk 8:4-15	Am 8:4-7 1 Tm 2:1-8 Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV
I chose to take the name Leo XIV...mainly because Pope Leo XIII in his historic encyclical Rerum Novarum addressed the social question in the context of the first great industrial revolution. In our own day, the Church offers...the treasury of [its] social teaching in response to...new challenges for the defense of human dignity, justice, and labor.
ADDRESS TO THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS,
ROME, MAY 10, 2025

Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 14, 2025
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Numbers 21:4b-9 / Philippians 2:6-11 / John 3:13-17



When Life Is on Empty

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

As he stood in line in front of me, the back of his T-shirt read, "Pain is weakness leaving the body." Though unsaid, it implied that the parting pain would be replaced by newfound strength. Yet, the more I thought about it, I wondered if that is always the case. Some pain simply leaves one empty, like the grief that comes with the death of one's child. That emptiness never leaves, it is never replaced. So too, the pain of living with mental illness, as it seems to isolate one from many of life's joys and satisfactions. Or, eventually, the aging process in all of us, as it slips in and steals the treasures of life, one by one. Pain is not always weakness leaving the body. Sometimes, it is the pain of an alien spirit settling in for the long haul.

If St. Paul's assertion that Jesus came and "emptied himself...coming in human likeness...even [to] death on a cross," then those times that seem to empty us of all we would hold dear are the times when we slowly take on the image of Jesus in our own lives. It is at such times when we are most powerless but also when God's spirit shines through our broken and wounded lives, if only because we become totally dependent upon God. It is Saint Teresa of Kolkata who is said to have once remarked that even God cannot fill what is already full. ●

Reflect
What emptying am I experiencing?
Can I accept it as becoming more like Jesus?



[Christ Jesus] emptied himself... becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

PHILIPPIANS 2:7-8



Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary at Waimea

DO NOT FORGET THE WORKS OF THE LORD!

St. Theresa Parish

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



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



St. Theresa School at Kekaha



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

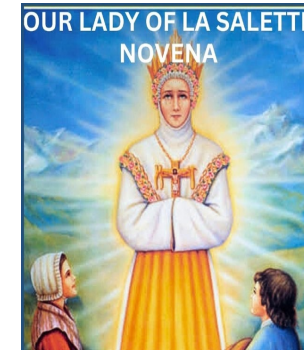
Mahalo for being as generous as your means allow. God bless you!

Sunday Offerings

Kekaha \$ 2,651 Waimea 1,401

Other Donations

Candles \$ 55 Catholic Charities Hawaii 25 Catholic Univ of America 1,415 Cross We Share 610 Maintenance Fund 50 Marriages 200 Mass Intentions 160



Our Lady of La Salette 3-day Novena

Join us at STC for 6pm Rosary Sep 16 to Sep 18. (No breakfast on Fri, Sep 19 due to School Mass.)

St. Therese 9-day Novena

Daily Rosary Sep 22 to Sep 30. Rosary will be prayed before weekend Masses, and at 6pm all other days at STC. St. Therese of Lisieux's Feast Day is Oct 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

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 14, 2025

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.

John 3:16

- 1. God created us to be in relationship with Him. 2. Sin broke that relationship. 3. Jesus came to earth so that we may reconcile our relationship with God. 4. Following Jesus' example, we can be blessed with a joy-filled life on earth and eternal life in Heaven.

These four points are known as the "kerygma" – the first proclamation of the Gospel.

This core message is the basis of our Catholic faith.

How do you live this out in your daily life?

~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

Coming soon...October is Month of the Holy Rosary!

Offer to host a Rosary at your home on a weeknight in October (except Wednesdays). Sign-up books are ready – one at each church. Mahalo for your hospitality!

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 meets every 1st & 3rd Sunday after the 8:30am Mass at the Parish Hall.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) Know someone who is Interested in becoming Catholic, or do you want to learn more about your faith? Next class is Thu, Oct 2 from 6-7:30pm at St. Theresa Church. Please register with Deacon Ron at 907.978.4018.

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

ST. THERESA SCHOOL NEWS

Sep 19 Grandparents Day Picnic

Sep 20 Pick-up Day for Regal Foods Fundraiser (9-noon)

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.

BIBLE STUDY

Sep 22 from 6 to 7:30pm at Dcn Ron's, 4526B Alae Rd. Final study this year!

Four-week Eternal Rest study begins Nov 3 at STC. Register with Betsy, 907.347.6618.