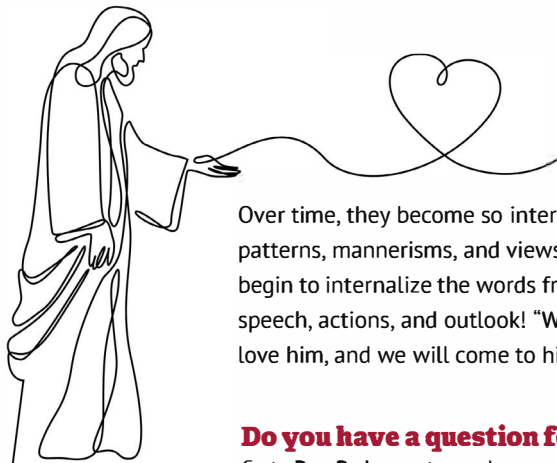


# Dear Padre,

## Why does my parish priest preach about love practically every Sunday?

“Through the course of the liturgical year, the homily sets forth the mysteries of faith and the standards of the Christian life on the basis of the sacred text” (*Lectionary*, 24). A translation of the English word “love” appears in the Bible more than 500 times; by comparison, “sin” appears approximately 400 times. Thus, insofar as the homily “should be an explanation of some aspect of the readings from sacred Scripture” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 65), God’s word on “love” is far too prevalent to overlook.



Pope Francis called God’s word “a love letter, written to us by the One who knows us best.” In the Bible, this God who desires to bestow his love on us (See 1 John 3:1), is essentially telling us, “How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.” How we love God in return may be likened to two partners in a committed relationship.

Over time, they become so intertwined that they can even assume each other’s speech patterns, mannerisms, and views. Likewise, for those who love God, over the years we can begin to internalize the words from God’s “love letter” and reflect them in our Christian speech, actions, and outlook! “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him” (John 14:23). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*In our day, there is a widespread thirst for justice, a desire for authentic fatherhood and motherhood, a profound longing for spirituality, especially among young people and the marginalized, who do not always find effective means of making their needs known. There is a growing demand for the Church’s social doctrine, to which we need to respond.*

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 17, 2025



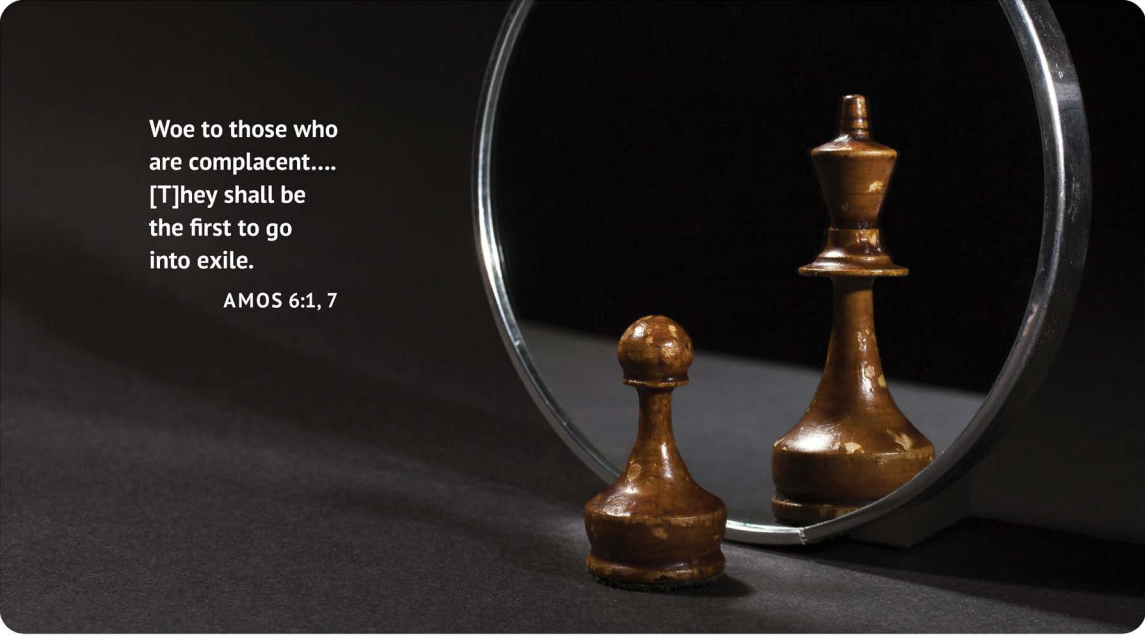
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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 28, 2025

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Amos 6:1a, 4–7 / 1 Timothy 6:11–16 / Luke 16:19–31



# Adrift

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In *A Christmas Carol*, Ebenezer Scrooge found himself confronted by the person he had become: someone forced to accept the reality painted by the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Yet to Come. Scrooge hadn’t realized how he had slowly drifted into becoming an uncaring and greedy person, unable to show compassion because he never really saw someone else’s pain. The story of Ebenezer Scrooge is the story of the rich man in this Sunday’s gospel who was unmoved by poor Lazarus, sitting at the gate of the rich man’s sumptuous life. They are both stories of human beings drifting into emptiness.

St. Thomas Aquinas suggested that our motivations in life can ultimately be reduced to eight different categories. If we’re interested in understanding what sort of people we are becoming, we might ask

ourselves which of these questions best describes our motivation: Am I making my decisions and choices about life based on wealth? Or am I looking to be admired by others and be praised? Is it lasting glory that I seek? Or power so that I can be noted for “making a difference?” Is what I seek a life of ultimate pleasure and comfort? Is it health that I look for? Or perhaps something related to my inner life—some intangible good, like virtue or knowledge? Or is it to see God already in this life what I truly want? It is always a challenge to know our true selves because all too often we may be adrift, unaware of who we are becoming. ●

## Reflect

**Which of St. Thomas Aquinas’ questions describes me and my choices?**



**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*

**THE JOY  
OF GENEROUS GIVING**

## Parish Directory

### Clergy



Reverend Edwin D. Conselva, MS,  
Pastor 808-337-1784  
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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

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### Evangelization Commission

Director of Religious Education  
Sr. Gloria Camitan, O.P. 808-337-1548  
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Youth Coordinators  
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Respect Life call parish office 808-337-1548  
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### St. Theresa School

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

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 28, 2025**

***My child, remember that you  
received what was good during  
your lifetime while Lazarus  
likewise received what was  
bad; but now he is comforted  
here, whereas you are  
tormented. Moreover, between  
us and you a great chasm is  
established... Luke 16:25-26***

When God created the world  
He declared that it was good,  
and He gave it to all mankind  
for us to enjoy.

However, over the years we  
have created a chasm  
between those who have  
great gifts and  
those who do not.

In today's Gospel we see that  
with our own generosity we  
must bridge that gap  
between those who have  
much and those who have  
little, or we may find  
ourselves on the wrong side  
of the chasm in the next 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](http://kekahacatholic.com)

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

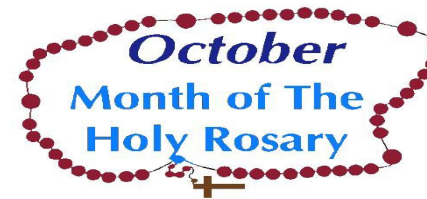
✠ Mahalo for being as generous as  
your means allow. God bless you! ✠

### Sunday Offerings

Kekaha \$ 1,797  
Waimea 1,100

### Other Donations

Candles \$ 30  
Catholic Univ of America 10  
Cross We Share 260  
Donation 100  
Maintenance Fund 1,346  
Mass Intentions 60  
World Mission Sunday 20



WED	10/1	6:00pm	St. Theresa Church (Novena to OLPH)
THU	10/2	6:00pm	St. Theresa Church
FRI	10/3	6:00pm	St. Theresa Church (First Friday 6-7pm)
SAT	10/4	4:15pm	St. Theresa Church (Mass at 5pm)
SUN	10/5	7:45am	St. Theresa Church (Mass at 8:30am)

## ST. THERESA SCHOOL NEWS

Oct 3 Teacher Workday – No School  
Oct 6 – 10 Fall Break – No School

## MINISTRY NEWS

**Religious Education** classes are held every Thursday at 6:30pm at St. Theresa School.  
**Youth Ministry** for grades 6-12 meets every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the 8:30am Mass at the Parish Hall.  
**OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)** Do you 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. To register, contact Deacon Ron at 907.978.4018.  
**Choir practice** Thursdays at 4:30pm at STC. All are welcome.

## Second collection

THIS weekend...

**La Salette  
Seminarians**  
Mahalo for your  
generosity!

Sep 28<sup>th</sup> is **PRIESTHOOD  
SUNDAY** ~ join us for a  
**POTLUCK** in the Parish Hall  
after the 8:30am Mass to  
celebrate our past & present  
priests, especially  
Father Edwin!

Thank you to all who bought **Regal Food** products from STS!

We exceeded our fundraising goal.

Thank you for supporting our school.

## The St. Therese 9-day Novena ends Sep 30.

Rosary will be prayed before weekend Masses,  
and at 6pm Monday & Tuesday. The feast day of our  
patron saint, St. Therese of Lisieux, is Oct 1.

## Rosary Walk for Peace

at 4pm on Sun, Oct 5 at  
the school grounds, with a  
potluck gathering to follow.

## Public Square Rosary

at noon on Sat, Oct 11 at  
Waimea's SHJMC front lawn.  
Please bring a chair & water.

Four-week **Eternal Rest** study  
begins Nov 3 at STC. Please register with Betsy  
at 907.347.6618 by Oct 13 so the optional \$13  
study guides can be ordered.