

Dear Padre,

Do we pray for the dead on All Souls' Day for what we can do for them, or for what they can do for us?

On All Souls' Day, the Church celebrates the one body in Christ that unites its members on earth, in purgatory, and in heaven. For more than a thousand years, we've commemorated this transcendent bond on the second day of November, whether at Mass, in a cemetery, or on a home altar to the faithful departed. This bond of companionship between the living and deceased is so vital to our spiritual well-being that All Souls' Day is celebrated even when November 2 falls on a Sunday.

Because Catholics are in communion with one another through an active relationship that transcends death, our prayers, Masses, sacrifices, and works of charity can be offered up on behalf of the deceased. (See 2 Maccabees 12:38–46.) Souls that get to heaven, in turn, offer their prayers on behalf of the living. Thus, our assistance to the deceased, and their intercession for us, is mutually beneficial! “A perennial link of charity exists between the faithful who have already reached their heavenly home, those who are expiating their sins in purgatory, and those who are still pilgrims on earth. Between them there is, too, an abundant exchange of all good things” (*Indulgentiarum Doctrina*, 5; *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1475, 954-955, 962). May perpetual light shine upon the souls of the faithful departed. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In a world wounded by violence and conflict.... I am convinced that if we are...free from ideological and political conditioning, we can be effective in saying “no” to war and “yes” to peace, “no” to the arms race and “yes” to disarmament, “no” to an economy that impoverishes peoples and the Earth and “yes” to integral development.

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 19, 2025

Monday

November 3
Weekday
Rom 11:29–36
Lk 14:12–14

Tuesday

November 4
St. Charles Borromeo,
Bishop
Rom 12:5–16b
Lk 14:15–24

Wednesday

November 5
Weekday
Rom 13:8–10
Lk 14:25–33

Thursday

November 6
Weekday
Rom 14:7–12
Lk 15:1–10

Friday

November 7
Weekday
Rom 15:14–21
Lk 16:1–8

Saturday

November 8
Weekday
Rom 16:3–9, 16,
22–27
Lk 16:9–15

Sunday

November 9
The Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica
Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12
1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17
Jn 2:13–22

Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 2, 2025

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Wisdom 3:1–9 / Romans 5:5–11 or Romans 6:3–9 / John 6:37–40
(These readings or any from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead)



The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them.... [T]hey are in peace.

WISDOM 3:1, 3

The Great Halloween Mistress

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

One Halloween, the lady who lived in the big white house down the block gave out bottles of Coke for trick-or-treat. Not 6-ouncers, not 10-ouncers, but 12-ouncers! I remember going up to her door like we did at every other house, stomping up the steps, ringing the bell and waiting, then yelling, “Trick or treat!” for a piece of penny candy as the door opened. Instead, our eyes widened with disbelief as we gasped, “Wow! A bottle of Coke! Gee, thanks a lot.” I remember her smile and the look of delight in her eyes at making some scraggly neighborhood kids so excited. Before long, word got out among that night’s goblins and saints. Kids I had never seen before, kids from neighboring communities, all came streaming in, and she gave each of them a bottle of Coke. To me, it was unbelievable—such generosity. That year, nobody

dared “trick” her house. We made sure. Among us kids, such generosity did not go unrewarded.

On All Souls' Day, we remember those who have died, and we remember them with an awareness of the need we all have for God's mercy. Sometimes, I think that God is like that woman who lived in the big white house down the block. God is the Great Halloween Mistress. We come to her, armed with our tricks to get what we want, and she disarms us with her unbelievable generosity—the greatest “treater” of all time. God gives us everything undeserved—the most generous treats ever, all year round. ●

Reflect

What experiences of God's generous blessings have I known? Have I taken any for granted?



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St. Theresa School at Kekaha



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All Souls Day

November 2, 2025

**...because I came down from
heaven not to do my own
will but the will of the one
who sent me... John 6:38**

When praying the "Our
Father," say the words slowly
so you truly recognize
what you are saying.

Every day when praying this
prayer, we repeat what Jesus
said in the scripture passage
"thy kingdom come,
thy will be done."

Even though we say these
words, do our actions
reflect those words?
This is the difference
between saints and the rest
of us. Saints were faithful
and obedient to God's will.

Start today – start aligning
your words and actions with
God's will for you.
~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 \$ 1,755.00
Waimea 888.00

Other Donations

Candles \$ 23.10
Cross We Share 230.00
Donations 1,750.00
Flowers 211.00
Funerals 300.00
Holy Rosary Donations 140.00
Luminaries 460.00
-Donations 50.00
Maintenance Fund 100.00
Mass Intentions 20.00
Ohana In Christ (Giving Appeal) 25.00
Religious Education 30.00
World Mission Sunday 1,353.00

ETERNAL REST: The Art of Dying Well

First of four sessions on Nov 3rd
from 6-7:30pm at STC.

All are welcome!
Contact Betsy 907.347.6618

PRAYER WARRIORS

Contact Chantal Duarte (808-634-0403
or chantal_duarte@yahoo.com)
and let our Prayer Warriors pray for you!

ST. THERESA SCHOOL NEWS

Nov 7 No School - Teacher Workday
Nov 11 No School - Veterans Day
Nov 22 Kekaha Home Sweet Home Festival

MINISTRY NEWS

Religious Education classes are held every Thursday at 6:30pm at St. Theresa School.
Youth Ministry for grades 6-12 meets every 1st & 3rd Sunday after the 8:30am Mass at the Parish Hall.
Choir practice Thursdays at 4:30pm at STC. All are welcome.

Where Catholic Faith
and Duty Unite
Serving those who Serve

Second Collection NEXT WEEK



ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE
MILITARY SERVICES, USA

Our Holy Father's intentions for November

~ for the prevention of suicide ~

Let us pray that those who are struggling with
suicidal thoughts might find the support, care,
and love they need in their community,
and be open to the beauty of life.

**Jesus is the voice that wants to
empower you and build you up.
Do yourself a favor—stop listening
to that critical voice in your head
that keeps tearing you down.
It's not God. ~ Chris Stefanick**

Patriotic Rosary

Join us at 6pm on Tuesday,
Nov 11 at St. Theresa Church
and pray for the
consecration of our nation.



First Friday 6pm Nov 7 at STC