

Dear Padre,

Are people born with the Holy Spirit, or do they have to be baptized in order to receive the Holy Spirit? If we are not born with the Holy Spirit, is it just our conscience that is bothered when we are doing wrong?

Your question is suggesting that the Holy Spirit is “in” or “out.” St. Paul teaches us, “In him we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28). In other words, the Spirit of God is always with us, and we are dependent on that Spirit for life. There is no beginning and there is no end; the Spirit always was, and is, and will be.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains that “Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he is going to perform, is in the process of performing, or has already completed. In all he says and does, man is obliged to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right” (1778). We have an obligation to form our consciences to know what is right and to help our children form theirs. It is with the cooperation of the Spirit that a “good conscience” is formed.

When we celebrate the sacraments, including the sacrament of baptism, we are confirming the life of the Spirit that is within is. We are acknowledging and proclaiming the abiding presence of the Spirit of God. ●
Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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DREAM PERSPECTION / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

The deepest purpose of the Church's social doctrine [is] a contribution to peace and dialogue in the service of building bridges of universal fraternity.... [T]he Risen Lord always goes before us, even at times when injustice and death seem to prevail. Let us...“build bridges through dialogue and encounter, joining together as one people, always at peace.”

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 17, 2025

WIKICOMMONS



Monday

October 13

Weekday

Rom 1:1–7

Lk 11:29–32

Tuesday

October 14

Weekday

Rom 1:16–25

Lk 11:37–41

Wednesday

October 15

St. Teresa of Jesus,

Virgin and Doctor

of the Church

Rom 2:1–11

Lk 11:42–46

Thursday

October 16

Weekday

Rom 3:21–30

Lk 11:47–54

Friday

October 17

St. Ignatius of

Antioch, Bishop

and Martyr

Rom 4:1–8

Lk 12:1–7

Saturday

October 18

St. Luke, Evangelist

2 Tm 4:10–17b

Lk 10:1–9

Sunday

October 19

Twenty-ninth

Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Ex 17:8–13

2 Tm 3:14–4:2

Lk 18:1–8

Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 12, 2025

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

2 Kings 5:14–17 / 2 Timothy 2:8–13 / Luke 17:11–19



Grateful for Being Grateful

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Here is a quick self-test: *Name three things in your life for which you are grateful.* Finished? If you were able to name three things easily, your spirituality is probably in a good place. If you had difficulty, your spirituality may be in need of some work. Spiritual writers have long noted that living day by day with a sense of gratitude is one of the signs of holiness. Yet, a number of attitudes can get in the way of our being thankful. One is anger; it unsettles and focuses our attention on one issue, keeping us from seeing a bigger picture filled with blessings. Another is living with continual wanting; incessant desires for more prevent us from recognizing the beauty and goodness of what already is. Fear too keeps us from being grateful; it obliterates all the goodness that is present and focuses on an unknown and uncertain future that may never be.

Therapists have advised that, at the end of each day, people should take time to name three things that happened that day for which they are grateful, as doing so will often ease depression. Our religious tradition has been encouraging this for 2,000 years. Not all depression is due to life circumstances; some is the result of chemical or hormonal imbalances. But, if our sadness is the consequence of life events, naming three positive occurrences from each day not only brings a balance to our attitudes but also brings us to deeper faith, recognizing a power greater than ourselves at work in our lives. That power is God. ●

Reflect

*What are three reasons I have for gratitude?
What blessings do I forget?*



Jesus said...“Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?”

LUKE 17:17–18



Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary at Waimea



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



Parish Directory

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HCH school articles

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 12, 2025

**Has none but this foreigner
returned to give thanks to
God?** Luke 17:18

Most of us live relatively
“easy” lives. We have food,
shelter, clothing, and money.
We go on vacation every
year and own a car or two.

Most of us take this all for
granted. Did you ever notice
that people with the least
amount of possessions are
usually the most grateful?
Shouldn't this be the other
way around?

Take time every day and
thank God for all He has
given you and discern how
He is calling you to share
your gifts.

~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 \$ 1,531
Waimea 1,160

Other Donations

Candles \$ 50
Cross We Share 355
La Salette Seminarian Fund 105
Maintenance Fund 5
Mass Intentions 30



ETERNAL REST

4-week study begins Nov 3 at STC.
Register by Mon, Oct 13 so the
optional \$13 study guides can be
ordered. Betsy 907.347.6618

OCIA

Contact Deacon Ron 907.978.4018

St. Theresa's **Youth Group** will be
selling remembrance bags for the
Nov 1 luminary service after all
weekend Masses during Oct.
This annual fundraiser provides a
way to honor your deceased loved
ones on All Souls Day –
5 names for \$10.

The Rosary is the
most beautiful
and **the most rich**
in graces of all
prayers.
Pope Saint Pius X



MON	10/13	6:00pm	Darlene Muraoka, 7814 Nukupuu St, Kekaha
TUE	10/14	6:00pm	St. Theresa Church
WED	10/15	6:00pm	St. Theresa Church (Novena to OLPH)
THU	10/16	6:00pm	St. Theresa Church
FRI	10/17	6:00pm	St. Theresa Church
SAT	10/18	4:15pm	St. Theresa Church (Mass at 5pm)
SUN	10/19	7:45am	St. Theresa Church (Mass at 8:30am)

St. Theresa Parish July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

	Budget	Actual
Income		
Offertory Collection	\$ 184,000	\$ 185,939
Other Regular Income	18,450	12,288
Revenue Subject to GET	30,300	30,135
Unusual (Non-Scheduled) Income	47,950	74,439
Total Income	280,700	302,801
Expense		
Employment Costs	115,386	121,457
Contributions & Assistance	58,802	58,812
Insurance	46,501	39,330
Supplies & Other Services	28,353	20,662
Utilities	17,090	15,449
Fundraising Expenses	3,100	5,402
Leadership Development	8,400	4,540
Repairs & Maintenance	13,850	2,808
Taxes	2,000	1,968
Total Expense	293,482	270,428
Net Revenue (Loss)	\$ (12,782)	\$ 32,373

ATTENTION! ALL CHOIR MEMBERS!

There will be a Music Ministry Members Workshop
with Fr. Alfred Guerrero (Liturgist of the Diocese of Honolulu)
on Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 8am to 12noon
at Immaculate Conception Church, Lihue.

All choir members are highly encouraged to attend this workshop.