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.

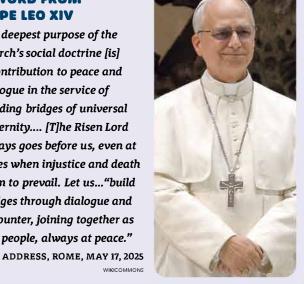
Fr. Thomas M. Santa. CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about **Dear Padre**.

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."



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, Virain 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. Ianatius 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

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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

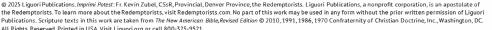
ere is a quick self-test: Name three things in your life for which you are grateful. Finished? If you were able to name three things easily, your spirituality is probably in a good place. If you had difficulty, your spirituality may be in need of some work. Spiritual writers have long noted that living 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?







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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 1.160 Waimea

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



Budget

Actual

| 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

| | Duuget | 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.



