

Dear Padre,

What is the Church's view on having crystal stones or sage in the home to bring in positive energy?

The Church does not have an official position on every possible human action or activity. The Church believes in the discerning principle of maturity and fully expects that the people of God will use the ability that has been entrusted to them by the Creator in a positive manner. The Church understands the power of mystery and the power of symbols but rightfully assigns any “energy” that mystery and symbols may generate to the power of the Holy Spirit. Inanimate objects, by the very definition of “inanimate,” do not generate energy. They may be symbols of energy, but they do not have energy in and of themselves.

If you enjoy crystals because of their beauty or because of the way they diffuse light, then there is no harm in having them in your house. If you like the smell of sage, then use it and enjoy it. All symbols have different meanings, depending on how they are understood and used by the people who gathered, collect, and store them for use. These symbols have no power in and of themselves for good or for evil. However, if you live in a culture that has identified the meaning of a symbol, and that assigned meaning contradicts Christian belief and practice, it would be best to avoid that symbol. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

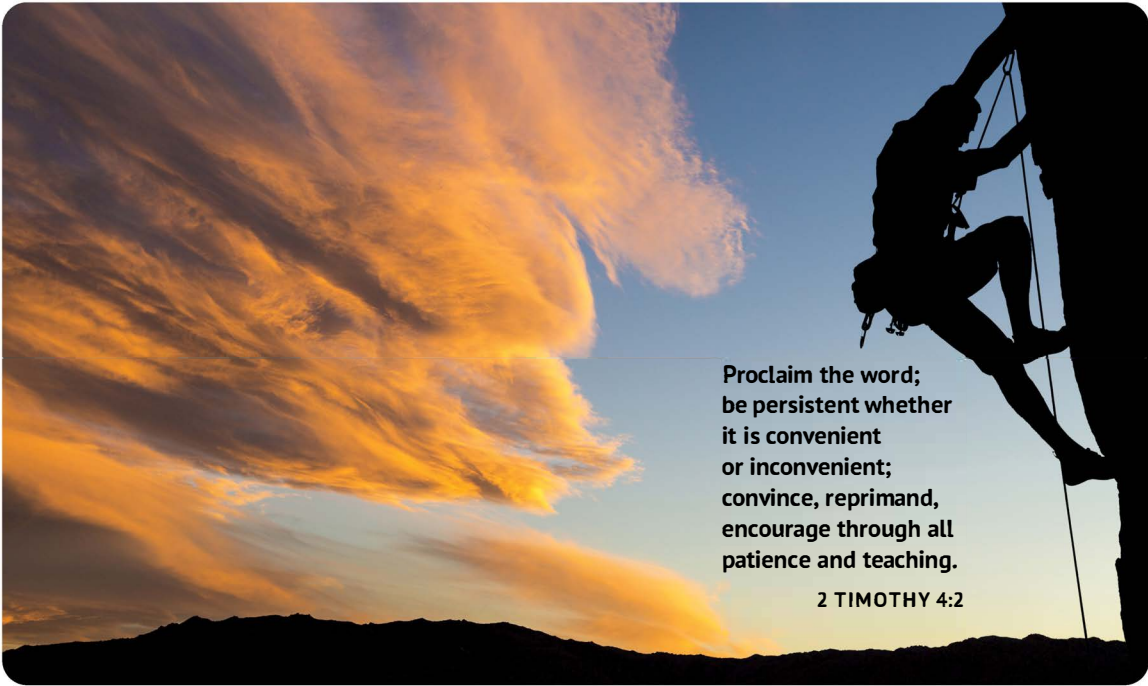
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PIA TERRELLA AND CRYSTALS / PAPER 5

Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 19, 2025
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Exodus 17:8–13 / 2 Timothy 3:14–4:2 / Luke 18:1–8



Proclaim the word;
be persistent whether
it is convenient
or inconvenient;
convince, reprimand,
encourage through all
patience and teaching.

2 TIMOTHY 4:2

The Widow God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

have a friend who likes to say that God always answers prayers; it's just that sometimes God says “no.” He'll say that not always getting what we pray for seems to fit the way life is. My difficulty with that piece of religious folk wisdom is that God then comes off as someone who sits around sorting out answers to prayers from the billions of daily requests sent God's way. When I object to my friend's saying, he's quick to remind me that God wants us to pray. Doesn't this week's parable about the widow who plagues the dishonest judge say just that? Don't give up praying. Yet God isn't like a dishonest judge who cares not for any human being. It also presumes that the sheer multiplication of words sent God's way increases the chances that we'll get a positive hearing,

and that God needs to be convinced to do good for us, or at least what we presume is good. But then that presumes that we know better than God. So perhaps God is not like the judge but like the widow, continually pleading that we might give him a hearing. The purpose of our prayer, then, is not to get God to do what we want, but rather to open ourselves to what God wants for us. That does take some trust, but don't we believe that God knows us better than we know ourselves? That's why the parable ends with the question, “When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?” ●

Reflect

When I talk to God, do I also listen?

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Peace is first and foremost a gift. It is the first gift of Christ: “My peace I give to you” (John 14:27).... It engages and challenges each of us...demanding that first of all we work on ourselves. Peace is built in the heart and from the heart, by



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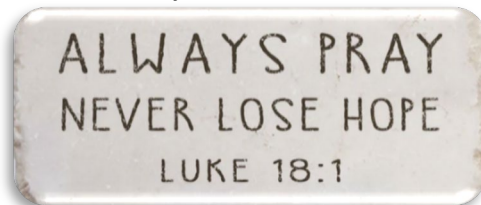
eliminating pride and vindictiveness and carefully choosing our words. For words, too, not only weapons, can wound and even kill.

AUDIENCE OF THE
HOLY FATHER, ROME,
MAY 16, 2025

Monday October 20 Weekday Rom 4:20–25 Lk 12:13–21	Friday October 24 Weekday Rom 7:18–25a Lk 12:54–59
Tuesday October 21 Weekday Rom 5:12, 15b, 17–19, 20b–21 Lk 12:35–38	Saturday October 24 Weekday Rom 8:1–11 Lk 13:1–9
Wednesday October 22 Weekday Rom 6:12–18 Lk 12:39–48	Sunday October 25 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 35:12–14, 16–18 2 Tm 4:6–8, 16–18 Lk 18:9–14
Thursday October 23 Weekday Rom 6:19–23 Lk 12:49–53	



Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary at Waimea



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To make St. Theresa Parish
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St. Theresa School at Kekaha



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HCH school articles

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 19, 2025

**...proclaim the word,
be persistent whether
it is convenient or
inconvenient... 2 Timothy 4:2**

It is not always convenient to
be a good steward, especially
when all the temptations of
our busy and materialistic
world get in the way.

Now add our own pride and
ego into the equation &
living a stewardship lifestyle
may be downright
uncomfortable!

Remember, God didn't call
us to be comfortable.
He never said that we
would have an easy life.

Rather, He called us
to be faithful!

~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 \$ 2,633

Waimea 1,200

Other Donations

Candles \$ 70
Cross We Share 360
Donation 70
Flowers 10
La Salette Seminarian Fund 50
Maintenance Fund 145
Mass Intentions 20
Ohana In Christ (Giving Appeal) 1,184
Religious Articles 4
Religious Education 30
World Mission Sunday 48



ST. THERESA SCHOOL NEWS

Oct 31 Halloween Fun Day

ETERNAL REST: The Art of Dying Well

We all have very real questions about death. What happens when we die?
What does Scripture teach about death? How do we prepare for the life to come?
Explore the mystery of death, dying, and everlasting life through Eternal Rest.

Join us at STC each Monday during November from 6 to 7:30pm.

All are welcome! Contact Betsy 907.347.6618

St. Theresa's **Youth Group** is selling remembrance bags for the **Nov 1 luminary service**
after all weekend Masses during October. This annual fundraiser provides a way to honor
your deceased loved ones on All Souls Day. Five names on one bag - \$10.

Submit names by next weekend to ensure they will be read aloud at the service.
After that time, names are not guaranteed to be read, but luminaries will be lit.

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.

The Rosary is the
most beautiful
and the most rich
in graces of all
prayers.

Pope Saint Pius X



MON	10/20	6:00pm	Richard & Brenda Jose, 7938 Elepaio Rd, Kekaha
TUE	10/21	6:00pm	St. Theresa Church
WED	10/22	6:00pm	St. Theresa Church (Novena to OLPH)
THU	10/23	6:00pm	Henry & Mila Acosta, 7895 Uliti Rd, Kekaha
FRI	10/24	6:00pm	Anita Battulayan, 7879 Kamao Pl, Kekaha
SAT	10/25	4:15pm	St. Theresa Church (Mass at 5pm)
SUN	10/26	7:45am	St. Theresa Church (Mass at 8:30am)

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The formation of seminarians and future religious
sisters and brothers. The education of children in
Catholic schools. Healthcare and pastoral care in
remote and underserved regions. The training of
catechists and lay leaders. The construction of
churches, chapels, schools and mission centers. ✠

October is Respect Life Month!

