

Dear Padre,

Is it wrong for children to dress up as zombies and devils and other evil creatures for Halloween?

No. It is perfectly acceptable to choose these kinds of costumes and to participate in the festivities of Halloween. Halloween is primarily a secular celebration. Although it is true that the original celebration is deeply rooted in the Christian tradition, that tradition is more properly celebrated during the great feast days of the Church that follow Halloween: All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

Mythological representations, and the costumes that remind us of these kind of characters, are to be understood with a sense of fun and mischief. There is no difference between a ghost, a goblin, a zombie, Captain America, Superman, or one of the Mario Brothers. They are all fictional characters in the very human stories we share with each other. The meaning we assign to them must be proportional to what they represent. On Halloween, they represent nothing more than a person in costume. It could be an entirely different story under different circumstances in which there might be the possibility of a misunderstanding about the meaning of such a costume. Halloween pretty much blurs that distinction and takes away the misunderstanding. It is meant to be entertaining and fun. That is all. ●

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

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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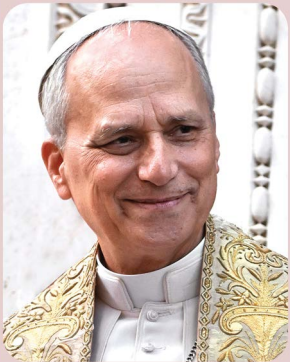


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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

My own story is that of a citizen, the descendant of immigrants, who in turn chose to emigrate. All of us, in the course of our lives, can find ourselves healthy or sick, employed or unemployed, living in our native land or in a foreign country, yet our dignity always remains unchanged: it is the dignity of a creature willed and loved by God.

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



STEFANO SPAZIANI

Monday

October 27

Weekday

Rom 8:12–17

Lk 13:10–17

Tuesday

October 28

Sts. Simon and Jude,

Apostles

Eph 2:19–22

Lk 6:12–16

Wednesday

October 29

Weekday

Rom 8:26–30

Lk 13:22–30

Thursday

October 30

Weekday

Rom 8:31b–39

Lk 13:31–35

Friday

October 31

Weekday

Rom 9:1–5

Lk 14:1–6

Saturday

November 1

All Saints

Rv 7:2–4, 9–14

1 Jn 3:1–3

Mt 5:1–12a

Sunday

November 2

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

Wis 3:1–9

Rom 5:5–11 or Rom 6:3–9

Jn 6:37–40

(These readings or any from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead)

Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 26, 2025

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sirach 35:12–14, 16–18 / 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18 / Luke 18:9–14



Like the Rings of a Tree

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

For some, going to confession can bring a sense of relief—as if the slate has now been wiped clean; as if we have gotten a do-over with life or the past has been left behind as though it never happened. Our past, however, is always with us—the good and the bad, the joys and the sadness, the grace and the sin. There are no do-overs. We carry with us the marks of our lives simply because every experience, every kindness and cruelty, every moment of generosity and selfishness, all have made us into who are. We are much like a tree that adds a ring to its trunk each year. The ring always bears the marks of that year, whether it has been a year of rain or drought, whether insects have attacked, or whether Mother Nature has been kind. The tree always remembers and carries with it forever the rings of what life has been.

Our lives are the same. The story of the Pharisee and the tax collector tells this tale. Like the Pharisee, we have much good in our lives. We too have prayed and have been generous. We have been kind and honest and cared for the poor. We have tried to be faithful. The Pharisee's downfall was that he forgot about his sinfulness; he forgot he needed God's mercy. The tax collector, on the other hand, remembered his failings. Both were in need of God's love. Only the tax collector seemed to realize it. ●

Reflect

How has my life been a mixture of sin and grace?

[Jesus said,] “Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

LUKE 18:14





Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary at Waimea



Parish Directory

Clergy



Reverend Edwin D. Conselva, MS, Pastor
Deacon Ron Jones
Deacon Jim Bostick, retired

Parish Office

Mass Intentions / Hospital or Homebound
Communion / Weddings / Marriage
Convalidations / Baptisms / Funerals
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Director of Religious Education

Sr. Gloria Camitan, O.P.

OCIA Deacon Ron Jones

Youth Coordinators

Blu & Rena Ulanday

Social Services Commission

Respect Life call parish office

Agency on Elderly Affairs

St. Theresa School

Wendy Souza, Principal
808-337-1351
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HCH school articles

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 26, 2025

...for whoever exalts himself
will be humbled, and the
one who humbles himself
will be exalted. Luke 18:14

Pride and ego are the root
causes of most of our sins.
Thinking your time is so
valuable or your talent is
better than anyone else or
your money gives you status
is another way of
making those things
“gods” before God.

Pride is the opposite of
humility.
Remember, all that we have
and all that we are is a gift
from God.
We should be humbled by
God’s incredible generosity
and be grateful for all we
have been given.
Ultimately, gratitude leads us
to humility.

~Archdiocese of St. Louis



St. Theresa School at Kekaha



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 \$ 2,037
Waimea 828

Other Donations

Baptism \$ 100
Candles 25
Cross We Share 410
Flowers 30
Luminaries 1,100
-Donations 50
Maintenance Fund 1,252
Marriages 500
Mass Intentions 40
Ohana In Christ (Giving Appeal) 127

All Souls Day Blessing of the Graves

Sat, Nov 1 from 8:30am to Noon

8:30 - 9:30 Kekaha Public Cemetery
9:35 - 9:45 Chinese Cemetery (next to boat harbor)
9:50 - 10:00 Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Church Cemetery (Waimea)
10:15 - 11:00 Kauai Veterans Cemetery (Hanapepe)
11:00 - Noon Filipino Cemetery (Hanapepe)

* After all Masses this weekend...LAST CHANCE to purchase remembrance bags.
Join us Nov 1 at 6:30pm at the hula mound for the youth-led luminary service.



ETERNAL REST: The Art of Dying Well begins Nov 3rd from 6-7:30pm at STC.

All are welcome! Contact Betsy 907.347.6618

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

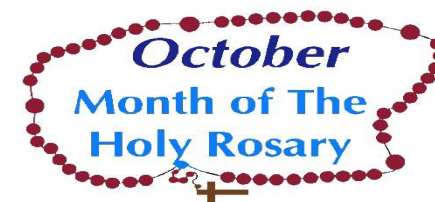


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Second Collection THIS WEEK for World Missions

Mahalo for supporting

the formation of seminarians & future religious, education
of children in Catholic schools, healthcare, pastoral care,
training of catechists and lay leaders, construction of
churches, chapels, schools & missions.

PRAYER WARRIORS

Contact Chantal Duarte via text at
808-634-0403 or via email at
chantal_duarte@yahoo.com
and let our Prayer Warriors pray
for your special needs.

ST. THERESA SCHOOL NEWS

Oct 31
Halloween
Fun Day