

# Dear Padre,

*Is envy a sin? I find myself becoming very envious of people who have more than I do. I find it difficult to be content with what my family and I have now.*

We live in a climate that encourages discontent with what we have. Advertising plays on our feelings of envy and our desire for possessions. In this almost universal rush to possess more and better material objects, Christians are called to a counter-witness. We are called to embrace a freedom and a poverty of spirit that actually rejoices in the blessings of others.

The Tenth Commandment alerts us to the danger of undisciplined envy: "You shall not covet...anything that belongs to your neighbor" (Exodus 20:17). In the New Testament, Jesus says that where our treasure is, there also will be our heart. (See Matthew 6:21.) The real antidote to envy, then, is prayers of thanks for all God has given to us and others. To feel envious, to desire or covet someone else's possessions, is not in itself a mortal sin. But to let that feeling invade your mind, to indulge it and rationalize it, is to let that feeling harden into an envious frame of mind. Then you are flirting with real sin. The grave sin is to allow these envious thoughts to drive you to any injustice or evil. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* sums it up well: "Would you like to see God glorified by you? Then rejoice in your brother's [and sister's] progress, and you will immediately give glory to God" (2540). ●

Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
October 6	October 7	October 8	October 9	October 10	October 11	October 12
Weekday	Our Lady of the	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Twenty-eighth
Jon 1:1-2:2, 11	Rosary	Jon 4:1-11	Mal 3:13-20b	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2	Jl 4:12-21	Sunday in
Lk 10:25-37	Jon 3:1-10	Lk 11:1-4	Lk 11:5-13	Lk 11:15-26	Lk 11:27-28	Ordinary Time
	Lk 10:38-42					2 Kgs 5:14-17
						2 Tm 2:8-13
						Lk 17:11-19



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## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*There is so little dialogue around us; shouting often replaces it, not infrequently in the form of fake news and irrational arguments proposed by a few loud voices. Deeper reflection and study are essential, as well as a commitment to encounter and listen to the poor.*

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 17, 2025

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 5, 2025

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 / 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 / Luke 17:5-10



## Never Big Enough

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**C**hildhood daydreams come peppered with visions of heroes and heroines, movie stars and rock stars, fame and notoriety.

Eventually, however, we adjust our visions of what we can become as we are confronted by the reality of who we are. Seldom, however, are our daydreams and visions big enough. They tend to be only about ourselves, barely including others.

The same may be said about becoming people of faith. Too readily we think of faith simply as our personal decision to believe in God. Faith then becomes one-sided—the prayers we say, the Masses we attend, the Church's rules we obey. Like the people of the prophet Habakkuk's day, we may bemoan, "I cry for help and you do not listen.... [I] cry out to you, 'Violence!' and you do not intervene" (Habakkuk 1:2).

Then, too, our faith and its vision for life are not big enough, for we do not allow room for God to slip into our lives and do what God does. Then, faith is only about ourselves—our needs and struggles and pains. Faith needs to be a surrender to God's vision, not simply for ourselves, but for all of life. [The LORD said,] "The vision is a witness for the appointed time...it will not disappoint. If it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late" (Habakkuk 2:3). The difficulty is that we want God to make life perfect for us the way we want it and when we want it. Then, it becomes our vision for life and not God's. ●

### Reflect

*Have I ever given up my vision or plan and found God's plan to be perfect for me?*

God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control.

2 TIMOTHY 1:7





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# St. Theresa Parish

Established January 21, 1941  
P.O. Box 159, Kekaha, HI 96752



1946 / 1993  
**St. Theresa School at Kekaha**

*Let us sing for joy  
to the Lord...*

**Vision / Mission Statement**  
*To make St. Theresa Parish  
a dynamic Christian community  
of worship & service*



**Parish Directory**

**Clergy**

Reverend Edwin D. Conselva, MS, Pastor 808-337-1784  
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Deacon Jim Bostick, retired 808-337-1124

**Parish Office**

Mass Intentions / Hospital or Homebound  
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Dee Young, Parish Secretary 808-337-1548  
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**Evangelization Commission**

Director of Religious Education  
Sr. Gloria Camitan, O.P. 808-337-1548

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Respect Life call parish office 808-337-1548  
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**St. Theresa School**

Wendy Souza, Principal  
808-337-1351 sttheresakauai.com  
Office hours M-F, 7:30am-3pm  
HCH school articles

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 5, 2025

**For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control.**  
*2 Timothy 1:7*

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith; we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event.

*Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything - all the time.*

The next time you are at a neighborhood party or at work or out shopping, think about this:

Would your words and actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

*~Archdiocese of St. Louis*

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**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.)

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**Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary Church – Waimea**

Sun 7am Mass  
First Saturday Devotion to the BVM 8-9am

View the bulletin online:  
[kekahacatholic.com](http://kekahacatholic.com)

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**  
† Mahalo for being as generous as your means allow. God bless you! †

**Sunday Offerings**  
Kekaha \$ 2,057  
Waimea 1,101

**Other Donations**

Candles	\$ 15
Catholic Univ of America	25
Cross We Share	110
Flowers	25
La Salette Seminarian Fund	2,545
Maintenance Fund	1,358
Mass Intentions	52

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Four-week **Eternal Rest** study begins Nov 3 at STC. Please register with Betsy at 907.347.6618 by Oct 13 so the optional \$13 study guides can be ordered.

**OCIA at St. Theresa Church**  
**Oct 9 from 6-7:30pm**

**ST. THERESA SCHOOL NEWS**

Oct 6 – 10 Fall Break – No School

**St. Theresa School**  
July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

	Budget	Actual
Total Income	\$ 956,762	\$ 1,055,021
Total Expense	961,915	957,270
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (5,153)	\$ 97,751



MON	10/6	6:00pm	Chermain Rapozo, 7782 Iwipolena Rd, Kekaha
TUE	10/7	6:00pm	Edgar & Caridad Visitacion, 707 Akalei St, Eleele
WED	10/8	6:00pm	St. Theresa Church (Novena to OLPH)
THU	10/9	6:00pm	St. Theresa Church
FRI	10/10	6:00pm	Edita Dullaga, 4750 Alii Rd, Hanapepe
SAT	10/11	4:15pm	St. Theresa Church (Mass at 5pm)
SUN	10/12	7:45am	St. Theresa Church (Mass at 8:30am)

**Rosary Walk for Peace**  
at 4pm on Sun, Oct 5 at the school grounds, with a potluck gathering to follow. **Public Square Rosary** at noon on Sat, Oct 11 at Waimea's SHJMC front lawn. Please bring a chair & water.

**Our Pope's intentions for October**  
"For collaboration between different religious traditions"  
Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

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. Mahalo for supporting the youth of our parish!

**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.