

Dear Padre,

Is it a sin to swear if I'm not taking the Lord's name in vain?

As hard as it might be to comprehend, not every bad habit is a sin. Human weakness is sometimes nothing more than human weakness. An exclamation of anger or frustration is often nothing more than an expression of how you feel. When we assign "sin" to every human action or imperfection, we trivialize sin. When we see sin around every corner and in every possible human interaction, we might very well become numb to the presence of real sin when it occurs. The possibility of sin is a wonderful motivator to help us adjust our choices and change our behaviors, but it need not be the only option.

Monitor your speech because you want to be a good person, a mature person, a caring person. That is a virtuous reason and worth the effort. At the same time, remain vigilant, as any good person who desires to be in relationship with the Lord, and choose behaviors that model a good Christian life. Examine your choices and decisions, and when you recognize the presence of sin, be willing to acknowledge that it is sinful, confess it, and then graciously accept the forgiveness and mercy of the Lord. ●

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



Do you have a question for the Padre?

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
November 17	November 18	November 19	November 20	November 21	November 22	November 23
St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63	2 Mc 6:18-31 Lk 19:1-10	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 Lk 19:11-28	1 Mc 2:15-29 Lk 19:41-44	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 Lk 19:45-48	1 Mc 6:1-13 Lk 20:27-40	2 Sm 5:1-3 Col 1:12-20 Lk 23:35-43



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Relations between the Catholic Church and Muslims have been marked by a growing commitment to dialogue and fraternity, fostered by esteem for these our brothers and sisters.... This approach, based on mutual respect and freedom of conscience, is a solid foundation for building bridges between our communities.

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 19, 2025

Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 16, 2025  
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)  
Malachi 3:19-20a / 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 / Luke 21:5-19



Dismantled and Reassembled

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It is the time of year when seasons turn and the rhythm of life changes as days become dismantled and reassembled in new and varied ways. All of this is not unlike the much deeper process continually at play within our hearts. Indeed, the seasons of our individual lives can be dismantled and reassembled—and often more than once in a lifetime. That white-robed prophet of doom who proclaims that the end is near is right. Our lives do collapse in such cosmic ways that not one stone is left upon another. The end may come with a life-robbing illness or the premature death of someone we love. It may take the shape of an unwanted move to a new city or a life collapsed by addiction. It may happen slowly, as life forces us to surrender passion or enthusiasm or the dreams of our youth, like colors faded by sunlight yet never noticed until suddenly we realize the color has all but disappeared. Such transitions can feel as violent as the end of our lives in this world. Indeed, at such times, we may feel that a part of us has died. Yet, if we pay attention, we may discover that we have been refashioned, recreated into something new. It is the story of the divine phoenix rising from the ashes, lived by every human being and understood by every person who lives with faith in the resurrection. ●

Reflect

Have I known the experience of life being dismantled and reassembled into something new?



[Jesus said,] "All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down."

LUKE 21:6





Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary at Waimea



# St. Theresa Parish

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



St. Theresa School at Kekaha



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  
Deacon Ron Jones 907-978-4018  
Deacon Jim Bostick, retired 808-337-1124

### Parish Office

Mass Intentions / Hospital or Homebound  
Communion / Weddings / Marriage  
Convalidations / Baptisms / Funerals  
Dee Young, Parish Secretary 808-337-1548  
M-F, 8am-noon sttheresac@yahoo.com

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Worship / HI Catholic Herald parish articles  
Chantal Duarte 808-634-0403

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### Evangelization Commission

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

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Youth Coordinators  
Blu & Rena Ulanday 808-635-2701

### Social Services Commission

Respect Life call parish office 808-337-1548  
Agency on Elderly Affairs 808-241-4470

### St. Theresa School

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

33rd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
November 16, 2025

...Rather, we wanted to  
present ourselves as  
a model for you, so that  
you might imitate us.  
2 Thessalonians 3:9

Most people who live a  
grateful and generous  
lifestyle don't go around  
bragging about it.

But through their  
words and actions,  
others do take notice.

They notice because of the  
joy and peace that results,  
and others desire this  
in their own life.

Know that  
the way you live your life  
may be the only interaction  
others have with our  
Catholic faith.

~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 \$ 1,630  
Waimea 1,074

### Other Donations

All Souls Day \$ 125  
Archdiocese of the  
Military Services 1,613  
Candles 65  
Catholic Campaign for  
Human Development 120  
Cross We Share 3,910  
Flowers 10  
Maintenance Fund 10  
Mass Intentions 75  
Reimbursement 75  
Thanksgiving 50



Advent  
begins in  
two weeks

~ Nov 30th ~

Lord of all, bless our families.  
Be they formed by blood or by  
circumstance, make them holy. Amen.

## ST. THERESA SCHOOL NEWS

Sat, Nov 22 Kekaha Home Sweet Home  
Festival Sign up for 1K or 5K race!  
[sttheresakauai.com](http://sttheresakauai.com)

## MINISTRY NEWS

Religious Education classes are held every Thursday at 6:30pm at St. Theresa School.  
Youth Ministry (grades 6-12) meets every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after 8:30am Mass at the Parish Hall.  
Choir practice held Thursdays at 4:30pm at STC. Musicians and vocalists are welcome.  
\* Nov 22-23 MINISTRY COMMITMENTS at all weekend Masses. Consider sharing your talents. \*

THIS WEEK ... Special Collection to support the  
Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Mahalo for your generous financial support!



Pray for Father Edwin and all the priests  
in our diocese as they attend the  
Annual Convocation of Priests this week.

Young people are the  
"promise of hope"  
for the world.



## Kauai Vicariate Advent Reconciliation Services

All services begin at 6 p.m.



Mon., Dec. 1 St. Theresa Church  
Tues., Dec. 2 Holy Cross Church  
Wed., Dec. 3 St. Raphael Church  
Thurs., Dec. 4 Immaculate Conception  
Tues., Dec. 9 St. Catherine Church



O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the  
Expected of nations and their Savior:  
Come to save us, O Lord, our God!  
Ancient antiphon

## ETERNAL REST: The Art of Dying Well Session 3

Nov 17<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30pm at STC

All are welcome! Contact Betsy 907.347.6618