

# Dear Padre,

*I am struggling with our new pastor. He has been in our parish for less than six months, and nothing seems to please him. Everything has to change, and the parishioners have no input. I thought the days of “pray, pay, and obey” were over.*

The *Code of Canon Law* identifies the pastor as the shepherd of the parish. His duties require him to teach, sanctify, and govern the people entrusted to his care. However, canon law also envisions that the pastor will engage in pastoral care “with the assistance of lay members of Christ’s faithful” (CCL 519).

The intention of the law is to encourage the building up of a community using the “knowledge, prudence, and integrity” of every member (CCL 228, §2). Many issues, feelings, and even theologies make up the personalities of a parish. The one constant that needs to be present is the presumption of goodwill. (See *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2478). If that is missing, then conflict, hard feelings, and many misunderstandings will result.

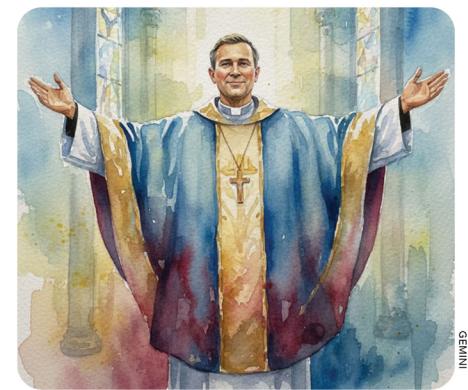
Without taking sides, I suggest that everyone take a deep breath. Then each of you—the pastor included—ask yourself, “Have I attempted to interpret this person or situation favorably? Have I made any rash judgments?” If honest and prayerful reflection reveals less-than-good intentions, now is the time for an attitude change and to acknowledge that a new start is needed. ●

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
February 2	February 3	February 4	February 5	February 6	February 7	February 8
<i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</i>	<i>St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Mal 3:1-4	14b, 24-25a,	Mk 6:1-6	2 Sm 18:9-10,	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17	1 Kgs 2:1-4,	Mk 6:30-34
Heb 2:14-18	30-19:3				10-12	Sir 47:2-11
Lk 2:22-40	Mk 5:21-43				Mk 6:7-13	1 Cor 2:1-5
or 2:22-32						Mk 6:14-29
						Mt 5:13-16



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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 / 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 / Matthew 5:1-12a



“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

MATTHEW 5:12a



## The New Evangelization

MIGUEL DULICK

**T**his season of the Church we call “*Ordinary Time*” is full of Jesus’ teaching about how to live our Christian lives. Today’s readings are especially rich. When Jesus takes his place as the New Moses to deliver his Sermon on the Mount, he begins, fittingly, with a new version of the commandments, but instead of “Thou shalt not,” they are blessings! And they are paradoxical; always a sign of the divine touch. The “poor in spirit” get the kingdom of heaven; mourners are blessed, for they shall be comforted.

Now, who is supposed to do the comforting? We are. If the beatitudes are new commandments, we disciples are to obey them, even rejoicing in the blessing of persecution. What kind of people sign up for this? Saint Paul describes to the Christians in Corinth what kind of people God chooses: the foolish, the weak, the lowly and despised, the nothings of this world, to shame and confuse those who seem to run things. The wisdom of God seems like nonsense in a world where power reigns supreme. That sweet soul Zephaniah, author of today’s first reading, saw the shift coming, from “don’ts” to “dos,” from bossy to beatitude: “Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land” (Zephaniah 2:3). You will be “a people humble and lowly” who will pasture your flocks (and do the work God intends you to do) with “none to disturb” you (Zephaniah 3:12, 13). Sign me up for that! ●



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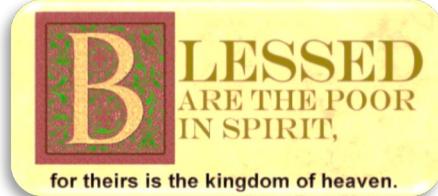
### Reflect

How do Jesus’ teachings work in the “real world”?

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Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary at Waimea



# 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



St. Theresa School at Kekaha

Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.

## Parish Directory

### Clergy



Reverend Edwin D. Conselva, MS, Pastor 808-337-1784  
Deacon Ron Jones 907-978-4018  
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Mass Intentions / Hospital or Homebound Communion / Weddings / Marriage Convalidations / Baptisms / Funerals  
Dee Young, Parish Secretary 808-337-1548  
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Sr. Gloria Camitan, O.P. 808-337-1548

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Youth Coordinators  
Blu & Rena Ulanday 808-635-2701

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Agency on Elderly Affairs 808-241-4470

**St. Theresa School**  
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808-337-1351 sttheresakauai.com  
Office hours M-F, 7:30am-3pm  
HCH school articles

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
February 1, 2026

**Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Matthew 5:3

The phrase “poor in spirit” can be confusing. Think of it in this sense – poor in spirit means depending on God’s providence and not depending on our own self-reliance.

Being detached from earthly things (power, money, and comfort) and being attached to heavenly things (charity, sacrifice, and mercy).

Denying ourselves from satisfying our desires and helping others obtain their basic needs.

*~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 an appointment)

† 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

### Sunday Offerings

Kekaha	\$ 2,579
Waimea	933

### Other Donations

Black & Indian Missions and Latin America	\$ 1,357
Candles	20
Cross We Share	401
Donation	100
Initial Offering	165
January 1 Solemnity	100
Kiawe Chicken Fundraiser	5,250
~ Donations	185
Maintenance Fund	58
Mass Intentions	90

† Mahalo for being as generous as your means allow. God bless you! †

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection NEXT weekend will support**

Augustine Educational Foundation

**Make a Student Smile – Give the Gift of Catholic Education**

Mahalo for your generosity!

## February Prayer Intentions of Pope Leo XIV

For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

**St. Theresa School, Kekaha**  
FAITH, OHANA, ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Registration has begun for the 2026-27 School Year for all learners in grades Preschool – 8.

Register at [sttheresakauai.com](http://sttheresakauai.com) or in the school office.



### Kiawe Chicken Fundraiser

Sat, Feb 7 from 9am to noon

All ticket money and unsold tickets must be turned in by Feb 1 at noon in the parish hall.

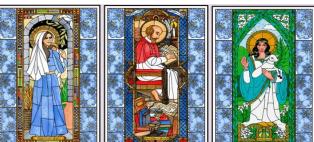
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** ...for our fundraiser... **MANY MAHALOS FOR ALL YOUR HELP!**

Thu, Feb 5 at 4:30pm – put up tents, tables, sink, fire pit.

Fri, Feb 6 at 4pm – unload, split & bag chicken (can be wet/messy, wear appropriate footwear).

Sat, Feb 7 at 4:30am – season chicken, tend the fire, ‘turn’ the birds, wrap cooked chicken.

Sat, Feb 7 at 8am – hold signs, direct traffic, work the drive-thru, be a runner, clean up, haul trash.



**Six weeks of Saints** continues Mon, Feb 2 from 5 to 7pm at the home of Deacon Ron & Betsy Jones, 4526B Alae Rd, Kekaha.

Our fifth saint is **Saint Marianne of Molokai**. All are welcome.

## MINISTRY NEWS

**Religious Education** classes are held every Thursday at 6:30pm at St. Theresa School.

**OCIA** classes are held every Thursday at 6pm in St. Theresa Church. Contact Deacon Ron.

**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** is held Thursdays from 4:30 to 6pm at STC. Musicians and vocalists are welcome.