

Dear Padre,

Why do our bishops not marry? Scripture plainly says that they must be the husband of one wife and have faithful children.

This is an excellent question and brings us face to face with an important truth: for Catholics, the sacred Scripture is not the singular source of our practice and discipline. We also look, with equal authority, to the living Tradition of the Church. The magisterium is entrusted with the authentic interpretation of both Scripture and Tradition.

With this theological and historical context as a necessary background to your question, the answer to your query is this: the lived Tradition of the Church does not support a married clergy, including bishops. Although the Scripture allows for it, and provides some general guidelines, the lived Tradition of the Church does not. The Roman Catholic Church has a celibate clergy and will continue to have a celibate clergy unless and until the magisterium, in union with the pope, determines otherwise. There have been some discussions about changing this discipline, but now there is not much momentum that would suggest any imminent change.

In the wider Orthodox Catholic Church, in union with Rome, there is a provision for a married clergy, but, even in these traditions, there is no exception made for married bishops. Bishops are and will continue to be celibate regardless of what Scripture may allow. ●

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 12	January 13	January 14	January 15	January 16	January 17	January 18
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Anthony, Abbot	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 1:1-8	1 Sm 1:9-20	1 Sm 3:1-10,	1 Sm 4:1-11	1 Sm 8:4-7,	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a	Is 49:3, 5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34
Mk 1:14-20	Mk 1:21-28	19-20	Mk 1:40-45	10-22a	Mk 2:1-12	Mk 2:13-17

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In the family, faith is handed on together with life, generation after generation. It is shared like food at the family table and like the love in our hearts. In this way, families become privileged places in which to encounter Jesus, who loves us and desires our good, always.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 1, 2025



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Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord (A)

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 / Acts 10:34-38 / Matthew 3:13-17



Jesus, Servant Leader

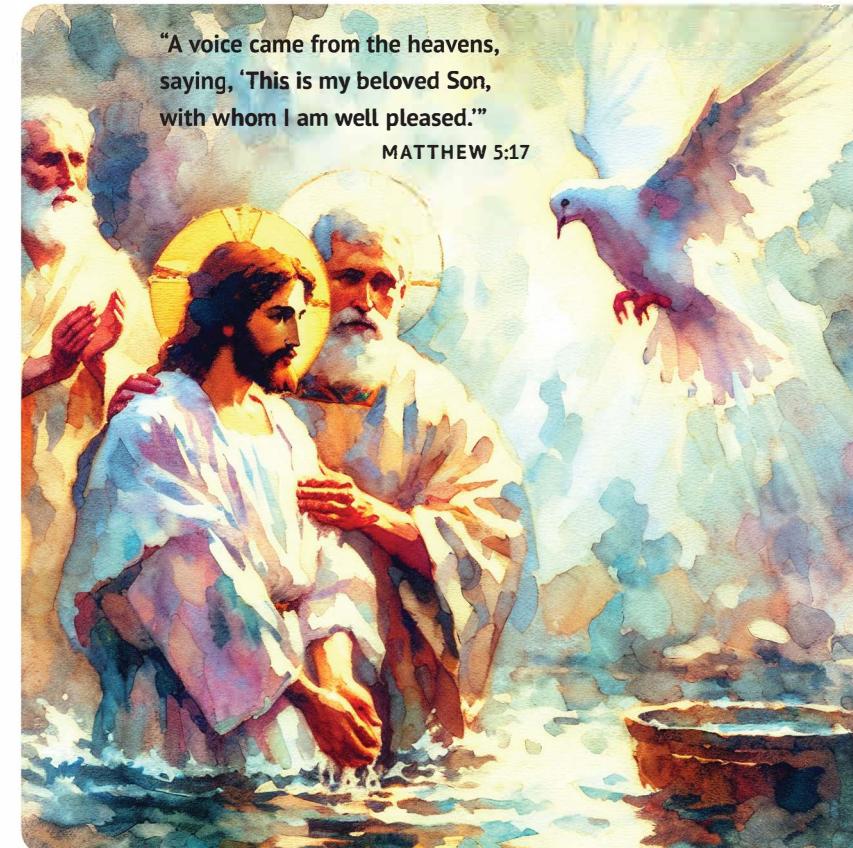
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John, miracle son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, cousin of Jesus and known as “the Baptist,” offers a “baptism of repentance.” Then Jesus shows up. The eternal Son of God a penitent? John is shocked and resists, saying it is Jesus who should baptize him. But Jesus insists, “to fulfill all righteousness” (Matthew 3:15).

At the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus is humbling himself, much as he did toward the end, when he washed the feet of his disciples. Then it was Peter who would resist what seemed inappropriate by the standards of this world. Jesus is giving us an example, the way of the servant leader, as described in today’s beautiful passage from Isaiah. Jesus is the servant leader, the Father’s Son, over whom the Holy Spirit danced like a dove, and the Father, with his booming voice from the heavens, said of him, “This is my beloved Son!” (Matthew 3:17).

Jesus allowing himself to be baptized may seem like a contradiction, but given all that follows, we know he is offering his followers a consistent model of what he expects from those who choose to be his disciples. As St.

Paul would later write to the Church in Philippi, “Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped” (Philippians 2:5-6). ●



Reflect

This week, I'll think about my baptism, when I was called to serve as Jesus served.



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The Baptism of the Lord

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John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, yet you are coming to me?" Matthew 3:14

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will."

In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

~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:
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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

Sunday Offerings

Kekaha	\$	1,925.25
Waimea		1,374.00

Other Donations

Candles	\$	53
Christmas		45
Cross We Share		1,510
Donations		300
Initial Offering		5,478
January 1 Solemnity		1,771
Maintenance Fund		10
Mass Intentions		22
Misa de Gallo		50
Veneration of Baby Jesus		23

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ATTENTION! All volunteers for our Kiawe Chicken Fundraiser. There will be a final meeting Tue, Jan 13 at 6pm in the parish hall.

Our fundraiser is set for Sat, Feb 7 from 9am to noon. Purchase tickets after all weekend Masses Jan 17/18 and 24/25. \$15 for half chicken.

Six weeks of Saints continues Mon, Jan 12 from 5 to 7pm at the home of Deacon Ron & Betsy Jones, 4526B Alae Rd, Kekaha. This week's study will be on Venerable Matt Talbot. All are welcome.

ST. THERESA SCHOOL & CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
Mon, Jan 19 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr Day

MINISTRY NEWS

Religious Education classes are held every Thursday at 6:30pm at St. Theresa School.
Youth Ministry (grades 6-12) meets every 1st & 3rd 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.

2nd Collection this weekend is for the Maintenance Fund. Thank you for helping our parish maintain its facilities.

Our Cross We Share 2025 goal was \$30,000. Our actual amount received was \$32,417. Mahalo for your support!

Lord, thank You for the gift of Jesus and His example of humility and service. Help us to live out our baptismal call by sharing Your light with others. Guide us through the Holy Spirit to follow You each day. May we always trust in Your plan and grow in faith. Amen.
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Trust in the LORD with all your heart; and lean not to your own understanding.

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