

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, 19-20	1 Sm 4:1-11	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a	Is 49:3, 5-6
Mk 1:14-20	Mk 1:21-28	Mk 1:29-39	Mk 1:40-45	Mk 2:1-12	Mk 2:13-17	1 Cor 1:1-3
						Jn 1:29-34

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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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



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

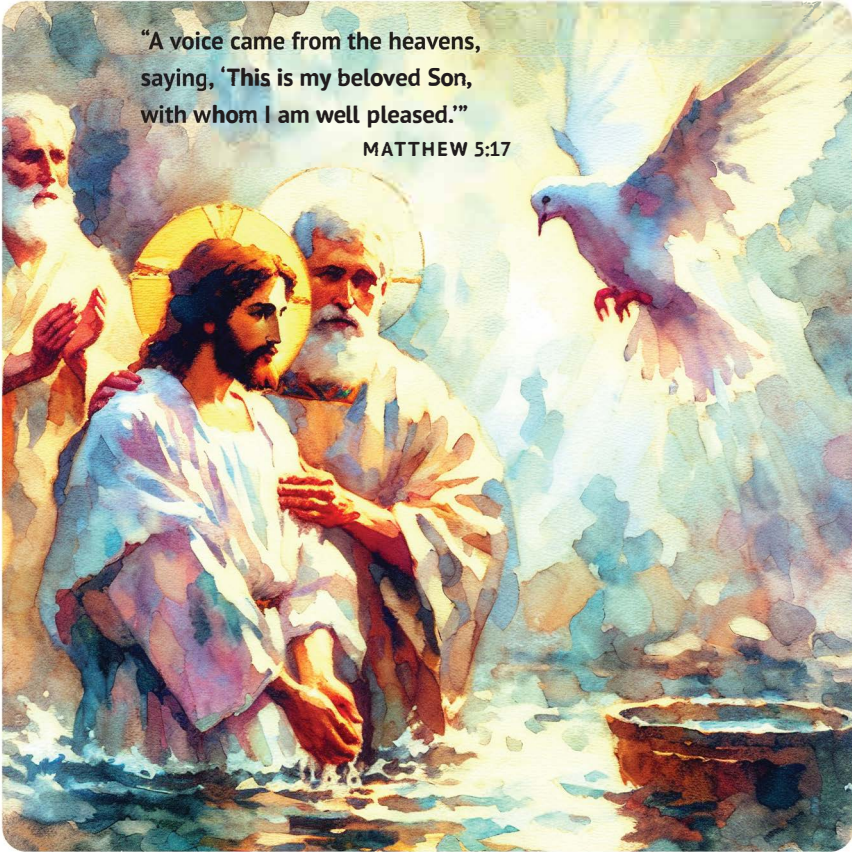


Jesus, Servant Leader

MIGUEL DULICK

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). ●



“A voice came from the heavens, saying, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’”  
MATTHEW 5:17

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

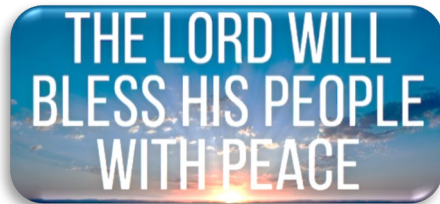


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Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary at Waimea



## St. Theresa Parish

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



St. Theresa School at Kekaha



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

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#### St. Theresa School

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HCH school articles

### The Baptism of the Lord January 11, 2026

**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:  
[kekahacatholic.com](http://kekahacatholic.com)

### 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



**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 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.

2<sup>nd</sup> 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.  
*young-catholics.com*

**Trust in the LORD with all your heart;  
and lean not to your own understanding.**

### PRAYER WARRIORS

Contact Chantal Duarte (808-634-0403 or  
chantal\_duarte@yahoo.com) and let our  
Prayer Warriors pray for your special needs.