

Dear Padre,

Why can't a Protestant receive the Eucharist at a Catholic Mass?

United by baptism, fellow Christians are our brothers and sisters in the Lord. As such, they are always welcome at Catholic Mass, but they do not ordinarily participate in holy Communion. "Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to holy Communion" (Code of Canon Law, 844 §4).

When Catholics receive Holy Communion, they firmly believe the bread and wine are transformed into the Real Presence of Christ. In the Eucharist, we become part of the body of Christ and share in holiness and unity with one another. Our "Amen" to "The Body of Christ" and "The Blood of Christ" means, "Truly, so be it!" It indicates that we affirm our belief in this mystery, which is fundamental to our Catholic identity. If non-Catholics receive the Eucharist but do not embrace this identity and same belief, it may disrespect Catholics who do, as well as disrespect their own identity in the denomination to which they belong.

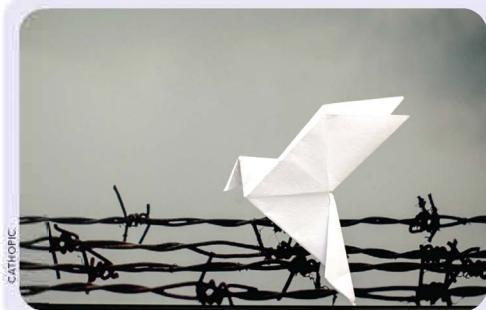
However, at Mass, fellow Christians can join their prayers with Catholics in praising God. Together, we also pray that the divisions which separate us will finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 26	January 27	January 28	January 29	January 30	January 31	February 1
Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops	Weekday	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest	Weekday	Weekday	St. John Bosco, Priest	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19	and Doctor of the Church	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13
Mk 3:22-30	Mk 3:31-35	2 Sm 7:4-17	Mk 4:21-25	Mk 4:26-34	Mk 4:35-41	1 Cor 1:26-31
		Mk 4:1-20				Mt 5:1-12a

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Dear brothers and sisters, all too much violence exists in the world and our societies. Amid wars, terrorism, human trafficking, and widespread aggression, our children and young people need to be able to experience the culture of life, dialogue, and mutual respect. Above all, they need the witness of...those who have suffered injustice and violence [and] resist the temptation to seek revenge.

ADDRESS TO THE "ARENA OF PEACE," ROME, MAY 30, 2025



Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 25, 2026

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 8:23-9:3 / 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 / Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



Judged or Invited?

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 3:2) is the message preached by Jesus after the arrest of John the Baptist. It is important to place this message in context. Jesus is not repeating the preaching of the Baptist. His message is unique and compelling.

Look closely at what Jesus is saying. Do not automatically fill in the blanks with the memories of every sermon you have heard. Try to hear Jesus' words again, for the first time. Is the emphasis on "repent," or is the emphasis on the announcement, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand"? Does it make any difference?

Repeat these words and change the emphasis each time. Play with the words. Let the words play with you. Notice how you respond. Notice what makes a difference. Notice how you react, and, most of all, notice whether you feel invited or you feel judged.

The Baptist made no bones about it. You are being judged: "Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees" (Matthew 3:10). Jesus, on the other hand, seems not to judge but to invite: "for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17).

In the invitation, we are challenged to see in a different way. Use different skills. Refrain from automatic judgments. Seek to understand but, most of all, to accept and to love. ●

Reflect

What does "repent" mean to me?
A threat or an invitation?

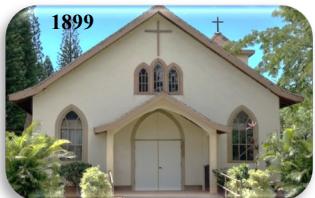


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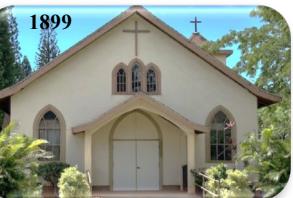
MATTHEW 3:2



LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY



1899



1946 / 1993

St. Theresa Parish

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

1940 / 1978
St. Theresa School at Kekaha

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

*the Lord is
my light and my
salvation*



Parish Directory

Clergy



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Deacon Jim Bostick, retired 808-337-1124

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Sr. Gloria Camitan, O.P. 808-337-1548

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Wendy Souza, Principal
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Office hours M-F, 7:30am-3pm
HCH school articles

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 25, 2026

He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him. Matthew 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to **put God first** in everything.

In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: **our time** in daily prayer, **our talent** in participating in parish ministries, and **our treasure** to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

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*

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Offerings

Kekaha	\$ 1,672
Waimea	892

Other Donations

Black & Indian Missions	\$ 25
Candles	89
Cross We Share	275
Donations	1,750
Flowers	10
Initial Offering	53
January 1 Solemnity	50
Kiawe Chicken Fundraiser	1,470
Maintenance Fund	135
Mass Intentions	110
Missalette	10

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

Kiawe Chicken Fundraiser

Sat, Feb 7 from 9am to noon

Purchase tickets after all weekend Masses through Feb 1!
\$15 for half chicken.



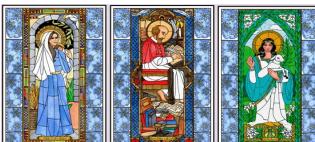
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...for our fundraiser...**MANY MAHALOS FOR ALL YOUR HELP!**

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, **Jan 26** from **5 to 7pm** at

the home of Deacon Ron & Betsy Jones, 4526B Alae Rd, Kekaha.

Our fourth saint is Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati. 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 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.

The 2nd Collection this weekend will support the Church in Latin America and Black & Indian Missions. Mahalo for your generosity!

Catholic Schools Week Jan 25 – Jan 31

The week includes the celebration of St. Theresa School's **80 Years of Excellence** on Fri, Jan 30. Mass begins at 10am, followed by a catered lunch & entertainment. (Call the office for \$25 lunch ticket availability.)

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 or in the school office.