

Dear Padre,

I've been to Latin Masses, and people do not socialize in church and seem more respectful than at a regular parish Mass, where people are leaving before Mass is finished, and there seems to be constant talking. Why is there such a contrast?

I'd like to caution you about two assumptions. The first is about judging people who leave Mass early. We can't know what is in a person's heart. Some people work on Sundays or have other unavoidable commitments that require them to leave at a certain time.

The second assumption is that socializing before and after a parish Mass is disrespectful. The celebratory and welcoming culture of a Christian community that has gathered together to celebrate the Eucharist gives glory and praise to God. It is not disrespectful of the Eucharist, but rather a powerful witness to the unity, the community, and the faith of the people of God who gather with their Lord and Savior.

There are Eucharistic gatherings that encourage silence, such as the Latin Mass you have experienced as well as Eucharistic Adoration and Forty Hours Devotion. We need both—silence as we worship together and joyful interaction with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Both give glory to God.

All that being said, to those who enjoy socializing or who must leave the Mass before the final note of the final hymn: do be considerate of those praying near you. They might be praying for you! ●

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



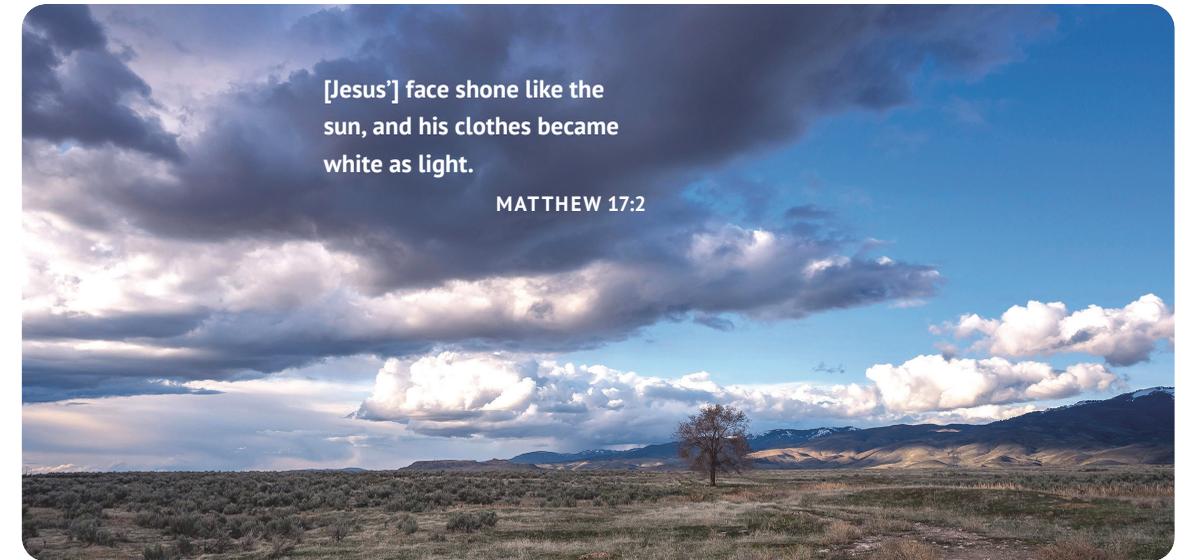
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Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 1, 2026

Second Sunday of Lent (A)

Genesis 12:1-4a / 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 / Matthew 17:1-9



[Jesus'] face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.

MATTHEW 17:2

Where Heaven and Earth Meet

ANN M. GARRIDO

Have you ever noticed that mountains and clouds seem to “go together”? When I was a child, I thought it was because the mountains’ height pierced the sky. Turns out, it’s a bit more complicated. Mountains “create” their own clouds. When moving air comes across a mountain front, it forces the warm air to rise to cooler zones and water droplets in the air to condense. The phenomenon is so common that these clouds have their own name: lenticular. They are known for being bright—even colorful—with rays of light peeking out from behind.

It’s no wonder why, throughout history, people have sought to ascend mountains as part of their spiritual journey. It was a way to get closer to the “heavens”—to those radiant clouds. Recall the prophet Elijah, who climbs Mount Sinai seeking a face-to-face encounter with God. Or Moses, who, with three of his closest friends, ascends Mount Sinai to meet God in a radiant cloud that hovers over the top of the peak.

So, it’s also no wonder why Jesus, with three of *his* closest friends, might also climb a mountain and meet Elijah and Moses there. No wonder why that mountain would be covered in a bright cloud that thunders with God’s voice, and why, in that moment, Scripture describes heaven and earth as mysteriously yet visibly mingling in the person of the transfigured Jesus.

The story of the transfiguration reminds us that just like mountains and clouds were meant for one another, heaven and earth were meant for one another. Jesus stands at the point where the two meet. ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
MARCH 2	MARCH 3	MARCH 4	MARCH 5	MARCH 6	MARCH 7	MARCH 8
Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Third Sunday of Lent
Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38	Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12	Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28	Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21:33-43, 45-46	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	Ex 17:3-7 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Do you have a question for the Padre?
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RICCARDO DE LUCA - UPDATE / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

We must also cry out for peace in the world. Let us all say, “We want peace in the world!”

Let us pray for peace. Let us pray for peace and be witnesses of the peace and reconciliation of Jesus Christ, the light that we are all seeking for today’s world.

GREETING TO YOUNG PEOPLE, ROME, JULY 29, 2025

Reflect
What places or moments in my life have made me feel close to heaven?



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St. Theresa Parish

Established January 21, 1941
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Vision / Mission Statement
To make St. Theresa Parish
a dynamic Christian community
of worship & service

THE Lord IS MY LIGHT & MY Salvation
- PSALM 27:1 -

Parish Directory

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HCH school articles

2nd Sunday of Lent March 1, 2026

Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you. Genesis 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him.

Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed.

Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live.

Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said,

“God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful.”

~Archdiocese of St. Louis



St. Theresa Church

8343 Kaumualii Hwy
Kekaha HI 96752

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 and Mary Church

9496 Kaumualii Hwy
Waimea HI 96796

Sun 7am Mass

First Saturday Devotion to the BVM 8-9am

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Offerings

Kekaha \$ 1,631.75
Waimea 1,048.00

Other Donations

Ash Wednesday \$ 1,666
Augustine Edu Foundation 103
Candles 41
Cross We Share 110
Diocesan Appeal: CMAA 235
Donations 20
Flowers 10
Maintenance Fund 75
Mass Intentions 10

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



Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat (age 14 onwards).

Good Friday is an obligatory day of fasting (age 18 until 59) and abstinence.

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

...Prepare Your Heart...

Join us for **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** on Fridays during Lent at 6pm at St. Theresa Church.

We all have very real questions about death.

Eternal Rest is a four-part film series exploring the mystery of death and the promise of everlasting life.

All are welcome to the Eternal Rest sessions at St. Theresa Church from 6 to 8pm on March 2, 9, 16 and 23.



The Diocese of Honolulu's Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal: Sharing God's Gifts, or **CMAA**, ends June 30. Our parish goal is \$7,803. Your generosity is sincerely appreciated.

MINISTRY NEWS

Religious Education Thu at 6:30pm (STS)

OCIA Thu at 6pm (STC)

Youth Ministry 1st & 3rd Sunday at 9:30am (Parish Hall)

Choir practice Thu 4:30 to 6pm (STC)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri, Mar 6 at 6pm **First Friday (begins with Stations)** – STC

Sat, Mar 7 at 8am **First Saturday** – SHJMC

Sat, Mar 7 from 5:30-7:30pm **“Carnival Drive” Bingo** - STS

Tue, Mar 17 at 6pm **Lenten Reconciliation Service** - STC