

# Dear Padre,

*When I was young, my parish covered all the statues during part of Lent. What did it mean exactly? Do any churches still do this?*

In 2001, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops approved the practice of veiling statues and crosses during the last two weeks of the season of Lent, beginning on the fifth Sunday of Lent. This practice is optional, at the discretion of the local pastor. According to the Roman Missal, “Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.”

Covering crosses and statues in violet cloth in the final weeks of Lent indicates a shift in the Church’s focus from Jesus in the desert (gospel for the first Sunday of Lent) to Christ during his Passion. Similar to other Lenten disciplines of penance and fasting that align us in solidarity with Christ, the veiling custom is meant to deepen our appreciation for Christ’s ultimate sacrifice. It represents our “fasting” from sacred depictions of the cross on which hung our salvation and from images of the saints, who glorify Christ and in whom he is glorified. This concealment creates an absence to make our hearts grow fonder for the Lord, who “bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed” (1 Peter 2:24). ●



CATHOLIC

Fr. Byron J. Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>MARCH 9</b>	<b>MARCH 10</b>	<b>MARCH 11</b>	<b>MARCH 12</b>	<b>MARCH 13</b>	<b>MARCH 14</b>	<b>MARCH 15</b>
Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Fourth Sunday of Lent
2 Kgs 5:1–15ab Lk 4:24–30	Dn 3:25, 34–43 Mt 18:21–35	Dt 4:1, 5–9 Mt 5:17–19	Jer 7:23–28 Lk 11:14–23	Hos 14:2–10 Mk 12:28–34	Hos 6:1–6 Lk 18:9–14	1 Sm 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a Eph 5:8–14 Jn 9:1–41 or 9:1, 6–9, 13–17, 34–38

### Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*We feel a deep and burning thirst that no drink in this world can satisfy. Knowing this, let us not deceive our hearts by trying to satisfy them with cheap imitations!... Let us turn this thirst into a step stool, like children who stand on tiptoe, in order to peer through the window of encounter with God.*

HOMILY, ROME, AUGUST 3, 2025



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## Are You Listening?

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

**I**f today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.” (See Psalm 95.) Our psalm prayer invites us to respond to the Word of God. A positive response should be assumed as ordinary: very few among us would deliberately ignore God’s voice. The challenge is not in responding “yes” to the invitation of the Lord but rather in “hearing” his voice.

There are so many voices that daily compete for attention. We seem to be bombarded every waking moment with some kind of noise that demands attention and action. At one time, Neil Diamond might have been able to celebrate the “Beautiful Noise” of the city, but it is far more difficult for us today. Frankly, the noise around us is deafening, and most people long for true silence, a break in the pattern, a vacation from the frantic anxiety that seems to be present.

A wonderful Lenten practice—indeed, a spiritual practice that goes well beyond Lent—is to freely choose to disconnect from distraction. Resist the temptation to plug in the earbuds. Refrain from the distraction of social media content. Leave your cell phone in the living room, go sit in the backyard, and pay attention to nothing. “Be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:11), the psalmist reminds us. Listen for God’s voice, hear his call, and respond to the invitation. ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

ROMANS 5:5

### Reflect

*Do I need more silence?  
Do I find silence difficult?*



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# St. Theresa Parish

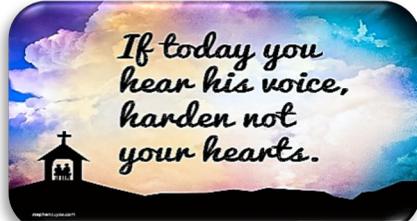
Established January 21, 1941  
P.O. Box 159, Kekaha, HI 96752



1940 / 1978  
**Vision / Mission Statement**  
To make St. Theresa Parish  
a dynamic Christian community  
of worship & service



1946 / 1993  
**St. Theresa School at Kekaha**



## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### Sunday Offerings

Kekaha \$ 2,336  
Waimea 1,253

### Other Donations

Ash Wednesday \$ 10.00  
Augustine Edu Foundation 10.00  
Candles 55.00  
Cross We Share 310.00  
Diocesan Appeal: CMAA 25.00  
Donations 82.09  
Flowers 422.00  
Funerals 300.00  
Maintenance Fund 10.00  
Mass Intentions 10.00  
St. Theresa Choir 50.00

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



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** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 9:30am (Parish Hall)  
**Choir practice** Thu 4:30 to 6pm (STC)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon, Mar 9 from 6 to 8pm **Eternal Rest** session 2 - STC  
Fri, Mar 13 at 6pm **Stations of the Cross** – STC  
Tue, Mar 17 at 6pm **Lenten Reconciliation Service** – STC  
Thu, Mar 26 at 6pm **Chrism Mass** – Immaculate Conception, Lihue



**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.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

will benefit Catholic Relief Services.

It's not too late to pick up a Rice Bowl to help your ohana learn the importance of Lenten sacrifice.

**Prayer Requests:** Contact Chantal Duarte via text at 808-634-0403 or email at [chantal\\_duarte@yahoo.com](mailto:chantal_duarte@yahoo.com) and our Prayer Warriors will pray for your special needs.

## Pope Leo's March Intentions

--- for disarmament and peace ---  
Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

## Parish Directory

### Clergy



Reverend Edwin D. Conselva, MS,  
Pastor 808-337-1784  
Deacon Ron Jones 907-978-4018  
Deacon Jim Bostick, retired 808-337-1124

### Parish Office

Mass Intentions / Hospital or Homebound  
Communion / Weddings / Marriage  
Convalidations / Baptisms / Funerals  
Dee Young, Parish Secretary 808-337-1548  
M-F, 8am-noon sttheresac@yahoo.com  
PCC Raynette Newall  
Worship / HI Catholic Herald parish articles  
Chantal Duarte 808-634-0403

Bulletin / Website Betsy Jones 907-347-6618

### Evangelization Commission

Director of Religious Education  
Sr. Gloria Camitan, O.P. 808-337-1548  
OCIA Deacon Ron Jones 907-978-4018  
Youth Coordinators  
Blu & Rena Ulanday 808-635-2701

### Social Services Commission

Respect Life call parish office 808-337-1548  
Agency on Elderly Affairs 808-241-4470

### St. Theresa School

Wendy Souza, Principal  
808-337-1351 sttheresakauai.com  
Office hours M-F, 7:30am-3pm  
HCH school articles

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2026

**Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.** John 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run.

When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more, and no amount will ever satisfy our desire.

True joy and peace only come when we follow Jesus - when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

~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