

Dear Padre,

We are told that when we receive the Holy Eucharist, our venial sins are washed away. Does the same thing happen when we receive spiritual communion?

Yes, and there are many other ways that venial sins can be forgiven. First and foremost is each of the sacraments of reconciliation: baptism, Eucharist, penance, and anointing of the sick. In addition to the sacraments, an Act of Contrition will also suffice, as will a simple prayer of intercession, such as, "Lord, Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Forgiveness of venial sins is directly dependent on one thing: the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit at work in our world and in each one of us. Forgiveness is not merited; it is a gift, and, as a gift, it requires only that we ask and gratefully receive.

It is true that we are all sinful. We are also all blessed. As wonderful as forgiveness is, and there truly is no greater gift of God's love, an equally wonderful gift is gratitude. Perhaps, with every Act of Contrition that we pray, we should also offer a prayer of thanksgiving. It might help us find balance if we remind ourselves not only how we may not have measured up but also that we are blessed and graced. ●

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



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Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy) (A)

Acts 2:42-47 / 1 Peter 1:3-9 / John 20:19-31



The Importance of Trust

ANN M. GARRIDO

We can readily understand Thomas' insistence upon seeing things with his own eyes. Would you believe it if someone told you that a friend whose funeral you had attended was now walking through walls?

At some time or other, all of us have been tricked into believing something we later found out was untrue and remember how foolish we felt. Haven't our parents told us not to believe everything we hear? Haven't our teachers taught us to do our own research? Doubt serves a valuable purpose, and we would be naïve to disregard it.

At the same time, we know that doubt can become a way of life, overstepping its usefulness. During the COVID pandemic, for example, some refused to believe even the most knowledgeable medical voices in the nation. Like Thomas, they insisted that unless they'd "done their own research," they wouldn't believe. Such a stance ignores that unless you are a scientist working in a medical lab, even "your own research" will be based on an act of belief that what you are reading of others' research is correct. Doubt is good, but only in combination with a healthy dose of humility. In the end, the world turns on an axis of trust.

At the close of today's gospel, Jesus names as "blessed" those able to discern what is true and believe not only because of what they have seen with their own eyes but also because of what they have heard through their ears from sources worthy of their trust. ●



Jesus said to [Thomas], "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

JOHN 20:29

Reflect

When has doubt served a purpose, and when has it gotten in my way?

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV



The Lord shows us his wounds and says: Peace be with you. Do not be afraid to show your wounds healed by mercy. Do not be afraid to draw close to those who are trapped in fear or guilt. May the breath of the Spirit make us,

too, witnesses of this peace and this love that is stronger than any defeat.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, OCTOBER 1, 2025

Monday April 13 Easter Weekday Acts 4:23-31 Jn 3:1-8	Thursday April 16 Easter Weekday Acts 5:27-33 Jn 3:31-36	Sunday April 19 Third Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14, 22-33 1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35
Tuesday April 14 Easter Weekday Acts 4:32-37 Jn 3:7b-15	Friday April 17 Easter Weekday Acts 5:34-42 Jn 6:1-15	
Wednesday April 15 Easter Weekday Acts 5:17-26 Jn 3:16-21	Saturday April 18 Easter Weekday Acts 6:1-7 Jn 6:16-21	

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

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2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

April 12, 2026

Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." John 20:19

Are you good at making people feel welcome?
When you meet someone new - a new neighbor, a new work colleague, a new parishioner - do you make them feel at home?
When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded.
We are made for relationships – with God and each other.
When you see yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God, you tend to see others the same way, too – just as God, Our Father, sees us.

~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 \$ 2,089
Waimea 1,095

Other Donations

Black & Indian Missions \$ 10.00
Candles 47.00
Catholic Relief Services 5.00
Cross We Share 2,255.00
Dio. Priests' Retirement Fund 25.00
Donations 550.00
Easter 4,532.00
Flowers 5.00
Funerals 300.00
Holy Land (Good Friday) 2,220.00
Holy Thursday 1,237.00
Maintenance Fund 25.00
Mass Intentions 290.00
Operation Rice Bowl 2,001.32
Veneration of the Cross 137.25

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

Thank you for a successful **Easter Egg Hunt** last Sunday, especially **FCC** (donation for the age group prizes), **Fr. Edwin** (prizes and candy) and all our **parishioners** who donated yummy refreshments and goodies. **MAHALO!**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon Apr 13 –weekly **Bible Study** begins at Deacon Ron's home, 4526B Alae Rd, 6 to 7:30pm
Fri Apr 17 – St. Theresa School **early dismissal** at noon
Sat Apr 18 – St. Theresa School **Carnival** from 2 to 10pm
Sat Apr 18 - **5pm Vigil Mass** celebrated at **Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Church** in Waimea (NOT at St. Theresa Church, due to the Carnival)
Mon Apr 20 – **NO SCHOOL** – Carnival Recovery Day

"Lord Jesus, I place my trust in you."

The **Divine Mercy Chaplet** is based on the visions of Saint Mary Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), a member of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy who was canonized as an Apostle of Mercy by Pope John Paul II in 2000.

During a mystical vision, Jesus asked Sister Faustina to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and to encourage others to do the same. According to Sister Faustina, the chaplet has three purposes: **to ask for God's mercy, to trust in that mercy, and to show mercy toward others.** (ccgrronline.com)

Pope Leo's April Intentions ~ for priests in crisis ~

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need, and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



ST THERESA SCHOOL CARNIVAL TICKETS are available after most weekend Masses and at the school office. School is still accepting non-perishables for the Charola Booth.