

Dear Padre,

I'm marrying my girlfriend! Although she grew up Catholic, she doesn't practice the faith. Is it still OK to marry her?

Will you enter marriage with your fiancée because of a mutual love for each other? Do you both understand that this love will be strengthened by the sacramental grace of your matrimonial union, a grace you will receive because of baptism, not practice? Will you both try to create a loving family and, together as a family, try to be open each day to the grace of God already at work in your lives? Do you both realize that this grace calls you to create, in the name of Jesus, a witness to the truth of the gospel, which is even more powerful than the love you share?

If you hesitate to answer any of these questions with a wholehearted "yes," then consider exploring these questions together with your pastor or another person helping to prepare you for marriage. Perfect faith is not required for a good, sacramental marriage. Openness to faith is believing that the Lord who has brought you together is not yet finished with either of you. You both have more to learn, and, with God's grace, you will respond to his love. Jesus will work through both of you in ways that you may not even be able to imagine. In that spirit, marry her, build a life together, and know that God's plan for you will always be there. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Holy Saturday...is the day in which heaven visits earth most deeply. It is the time in which every corner of human history is touched by the light of Easter.... Nothing can be excluded from [Christ's] redemption. Not even our nights, not even our oldest faults, not even our broken bonds. There is no past so ruined, no history so compromised

that it cannot be touched by mercy.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday April 6 <i>Octave of Easter</i> Acts 2:14, 22-33 Mt 28:8-15	Thursday April 9 <i>Octave of Easter</i> Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48	Sunday April 12 <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i> <i>(Sunday of Divine Mercy)</i> Acts 2:42-47 1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31
Tuesday April 7 <i>Octave of Easter</i> Acts 2:36-41 Jn 20:11-18	Friday April 10 <i>Octave of Easter</i> Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14	
Wednesday April 8 <i>Octave of Easter</i> Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35	Saturday April 11 <i>Octave of Easter</i> Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15	

Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (A)

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 / John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10



Believing Is Seeing

MIGUEL DULICK

We celebrate Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon of spring, which is also the first Sunday after Passover. The whole history of the world comes to this point, and today's gospel catches the eternal thrill of that day. A desperate Mary Magdalen cannot find her Lord in the tomb. Thinking that his body has been stolen, she alerts the apostles. Peter and John go running, and a moment of unforgettable suspense follows as first Peter and then John enter the tomb. The details are significant. They saw the burial cloths there and "the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place" (John 20:7). Thieves would not have taken

the time to unwrap the body and fold the face cloth. These details are intended to point to the truth of the resurrection. They saw and believed!

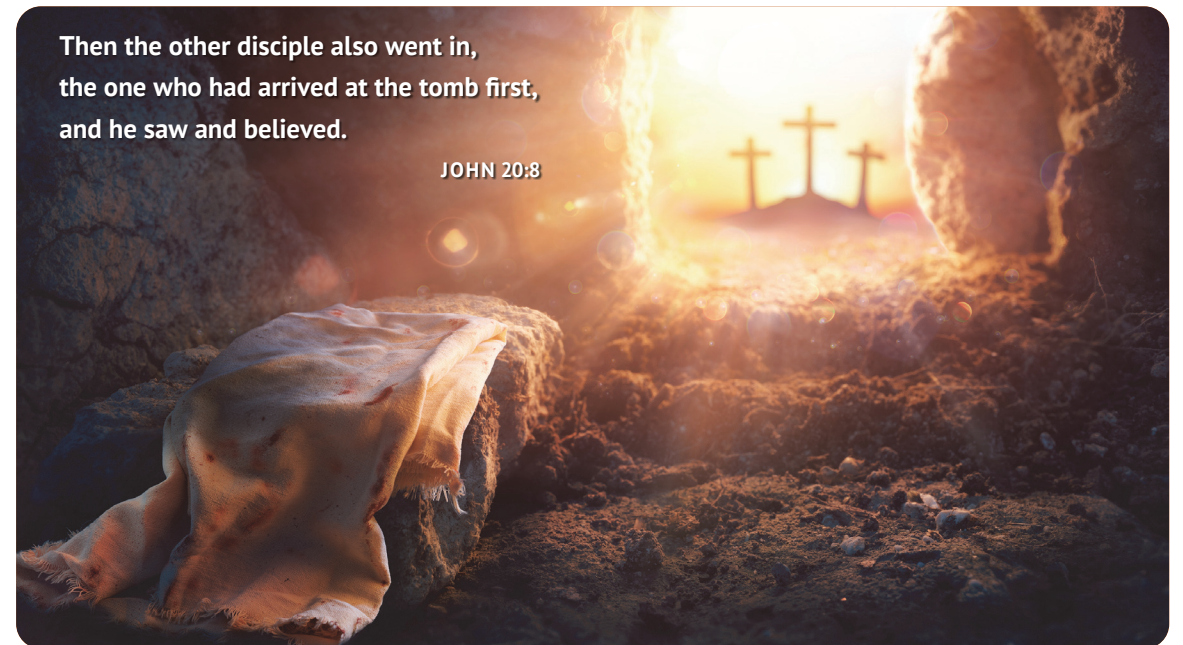
The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles follows the story of the centurion Cornelius, the first prominent pagan convert. (His story is fascinating—take time to read it this week.) Peter gives a speech including a kind of catechism that had been standardized in a formula repeated at least six times in Acts. This proclamation, or *kerygma*, incorporates the message and the motivation for a change of life. God anointed Jesus, raised him from the dead, and promised that all who believe in him will be forgiven their sins and rise with him. Happy Easter! ●

Reflect

Why do I believe in the resurrection, and how does my belief impact my life?

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.

JOHN 20:8





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St. Theresa Parish

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



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St. Theresa School at Kekaha

Congratulations to those entering the Church at Easter. Welcome to a life of Sacraments, Scripture and service!

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

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!

Parish Directory

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HCH school articles

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 5, 2026

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

Colossians 3:2

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, and ego can easily become gods to many of us.

Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God.

This is also the first commandment – I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.

~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 \$ 2,128

Waimea 1,509

Other Donations

Ash Wednesday \$ 3.00
Candles 33.00
Catholic Relief Services 20.00
Cross We Share 1,320.00
Dio. Priests' Retirement Fund 10.00
Flowers 10.00
Holy Land (Good Friday) 55.00
Holy Thursday 60.00
Maintenance Fund 88.00
Mass Intentions 50.00
Operation Rice Bowl 118.70
Solemnity of Mary (Jan 1) 25.00

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

Happy Easter!



Father Edwin, Deacon Ron, and St. Theresa Staff wish everyone a Blessed and Happy Easter!

The St. Theresa Parish Cross We Share campaign has begun!

Our goal is \$30,000.

As always, mahalo for your generosity!

~ every sacrifice makes a big impact ~

This year's campaign ends Dec 31, 2026.

ST THERESA SCHOOL CARNIVAL

Tickets to the carnival are available after most Masses and at the school office. Drop off your Charola Booth donations of non-perishable goods at the school. Thrift Store donations can be dropped off on the parish hall lanai. Thank you for your support!

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, by your boundless mercy, grant eternal rest to the souls of the faithful departed. May your precious Blood wash away their sins and bring them swiftly into your eternal light. Amen.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon Apr 13 – weekly **Bible Study** begins @ Deacon Ron's home, 4526B Alae Rd, 6 to 7:30pm
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