

Dear Padre,

I am scared of the end times and predictions of these dates. I feel saved, but I don't truly know if I would be accepted into heaven. What are the Catholic teachings on the end times/rapture?

No one but our heavenly Father knows the precise time of our Lord's return. (See Mark 13:32-37.) If this uncertainty about when Jesus will return evokes more apprehension than anticipation, it doesn't help that prophets of doom make predictions based on a distorted understanding of apocalyptic literature in the Bible. An example of this literary form includes the Book of Revelation. It contains elements of a final judgment and cosmic struggle between good and evil written in highly symbolic and imaginative language; however, it wasn't intended to provide a literal description or timeline of how the world ends. In 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, St. Paul also uses apocalyptic imagery to say that all the faithful will be "caught up" ("rapt up") to meet the Lord at his Coming. Some use this single text to vividly imagine true believers being "raptured" from the earth and escaping the destruction of humankind at the end times, but it's a misinterpretation. For Catholics, these apocalyptic passages offer hope and guidance: despite the powerful forces of evil, Christ will overcome. His death and resurrection already ushered in the last age. We don't know how long this age will last before the final consummation, hence the need to be watchful and prepared. ●



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Monday May 18 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 19:1-8 Jn 16:29-33	Thursday May 21 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Jn 17:20-26	Saturday May 23 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Jn 21:20-25
Tuesday May 19 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 20:17-27 Jn 17:1-11a	Friday May 22 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 25:13b-21 Jn 21:15-19	Sunday May 24 <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23
Wednesday May 20 <i>Easter Weekday</i> Acts 20:28-38 Jn 17:11b-19		

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Where are you...when the poor are blamed for their poverty, forgotten and discarded, in a world that values profit more than people? [W]here are you in a hyper-connected life where loneliness corrodes social bonds and makes us strangers even to ourselves?...

Fraternity...means rediscovering the face of the other...the very image of God in the face of the poor, the refugee, and even the adversary.

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Stairway to Heaven

MIGUEL DULICK

Even by the Ascension, after forty days of eating and drinking with the resurrected Lord, the obtuseness of the Apostles still frustrates Jesus. In Acts, they're ready for a fight, "to restore the kingdom to Israel" (Acts 1:6). Matthew reports that "they worshiped, but they doubted" (Matthew 28:17). Pentecost cannot come soon enough, when they will be baptized with the Holy Spirit, and all will be made known.

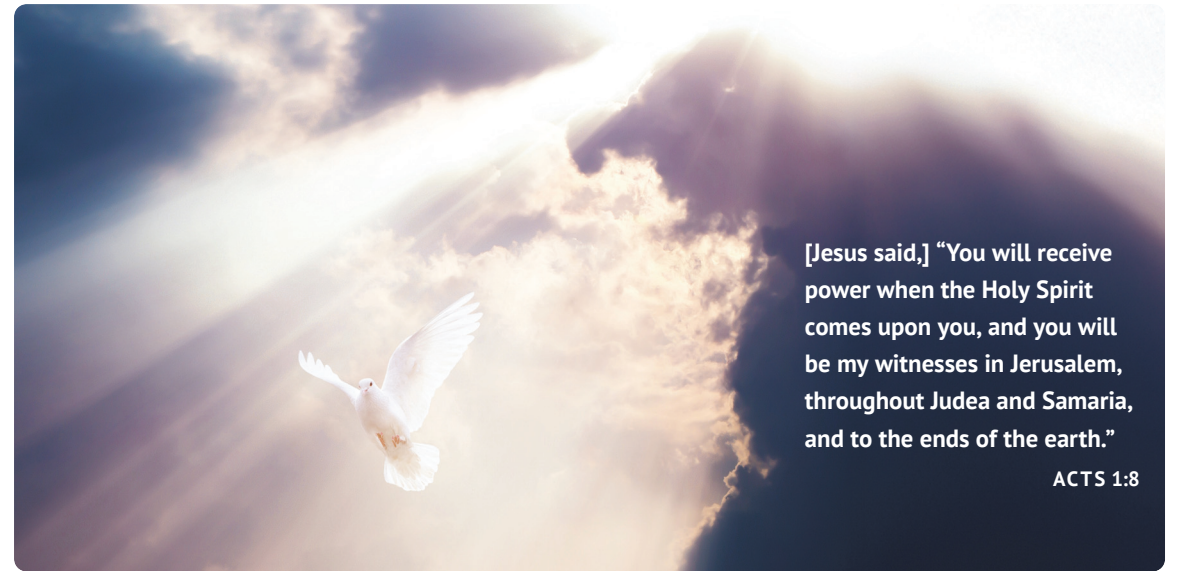
So the next nine days are crucial. The apostles and other disciples, 120 persons in all, prepare for the arrival of the Holy Spirit, a spiritual retreat, the original "novena." Only then can the apostle go and "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19).

Jesus, who brought heaven down to earth in the Incarnation, now ascends, taking earth up to heaven, with his resurrection. Saint Paul gives us a hint of how special this interchange is when he wishes for the Ephesians to receive from Jesus "a Spirit of wisdom and revelation" (Ephesians 1:17).

Our own obtuseness can block the Holy Spirit when we think we have all the answers. When I first preached in Honduras, in the village where I live, I was so prepared. I said everything I could think of, all that I had learned in my courses for a masters degree in divinity. But then, when I heard the prayers and insights of poor and simple folks, supported by a rich, personal knowledge of the Lord himself, I cut my sermons in half and let the "saints," as St. Paul liked to call the people, finish the job. Thank you, Holy Spirit! ●



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[Jesus said,] "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

ACTS 1:8

Reflect

How can I better cooperate with the Holy Spirit?



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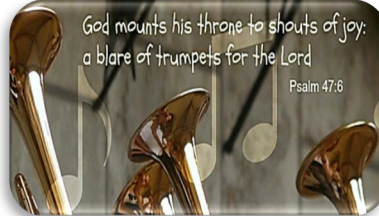


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2nd COLLECTION this weekend - **Catholic Communication Campaign**, continuing the vital role of effective, truthful communication in spreading the Gospel, building trust, and countering misinformation in a media-saturated world - a tradition from biblical times to modern digital platforms.

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

Make time to pause, reflect on this rite of passage, and celebrate your achievements and perseverance.
May God's blessings be with you!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon May 18 - weekly **Bible Study** at Deacon Ron's home, 4526B Alae Rd, 6 to 7:30pm
Mon May 18 - Happy Birthday to **Father Edwin!**
Week of May 18 - 22 **Annual Priests' Retreat**, O'ahu
Sun May 24 - **Holy Ghost Festival** at 9:30am, St Catherine's Church, Kapa'a
Mon May 25 - **Memorial Day** - NO school; parish & school offices closed
Mon May 25 - **Patriotic Rosary** at 6pm at St Theresa Church

A PRAYER FOR BISHOP-ELECT MOST REV. MICHAEL CASTORI, S.J.

O God, the Shepherd and Ruler of all the faithful, graciously look upon Your servant, Father Michael Castori, whom You have been pleased to appoint pastor over the Diocese of Honolulu: grant, we beseech You, that by both word and example he may edify those over whom he is set, and together with the flock committed to his care, may attain to eternal life. Amen.

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Please join us in praying for Bishop-Elect Michael Castori, S.J., as he prepares for his Episcopal Ordination and Installation. Consider offering a special prayer, act of fasting, abstinence, or another form of penance this Friday and in the Fridays to come for Bishop-Elect Castori and for the Diocese of Honolulu during this time of transition.

MINISTRY NEWS

Choir practice Thu 4:30 to 6pm (STC)
OCIA call Deacon Ron at 907.978.4018
RE and Youth Ministry will resume in the fall



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

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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

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

The Ascension of the Lord

May 17, 2026

I am praying for them...

John 17:9

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship.

Prayer is always the first best option in any situation - not just our last resort.

Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well.

Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help.

Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you.

Teach others how to pray.

It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.

~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-Fri 6:30am 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
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Sun 7am Mass

First Saturday Devotion to the BVM 8-9am