

Dear Padre,

During Mass, is it proper for the faithful to raise our hands when pronouncing the words, “For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever”?

When the priest and people offer the Our Father together to God, the presider assumes an ancient posture of prayer, known as the *orans*—with arms extended and palms opened upward. After the Lord’s Prayer, the priest keeps his hands extended and says alone the embolism (“Deliver us, Lord...”). At the end, he joins his hands, and the people acclaim, “For the kingdom...” This acclamation is meant to be the people’s response to the embolism, and the priest remains silent for it. It would appear unnecessary for the faithful to now extend their hands during this acclamation—especially when it’s a response to an embolism prayer that just called for the presider to have extended his own hands and now has them joined together.

Although the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* doesn’t mention a specific congregational hand posture during this acclamation, it speaks in favor of “what serves the common spiritual good of the People of God, rather than private inclination or arbitrary choice,” stating that a common bodily posture “is a sign of the unity of the members of the Christian community gathered together for the sacred Liturgy: it both expresses and fosters the intention and spiritual attitude of the participants” (*GIRM* 42). ●




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| Monday June 1 <i>St. Justin, Martyr</i> 2 Pt 1:2–7 Mk 12:1–12 | Thursday June 4 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Tm 2:8–15 Mk 12:28–34 | Sunday June 7 <i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</i> Dt 8:2–3, 14b–16a 1 Cor 10:16–17 Jn 6:51–58 |
| Tuesday June 2 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Pt 3:12–15a, 17–18 Mk 12:13–17 | Friday June 5 <i>St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr</i> 2 Tm 3:10–17 Mk 12:35–37 | |
| Wednesday June 3 <i>St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs</i> 2 Tm 1:1–3, 6–12 Mk 12:18–27 | Saturday June 6 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Tm 4:1–8 Mk 12:38–44 | |



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

To those in power, I repeat: listen to the voice of conscience! The apparent victories achieved with weapons, which sow death and destruction, are in reality defeats and never bring peace or security! God does not want war, he wants peace, and he strengthens those who are committed to leaving behind the spiral of hatred and taking the path of dialogue.

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Embracing the Mystery

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

The Christian confession of a triune God cannot be explained, it can only be believed. It is not a cop-out to proclaim that this belief is rooted in mystery. Mystery is the essential language and experience of belief. We lose something when we try to explain a mystery instead of embracing it. It may make us uncomfortable; it may provoke more questions than answers. Regardless, it does not suggest the weakness of mystery but rather the beauty, the wonder, and the awe.

Embracing belief and living as a person of faith is a singular journey. You cannot believe for someone else, and that person, even one you dearly love, cannot believe for you. It is also important to understand that as singular as the journey of faith may be, it ultimately ends in community. Belief does not isolate a person, but rather invites a person to connect with others who also walk in faith.

The community/communion of the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—is the perfect witness to the truth that mystery creates. One God, three divine persons. The Eucharist that we celebrate on this day proclaims the unity of our belief—to the Father, through the Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit. ●



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The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

2 CORINTHIANS 13:13

Reflect

How does the mystery of the Trinity reveal God’s nature as a communion of love?



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*We love because
God
first loved us.*
1 John 4:19

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Offerings

Kekaha \$ 2,094.12
Waimea 1,037.00

Other Donations

Candles \$ 50
Catholic Communication
Campaign 285
Cross We Share 310
Mass Intentions 115

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

Pray for Bishop-Elect Michael Castori, S.J.,
as he prepares for his Episcopal Ordination and
Installation for the Diocese of Honolulu.

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.

Prayer Requests: Contact Chantal Duarte via text at
808-634-0403 or via email at
chantal_duarte@yahoo.com and our Prayer Warriors
will pray for your special needs.

Mahalo, Deacon Averiet Soto
for sharing your time and thoughts
with us this weekend.

We are truly blessed to know you!

MINISTRY NEWS

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

Online bulletin at kekahacatholic.com

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sun May 31 – Happy Birthday to **Deacon Ron!**
Mon Jun 1 – weekly **Bible Study** at Deacon Ron's home, 4526B Alae Rd, 6 to 7:30pm
Fri Jun 5 – **First Friday Holy Hour** 6 to 7pm at STC
Sat Jun 6 – **First Saturday Devotion** 8 to 9am at SHJMC at Waimea
Thu Jun 11 – **King Kamehameha Day** Parish offices closed
Fri Jun 19 – **Juneteenth Holiday** Parish offices closed



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
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Dee Young, Parish Secretary 808-337-1548
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PPC Raynette Newall
Worship / HI Catholic Herald parish articles
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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

The Most Holy Trinity

May 31, 2026

**For God so loved the world
that He gave His only Son...**

John 3:16

Is your love conditional?
Is there a price others must
pay to receive your love and
forgiveness?

Are you generous with your
time, skills, money and
possessions?

If you give someone
something, do you expect
something in return?
Do you give your time freely
or do you "fit it in" when it's
convenient for you?

God desires a personal
relationship with us so much
that He gave us His Son,
unconditionally!

**Pray for a grateful and
generous heart.**

~Archdiocese of St. Louis



St. Theresa Church

8343 Kaunualii 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 Kaunualii Hwy
Waimea HI 96796

Sun 7am Mass

First Saturday Devotion to
the BVM 8-9am