

Dear Padre,

I struggle to relate to traditional devotions like the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Any advice?

Christ instructed his followers to love the Lord God with all our heart, soul, and mind. (See Matthew 22:37.) We seek a deeper union with God not only through reason and understanding but also through feelings and affections. However, as Pope Francis pointed out, “Many people feel safer...in the more readily controllable domain of intelligence and will” (*Dilexit Nos* [On the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ], 10). Descartes said of us, “I think, therefore I am,” but it can also be said that “I am my heart, for my heart is what sets me apart, shapes my spiritual identity, and puts me in communion with other people” (*DN* 14).

Moreover, the heart “is the place of encounter” with God (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2563). Pope Francis acknowledges that some people today may not find the Sacred Heart image to be meaningful (See *DN* 2.), but it’s “a summons to make room for an encounter with Christ...in whatever way we wish to picture him” (*DN* 57). “More than any other part of his body, the heart of Jesus” represents “his boundless love” (*DN* 48). Therefore, “any act of love or worship of his heart is thus ‘really and truly given to Christ himself,’ since it spontaneously refers back to him and is ‘a symbol and a tender image of the infinite love of Jesus Christ’” (*DN* 50). ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Twelfth Sunday
1 Kgs 21:1–16	1 Kgs 21:17–29	2 Kgs 2:1, 6–14	Sir 48:1–14	2 Kgs 11:1–4, 9–18, 20	2 Chr 24:17–25	<i>in Ordinary</i>
Mt 5:38–42	Mt 5:43–48	Mt 6:1–6, 16–18	Mt 6:7–15	Mt 6:19–23	Mt 6:24–34	<i>Time</i>
						Jer 20:10–13
						Rom 5:12–15
						Mt 10:26–33

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Humility is really freedom from ourselves.... Those who exalt themselves generally think that nothing is more interesting than themselves; yet, deep down, they are quite insecure.... Dear friends, today let us pray that the Church will always be a school of humility for everyone, a home where all are welcome, a place where rivalries are set aside and where Jesus...teaches us to imitate his own humility and freedom.

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 31, 2025

Our Parish COMMUNITY

June 14, 2026

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Exodus 19:2–6a / Romans 5:6–11 / Matthew 9:36–10:8



Then [Jesus] summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness.

MATTHEW 10:1

Jesus Calls Together the Twelve

ANN M. GARRIDO

Almost everyone who has picked up a Bible has heard of the twelve tribes of Israel. Named after the twelve sons of the patriarch Jacob, the twelve tribes feature prominently in the Hebrew Scriptures. The twelve tribes are freed from slavery in Egypt and enter the Promised Land together. They then choose from among themselves a king. What would Vacation Bible School be without stories of the twelve tribes?

But read beyond the familiar lore of VBS, and one quickly discovers that the twelve tribes did not remain united. First, the tribes in the North were conquered by the Assyrians. Later, the tribes of the South were decimated by the Babylonians. The family once called by God to become a holy nation was scattered by war and the political machinations of their own leaders. They became like sheep without a shepherd, no longer a flock.

And that is where Jesus steps in, as we read in today’s gospel. As he looks at his people—God’s chosen family—he sees how wounded and lost they are; how polarized they have become. Jesus knows what he needs to do. He calls together the Twelve—a significant number. Jesus saw himself as reuniting his people after a season of painful separation from one another.

Today, Jesus continues to call people to participate in the ministry of reconciliation. Can you imagine your name included among the “twelve” as one who will help heal a divided nation? ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Reflect

Do I unite people by my words and actions, or am I more of a divider?



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1940 / 1978
Vision / Mission Statement
*To make St. Theresa Parish
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1946 / 1993
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*In humility count others
more significant than
yourselves.*
Philippians 2:3



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Offerings

Kekaha \$ 2,107
Waimea 1,180

Other Donations

Candles \$ 35
Cross We Share 540
Maintenance Fund 50
Mass Intentions 370
Seminar Education Fund 50

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

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FINANCIAL UPDATES

CMAA (Diocese) Goal has been met!
Goal \$ 7,803
Donations received \$ 9,049
Excess will be returned to our parish.

CROSS WE SHARE (Parish)
Goal \$ 30,000
Donations received \$ 11,575
Campaign ends Dec 28, 2026

**This weekend's 2nd collection will benefit
the Seminar Education Fund
of the Diocese of Honolulu.
Mahalo for your generosity!**

**The Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Regina
Pacis Convent** in Honolulu will remember
St. Theresa Parish in their prayers and works
from June 21 to June 27, 2026.
Let the Sisters know if you have special
intentions: 808.737.5822, reginasscc@cs.com

All are invited to the inaugural
Diocesan Formation Institute,
June 21–26, at Damien Memorial School
in Honolulu.

This week-long opportunity is open to
catechists, ministry leaders, volunteers,
educators, and anyone seeking to deepen
their Catholic faith through engaging
courses in Scripture, sacraments, morality,
evangelization, liturgy, and more.

For more information or to register, visit
FormationInstitute.eventbrite.com.

The **Catholic Church in Hawai'i** is
celebrating the 200th Anniversary of
the arrival of the Catholic Faith
in our islands.
The Kaua'i Vicariate, in union with
Bishop Larry Silva, will officially kick
off a year-long **Bicentennial
Celebration** with a special Mass on
Thu, July 9, the Feast of Our Lady of
Peace, at 6pm at St. Raphael Church
in Koloa. All are invited.
A free-ticketed meal will follow Mass.
Seating is limited. Call the office by
6/26 to reserve tickets. 808.337.1548

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon Jun 15 weekly **Bible Study** at Dcn Ron's
home, 4526B Alae Rd, 6-7:30pm. All are
welcome.

Fri Jun 19 **Juneteenth** Parish office closed

Fri Jul 3 **Pop-up Market** 9am to 2pm at STC

Sat Jul 4 **Patriotic Rosary** following 5pm Mass

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

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Chantal Duarte 808-634-0403

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Evangelization Commission

Director of Religious Education
Sr. Gloria Camitan, O.P. 808-337-1548
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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
summer office hours M-F, 8am-2pm
HCH school articles

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jun 14, 2026

**As you go, make this
proclamation: 'The kingdom
of heaven is at hand.'**

Matthew 10:7

Many of us take our lives for granted. We think we have plenty of time to "repent." Maybe we should live with a little more urgency in making things right with God.

This is the difference in living our discipleship out of obligation versus out of love.

Obligation implies we do the minimum required.

Love implies we want a relationship.

God wants us to be with Him in Heaven forever, but He also wants to be in relationship with us right now, while we are on earth.

Start this second – **invite the Lord into your heart.**

~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