

Dear Padre,

Can a non-Catholic serve and hold an office in a Catholic parish organization?

According to their knowledge, competence, and position, the Christian faithful have an obligation to assist in the necessary works of the Church and promote the common good of the parish—its worship, its apostolic mission, its charities, the care of its ministers, and its care of the poor. (See *Code of Canon Law*, 222.) In general, canon law and most diocesan regulations stipulate that members of primary decision-making entities must be active, registered Catholics who participate in the sacramental life of the Church. For example, members of a pastoral council must be “in full communion with the Catholic Church” (CCL 512 §1). However, non-Catholics—such as spouses of parishioners or experts in their fields (e.g., finance, law, architecture)—are sometimes invited to lend their skills by serving on advisory boards and committees or in other support roles that are usually in a non-voting capacity. In all cases, the pastor or bishop has the discretion to involve non-Catholics in specific initiatives. For instance, a bishop “can invite as observers to the diocesan synod other ministers or members of churches or ecclesial communities which are not in full communion with the Catholic Church” (CCL, 463 §3). A non-Catholic interested in serving should consult the local priest about available opportunities, based on the norms of a diocese. ●

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

I genuinely hope that our Christian lifestyle will always reflect this fraternal, “Samaritan” spirit—one that is welcoming, courageous, committed,

and supportive, rooted in our

union with God and our faith in

Jesus Christ. Enkindled by this

divine love, we will surely be

able to give of ourselves for

the good of all who suffer,

especially our brothers

and sisters who

are sick, elderly, or

afflicted.

MESSAGE ON WORLD

DAY OF THE SICK,

ROME, FEBRUARY 11,

2026



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Monday

August 24

St. Bartholomew,

Apostle

Rv 21:9b–14

Jn 1:45–51

Tuesday

August 25

Weekday

2 Thes 2:1–3a, 14–17

Mt 23:23–26

Wednesday

August 26

Weekday

2 Thes 3:6–10, 16–18

Mt 23:27–32

Thursday

August 27

St. Monica

1 Cor 1:1–9

Mt 24:42–51

Friday

August 28

St. Augustine, Bishop

and Doctor of the

Church

1 Cor 1:17–25

Mt 25:1–13

Saturday

August 29

The Passion of St.

John the Baptist

1 Cor 1:26–31

Mk 6:17–29

Sunday

August 30

Twenty-second

Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Jer 20:7–9

Rom 12:1–2

Mt 16:21–27

Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 23, 2026

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 22:19–23 / Romans 11:33–36 / Matthew 16:13–28



Who Do You Say That I Am?

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” An easy answer if you just report what other people say and what you have heard. No commitment. No revelation. No risk. But it all changes when the question is more to the point: “Who do *you* say that I am?” Tell me what you know, not what you heard. The silence is almost deafening. Vulnerability, not just anonymous reporting, is required in the asked-for response. No surprise—it is Peter who answers. Never one to hide his emotions or edit his thoughts, it is Peter who reveals what he knows, perhaps even what he is unsure of, perhaps the truth that he only hopes for but has not yet declared. “You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God” (Matthew 16:16).

Jesus responds with a prayer of blessing; the apostles, on the other hand, remain silent. Although we are very familiar with Peter’s assent of faith, his declaration was almost unheard-of or unexpected from a first-century Jewish man. It was dangerous to identify someone as Messiah. It was blasphemous to name someone as the Son of the Living God. Yet, in faith and humility, Peter made the declaration and, in the naming, entrusted his life, his hope, and all that he believed firmly into the hands of Jesus. This was no simple act. This was no ordinary day. ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



Simon Peter said in reply, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God.”

MATTHEW 16:16

Reflect

How would you answer if Jesus asked you, “Who do you say that I am?” (He is asking you!)



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Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary at Waimea



St. Theresa Parish

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



1940 / 1978

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



1946 / 1993

St. Theresa School at Kekaha



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Offerings

Kekaha \$ 1,681
Waimea 689

Other Donations

Candles \$ 44
Catholic Charities Hawaii 60
Cross We Share 260
Maintenance Fund 1,006
Mass Intentions 90

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



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN HAWAII
Bicentennial 1827-2027

The Catholic Church in Hawai'i is marking 200 years since the first missionaries arrived on these shores, and catholicahawaii200.org is the one-stop place for everything connected to the anniversary year.

What it builds

Future generations -
A living mission that continues through community, leadership, culture, and renewal.

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
Convalidations / Baptisms / Funerals
Dee Young, Parish Secretary 808-337-1548
M-F, 8am-noon sttheresac@yahoo.com

PPC Raynette Newall

Worship / HI Catholic Herald parish articles
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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

Wendy Souza, Principal
808-337-1351 sttheresakauai.com
Office hours M-F, 7:30am-3pm
HCH school articles

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Aug 23, 2026

Or who has given the Lord
anything that he may be
repaid? Romans 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a
central fact of stewardship:
We cannot give God
anything –
He already owns it all.

God made everything,
including us.

Since we are made in His
image, we too, are called to
be generous.

How we use our God-given
gifts becomes our gift back
to Him. Gratitude for all we
have been given opens our
hearts to joyful generosity!

And, through our generosity,
we just may be the answer
to someone else's prayer.

~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

kekahacatholic.com

Mahalo for your

Maintenance Fund donations...
Our churches and grounds are in
constant need of upkeep and repair.
Please make Deacon Ron aware of
any maintenance needs that may
have gone unnoticed.

MASS INTENTIONS

Your envelope should indicate the date and
time of the Mass you are requesting.
Please contact Dee at 808.337.1548
for any intentions.

RE registration forms are available
on the STC usher's table.
Classes begin Sep 24 at 6pm at STS.

OCIA classes begin Sep 24th for adults
interested in becoming Catholic.
Contact Deacon Ron at 907.978.4018.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon Aug 24 weekly Bible Study at Dcn Ron's home, 4526B Alae Rd,
6-7:30pm. All are welcome.
Thursdays Choir practice 4:30-6pm at STC

Celebrate Your Family's Legacy!

The St. Theresa School Alumni Legacy Circle
invites school and parish families to create and
display a Family Legacy Board for the
upcoming 80th Anniversary Celebration,
taking place October 2-4, 2026.

Families are encouraged to share their history
with photos and memorabilia throughout the
weekend's festivities, which include a
Welcome Reception, Golf Tournament,
Coastal Clean Up and Stroll Down Memory
Lane, a Banquet celebrating the school's 80th
and church's 85th anniversaries, and a
Sunday All-School Mass and Breakfast.

To participate, please sign up at the usher's
table at the back of church to reserve a
complimentary display board.

The Legacy Circle is also seeking golfers for
the tournament, and banquet tickets remain
available for purchase. For more details, visit
the display board in the church foyer or check
the STS website sttheresakauai.com.

