

Dear Padre,

Are we required to disobey or break an evil law?

According to St. Thomas Aquinas, a just law has four characteristics. It must be (1) an ordinance of reason, (2) for the common good, (3) properly promulgated, and (4) by a legitimate authority. According to St. Augustine, evil is a lack of something that should be there. When applied to law, if one of the four characteristics is missing, the law lacks something that should be there, and thus is evil. An unjust law, in other words, is an evil law. As Christians, we are generally encouraged to obey the laws of the state. As the Apostle Paul states, “Let every person be subordinate to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God” (Romans 13:1). At the same time, we also have the responsibility of forming our consciences according to God’s revelation in Scripture and Tradition as interpreted by the divinely ordained teaching authority of the Church. Although we are not bound to follow an unjust law, the degree to which we should actively disobey it depends on the level of evil the law promotes. Because of its serious nature, a law promoting abortion, for example, should be actively resisted through peaceful protests and appropriate legal and civil activism. Laws that promote lesser evils need to be carefully evaluated by Church authorities and our own well-informed consciences. ●

Fr. Dennis J. Billy, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

War is back in vogue, and a zeal for war is spreading. The principle established after the Second World War, which prohibited nations from using force to violate the borders of others, has been completely undermined. Peace is no longer sought as a gift and a desirable good in itself.... Instead, peace is sought through weapons as a condition for asserting one’s own dominion.

ADDRESS TO DIPLOMATIC CORE, ROME, JANUARY 9, 2026



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Monday

August 31

Weekday

1 Cor 2:1–5

Lk 4:16–30

Tuesday

September 1

Weekday

1 Cor 2:10b–16

Lk 4:31–37

Wednesday

September 2

Weekday

1 Cor 3:1–9

Lk 4:38–44

Thursday

September 3

St. Gregory the Great,

Pope and Doctor of

the Church

1 Cor 3:18–23

Lk 5:1–11

Friday

September 4

Weekday

1 Cor 4:1–5

Lk 5:33–39

Saturday

September 5

Weekday

1 Cor 4:6b–15

Lk 6:1–5

Sunday

September 6

Twenty-third Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7–9

Rom 13:8–10

Mt 18:15–20

Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 30, 2026

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Jeremiah 20:7–9 / Romans 12:1–2 / Matthew 16:21–27



I Just Told You!

MIGUEL DULICK

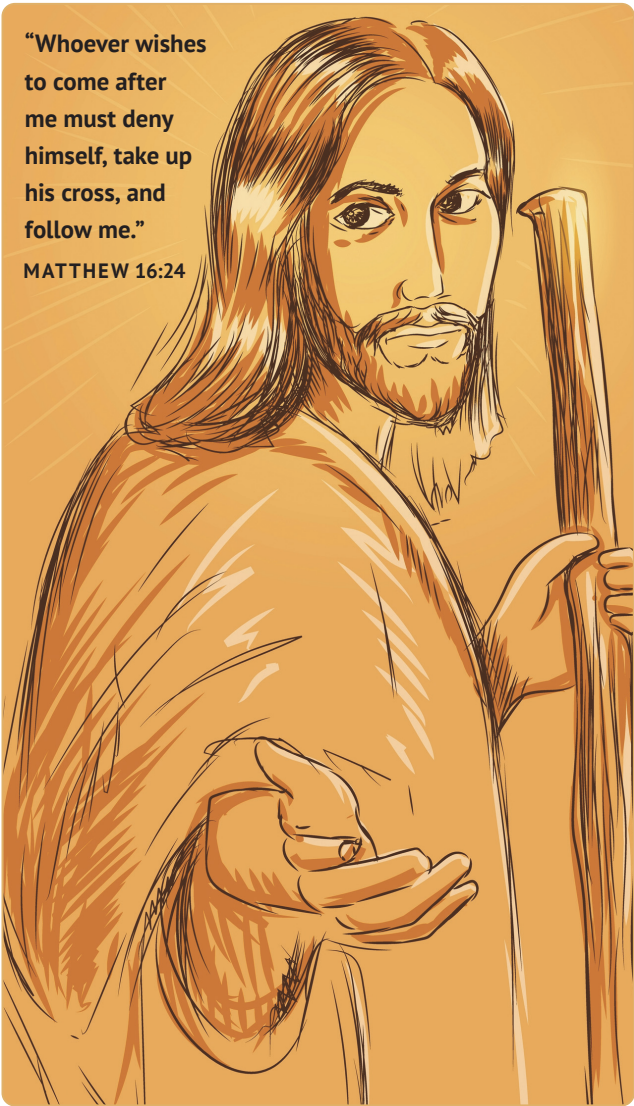
Would it surprise you to know that Jesus uses the same Greek verb to chase Peter away—“Get behind me, Satan!” (Matthew 16:23) that he used to call him in the first place—“Come after me” (Matthew 4:19)? Pity the translator who must assign opposite meanings to the same word! Jesus changed Simon’s name to Peter when he called him, and now he changes it to Satan for his demotion. But, as harsh as the rebuke is, maybe we could say Jesus does want Peter behind him, but not *too* far behind. In fact, immediately after dealing with Peter, Jesus issues a general call, using the same “trigger” word: “Whoever wishes to *come after* me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”

The cross! That’s how the controversy started, when Peter “took Jesus aside” (literally, “collared” him) to forbid even the thought of any passion or any cross. (See Matthew 16:22.)

How am I tempted as Peter was to avoid any talk of a cross? I don’t even want to admit I’m a sinner, much less that there is a cross for me. Paul, in his letter to the Romans, has some advice for all of us who think like Satan: “Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God,” and “Do not conform yourself to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God” (Romans 12:1–2). Everything for Jesus. ●

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”

MATTHEW 16:24



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Reflect

What cross are you carrying? Can you unite it with Jesus’ cross and offer it as prayer?



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*To make St. Theresa Parish
a dynamic Christian community
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St. Theresa School at Kekaha



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Offerings

Kekaha	\$ 1,803.10
Waimea	1,084.00

Other Donations

Candles	\$ 20
Cross We Share	300
Maintenance Fund	143
Mass Intentions	30
Youth	925

*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 catholichawaii200.org is the one-stop place for everything connected to the anniversary year.

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.

Parish Directory

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HCH school articles

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Aug 30, 2026

*What profit would there be
for one to gain the whole
world and forfeit his life?*
Mt 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi
said, "Remember, you
are what you are in
the eyes of God, and
nothing else."

We often forget this
stewardship wisdom
when we spend all our
time, talent and
treasure to gain more
of the world's riches.
We need to set our
priorities based on
God's values and not
the values of the
material world.

~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

4996 Kaumualii Hwy
Waimea HI 96796

Sun 7am Mass

First Saturday Devotion to
the BVM 8-9am

kekahacatholic.com

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2nd collection NEXT weekend is for
The Catholic University of America.

*With five Catholic University alumni in
process of canonization, our institution
embraces the mandate of Pope Leo XIII at its
founding to "give to the Church and the
nation her best citizens".*

OCIA classes begin Sep 24th for adults
interested in becoming Catholic.

Contact Deacon Ron at 907.978.4018.

RE registration forms are available
on the STC usher's table.

Classes begin Sep 24 at 6pm at STS.

Welcome, Deacon Bambi! Mahalo for sharing the Good News with us this weekend.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon Aug 31	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
Fri Sep 4	First Friday Adoration 6pm at STC in Kekaha
Sat Sep 5	First Saturday Devotion 8am at SHJMC in Waimea
Mon Sep 7	Labor Day (church and school offices closed)

