

Dear Padre,

Why must I choose practicing Catholics as my baby’s godparents?

The Church is clear about the qualifications of godparents: at least sixteen years old; leading lives of faith; confirmed and having already received Communion, among others. (See the *Code of Canon Law*, 872–874.) “Godparent” isn’t simply an honorary title we bestow on someone. It’s an important role in a child’s faith life. Parents and godparents introduce us to Jesus and teach us to pray. We talk to Jesus on our own and learn more about him through Scripture. Our parents take us to church. We watch their example and that of our godparents. It is the gradual process of being introduced to Jesus by those who know him that leads us to trust him and have faith in him. At baptism, a godparent lights a candle from the Easter candle and holds it for the child as the presider says, “Receive the light of Christ.” That is how faith comes to us: a gift from God, but through other people. Parents and godparents must have the bright flame of faith in their own hearts if they hope to pass it to the child.

It is permitted to have only one godparent, fulfilling the requirements previously mentioned, and a special “witness” who is a person of faith but is not Catholic. ●



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Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
September 28	September 29	September 30	October 1	October 2	October 3	October 4
Weekday	Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels	St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	The Holy Guardian Angels	Weekday	Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jb 1:6–22 Lk 9:46–50	Dn 7:9–10, 13–14 or Rv 12:7–12ab Jn 1:47–51	Jb 9:1–12, 14–16 Lk 9:57–62	Jb 19:21–27 Lk 10:1–12	Jb 38:1, 12–21; 40:3–5 Mt 18:1–5, 10	Jb 42:1–3, 5–6, 12–17 Lk 10:17–24	Is 5:1–7 Phil 4:6–9 Mt 21:33–43



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Jesus taught us that in discerning how to help our neighbor, we must imitate the example of the Good Samaritan, who selflessly gave of his time and resources to someone whom he had never previously met.... When we help those in need, especially those who cannot repay us, we become the Lord’s instruments.

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 27, 2026
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Ezekiel 18:25–28 / Philippians 2:1–11 or 2:1–5 / Matthew 21:28–32



Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3–4

Will You Work in God’s Vineyard?

ANN M. GARRIDO

Most parents can resonate with today’s gospel. Who hasn’t had a child promise to do their chores and then neglect to do them? Or a child who threw a fit when asked to help but then pitched in after all?

Jesus’ parables intend to give clues about a mystery he called the kingdom of God—a revelation about what the world will look like when God’s dreams for it are realized. We get a good hint that this parable is meant to be about the kingdom of God because it speaks of a vineyard, and Jesus often compared God’s kingdom to a vineyard. Vineyards throughout the ancient world were associated with joy and abundance, but they also required much tending. They needed workers, and that is what God has called us to be for the kingdom.

Jesus observed that those who professed to support God’s coming kingdom often seemed to do little to help bring it about whereas those who historically had been viewed as resistant to God’s ways were more receptive to John the Baptist’s preaching—and, we can imagine, Jesus’ message as well. They were the ones who proved in the end more willing to lend a hand.

The vineyard of which Jesus spoke still requires workers. It still requires people willing to collaborate with God in gathering the abundant harvest that will mark a season of great joy. We can imagine that, like any parent, God’s greatest delight would be to have children who say “yes” and then follow through on their word! ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Reflect

When I am tempted to be resentful, what would be a healthy response?



Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary at Waimea



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St. Theresa School at Kekaha



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Kekaha \$ 1,573
Waimea 1,146

Other Donations

Bishop's Dinner \$ 400.00
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Catholic Univ of America 20.00
Cross We Share 330.00
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Funerals 400.00
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La Salette Seminarian Fund 533.00
Maintenance Fund 2,253.00
Mass Intentions 45.00
Religious Ed 40.00

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

The new altar to be installed in the renovated **Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace** has eight arches, representing the eight Hawaiian Islands, and each panel has the flower of one island embedded in mosaics in a Hawaiian quilt pattern. Before the altar is assembled, each panel is sent to its respective island, so that the people there can pray over it and feel a connection to the Mother Church of the Diocese.

During October, the altar panel for Kauai will be at St. Theresa Church and the altar panel for Ni'ihau will be at Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Church. You are more than welcome to come up and carefully touch the panel and pray over it. There will be a few pamphlets available that you may take with you. Mahalo!



*Thank you, Father Edwin,
for being such a blessing
to St. Theresa Parish.
Happy Priesthood Day!*

Parish Directory

Clergy



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Sr. Gloria Camitan, O.P. 808-337-1548

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St. Theresa School

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HCH school articles

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sep 27, 2026

**Do nothing out of
selfishness; rather, humbly
regard others as more
important than yourselves...**

Philippians 2:3

Pride and ego are hard
things to control. We see
how others act or dress
and think we are superior
to them. We idolize our
own self-image.

But, if we truly believe
everything is a gift from
God, we recognize all the
people that God has put in
our lives as gifts! We are
grateful for how they
enrich our lives.

*Pray every day for the
people in your life:
your family, your friends
and those who make you
angry.*

~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

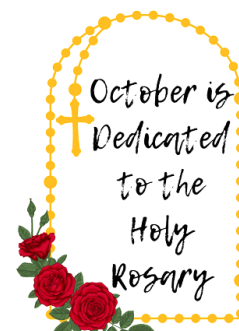
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DATES TO REMEMBER

Sat Sep 26 **Youth Ministry Orientation**, 6pm at Parish Hall
Sep 28 - 30 **Triduum Novena for St. Therese**, following
6:30am Mass at STC; Oct 1 **St. Theresa Feast Day**
Mon Sep 28 Final **Bible Study** of 2026 at Deacon Ron's home,
4526B Alae Rd, 6-7:30pm
Thursdays **Choir practice** 4:30-6pm at STC
Thu Oct 1 6pm **Religious Ed** at STS; **OCIA** at STC (after Rosary)
Fri Oct 2 **STS No School** (Teacher Workday); **First Friday Holy
Hour** beginning with Rosary, 6pm at STC
Sat Oct 3 **First Saturday Devotion**, 8-9am at SHJMC

Our Parish will offer a daily Rosary during October
either at St. Theresa Church or at a parishioner's home.

Weekend Rosaries will be prayed before Mass; all others begin at 6pm.
Sign-ups are open. Please refer to the weekly schedule for home addresses.



THU	10/1	6:00pm	St. Theresa Church
FRI	10/2	6:00pm	St. Theresa Church (First Friday 6-7pm)
SAT	10/3	4:15pm	St. Theresa Church (Mass at 5pm)
SUN	10/4	7:45am	St. Theresa Church (Mass at 8:30am)