

St Catherine *of Alexandria Parish*



Reverend EJ Resinto - Pastor

Reverend Francisco Sanchez - Parochial Vicar

MASSES

St. Catherine Saturday Anticipated: 5:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am ◇ 9:30am ◇ 5:00pm

Monday - Saturday: 7:00am

St. Sylvester Saturday Anticipated: 5:00pm
Sunday: 7:00am | Wednesday: 5:30pm

St. William Sunday: 9:00am

CONFESSIONS

St. Catherine: Saturday 8am-9am Wed 5:30pm

St. Sylvester: Saturday 4:00pm-4:30pm

St. William: Upon Request

PARISH OFFICE

5021-A Kawaihau Rd. Kapaa, Hawaii 96746

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30am-2:00pm

Sunday: Closed until further notice

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Mass Intentions

St. Catherine of Alexandria

Monday, July 13	Carmen Salboro (Bday)
Tuesday, July 14	+Renee Thronas
Wednesday, July 15	+Christopher Aqui
Thursday, July 16	Adriano Family (Spcl Int)
Friday, July 17	Ver Ohana (Spcl Int)
Saturday, July 18	+Delpidio Labuguen
Sunday, July 19	
7:30am	
9:30am	+Patrick Rapozo
5:00pm	Dye Ohana

St. Sylvester Church

Wednesday July 15

Sunday July 19 +Jacky Nakazawa, +Pilar Federis

St. William Church

Sunday, July 19 +Nick Rapozo, +Ellen Rapozo,
+Paul Rapozo, Fr. Miguel Ceja (Healing),
Fr. Anthony Rapzo (Bday)

Personal Mass intentions will be accepted for all daily and Sunday Masses at all three Churches.

Saturday 5pm Mass has been designated as Missa pro populo and no Mass intentions will be accepted at that particular Mass.

Who Will Receive the Seed? Who Will Plant It?

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:10-11 • Romans 8:18-25 • Matthew 13:1-23

There is something beautiful about celebrating this Sunday's Scriptures just days after we gathered as a Diocese to begin the **Bicentennial Celebration of the Catholic Faith in Hawai'i** and, for me personally, as I give thanks to God for ten years of priestly ministry. Anniversaries naturally invite us to look backward with gratitude and forward with hope.

The prophet Isaiah reminds us that God's Word is never empty or wasted:

"Just as the rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth... so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me void." (Isaiah 55)

Isaiah speaks to a people returning from exile who wondered whether God's promises had failed. Through the image of rain watering dry ground, the prophet assures them that God's Word always accomplishes His purpose. Sometimes that work is immediate; more often it unfolds quietly over many years, even generations. God is always at work, even when we cannot yet see the harvest.

Jesus continues this same theme in the Gospel with the familiar Parable of the Sower. At first glance, it seems to be a lesson about the different kinds of soil. But perhaps the more remarkable image is the generosity of the sower himself. No experienced farmer would scatter precious seed so freely along the path, among rocks, into thorns, and onto rich soil alike. Yet that is precisely what God does.

God never stops sowing.

His mercy is generous.

His invitation is constant.

His hope for us never ends.

Some hearts are hardened. Others receive the Gospel with enthusiasm only to lose it when life becomes difficult. Still others allow the worries of the world to choke the seed. Yet there are also hearts that receive God's Word, allow it to take deep root, and bear fruit "a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."



This weekend, those images take on an even deeper meaning for us here in Hawaii. Nearly two hundred years ago, the first missionaries of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary arrived in these islands carrying little more than the Gospel, the Eucharist, and an unwavering trust in God. They crossed oceans not knowing what awaited them. They learned new languages, embraced a new culture, endured hardships, and faithfully planted the seed of Christ throughout Hawai'i.

Mahalo for YOUR

Stewardship of

QR code for Online Giving

Week of

June 28

Sunday Offertory \$7,629.00

On-Line Offertory \$3,068.22



Raise da Roof	\$ 220.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 3,324.00
Offertory—direct giving	\$ 390.00
Catholic Ministries	\$ 100.00
Parish Food Pantry	\$ 150.00

Here on Kauaʻi, those same missionaries, together with countless religious sisters and faithful lay men and women, built our churches, established schools, celebrated the Sacraments, and handed on the faith from one generation to the next. Many of the churches we worship in today stand because they believed the Gospel was worth giving their entire lives to proclaim. **Their harvest is us.**

Someone planted the seed of faith in each of our lives. Perhaps it was a parent or grandparent who insisted on Sunday Mass. Maybe it was a catechist, a teacher, a priest, a religious sister, or a faithful friend. Perhaps someone quietly prayed for years until your heart finally became ready to receive God's grace. None of us came to faith by ourselves.

As I celebrate ten years since my ordination to the priesthood, I have been reflecting on those who planted the seed of vocation in my own life: my family, my pastors, my teachers, my seminary formators, and so many faithful parishioners who have encouraged me along the way. Their witness continues to remind me that priesthood, like discipleship itself, is never about ourselves. We simply continue planting what others first sowed.

Now the responsibility passes to us. Future generations will one day look back on the Catholics of 2026. What kind of Church will they inherit? Will they inherit vibrant parishes filled with prayer, generous service, joyful worship, and families who love Jesus? Will they find churches still filled with people who believe? Or will they discover that we allowed the seed to be neglected?

This Bicentennial is not simply about remembering our history. It is about renewing our mission. The seed is now in our hands. May we never take for granted the faith that has been entrusted to us. May we continue planting generously, loving faithfully, inviting gently, and trusting that God alone gives the growth.

My prayer this weekend is simple:

Lord, thank You for those who planted the seed of faith for us. Give us the courage to leave behind a harvest of faith for those who come after us, so that the faith we celebrate today will still be alive tomorrow and for the next two hundred years.

July 12, 2026

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

07/15 Wednesday

5:30 PM SC: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation during Adoration

07/16 Thursday

St. William Food Distribution
3:30PM to 5:00P

07/18 Saturday

10:30AM to 12PM SC Food Distribution
in former School Admin

07/19 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day:

The setting of today's gospel may remind us of a warm midsummer day-maybe like today. Jesus comes outside and walks down to the sea. So many people gather along the shoreline that Jesus decides to go out in a boat and speak to the entire crowd from there. Imagine yourself sitting on a beach on a beautiful day with hundreds of others, listening to the Lord teaching in parables. Through the power of imagination, we have that opportunity today.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

Today we hear the word of God compared to a seed, which ideally grows within us as it would in fertile soil, yielding a fruitful harvest. Isaiah does this in verse, sung from God's perspective, comparing the rains that water the earth to God's word showered on those who hear it. The Psalmist does this in song, giving thanks to God for providing us with such bounty. Jesus does this via a parable about a Sower, after which he explains it to his disciples. Let us listen to God's word, digesting it so that it may yield fruit through us.

Reflection: The parable of the farmer sowing his seed can have us see ourselves as the good soil and feel good. But, the truth is we are the footpath, rocky ground, and the thorns as well as good soil. God continues to lavish his grace upon us regardless of how open we are or how well we receive it. Hopefully, we will work on preparing ourselves to respond better to God's grace. It should also remind us not to be quick to judge the "worthiness" of others. God pours out his grace and love on all his children regardless of how "worthy" we may think they are. Focus on tending your own fields and making the soil as good as you can, God will provide the seed and the harvest will be great. *You have visited the land and watered it; Greatly have you enriched it. Psalm 65:10*



YAC Children's Corner

YAC Program (Young Apostles of Christ) is continuing this summer with Kristy N. as the summer Catechist. The YAC program is a global youth movement launched by the MSMHC sisters in 2000 to empower, mentor, and spiritually guide young people. **This summer Kristy has provided for our young people with Sunday Gospel Readings, pages for coloring, crossword puzzles, interesting stories about saints, etc. Come, see and take-home valuable information for the spiritual growth for our young people made just for you!!** Enjoy and God bless you. **Grades K-5 From: 8:15 – 9:15 am**

July 12, 19, 26 (Sundays)



— YOU'RE INVITED TO AN —

OCIA

Informational Meeting

+

A JOURNEY OF FAITH.

All Are Welcome.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)
is a journey of faith and discovery for those
seeking to know Christ and become part of
the Catholic Church.

OCIA IS FOR:



**NON-BAPTIZED
ADULTS**

who are
seeking to learn
more about the
Catholic faith.



**BAPTIZED ADULT
CATHOLICS**

who desire to receive
the Sacraments of
First Holy Communion
and Confirmation.



**BAPTIZED
NON-CATHOLICS**
who are interested in
entering into the
Catholic faith.



WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2026



6:00PM



**ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA PARISH
COYLE HALL**

Come and See.

Take the first step on your journey of faith.



PARISH STAFF

Fax 822-3014

Diocesan Engaged Encounter required

Pastor: Rev. EJ Resinto

ext 225

Rev. Francisco Sanchez

ext 224

Deacon Andy Ragasa

645-1710

Administrative Assistant: Carmen Nakasone

822-7900

Stewardship Coordinator:

EM& Lector: Bronwyn Farias

635-2339

Faith Formation Director: Sr. Rachel Marius

822-7900

Music Ministry

Music Director: Sean Texeira

651-0454

Larry Rosa

651-5499

OCIA: Raina Bautista

634-0756

OCIC: Sr. Lucy Salboro

Young Adults: Clay Levinthol

346-1350

Youth Ministry

St. Catherine: Sundays at 8:15am

Shanlee Gusman, Jonah Stein, & Iyanah Wiltshire-Stein

St. Sylvester: Kierstyn & Jimmy Guerrero. 8:15am Sundays

St. Mary's Convent

808-320-3445

Sacristans

St. Catherine: Sr. Lucy Salboro

St. Sylvester: Nelly Bautista

634-0756

St. William: Violet Yagihara

SACRAMENTS**Anointing of the Sick**

Call Parish Office. After hours, call Residence

Baptism**First Holy Communion**

Religious Education classes run from September to May.

Core classes run January to May

Eucharist to Homebound

Deacon Andy

645-1710

Want to have your child Baptized, please call the church office 822-7900 at extension 2, to set-up a date for this wonderful celebration.

Confirmation

Religious Education program of instruction, September to May. Core classes run January to May

Holy Matrimony

Contact Priest 6 months before the wedding.

Funeral

Arrangements to be confirmed with parish office first to confirm date and priest.

Adoration 5:15pm & Adult Faith Formation 6:30pm

St. Catherine Church on Wednesdays

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Every Thursday in Coyle Hall from 8:00am-11:00am.

More information call Patricia Saturnino

822-7900

Miraculous Medal Devotion

St. Catherine Church every Monday after Daily Mass

Divine Mercy Devotion

St. Catherine Church every day after Daily Mass

Rosary

St. Catherine Church 6:30am, before Daily Mass

St. Sylvester on Wednesday at 5:00pm, before Mass

Food Pantry Richard Martocci (808)561-7090

and Mark Wolfendale (808)720-8761

St. Williams every Thursday 3:30pm-5:00pm

St. Catherine every Saturday 10:30am-12 noon at School Administration Office

Lending Library at St. Catherine & St. Sylvester

Located on the back wall of St. Catherine Church and on the side alcove at St. Sylvester Church, is a bookshelf full of Catholic reading materials for you to borrow. Kindly share with family and friends but please return so others may enjoy. Contact Maria at 808-228-4471 if you have books to donate or drop off at church office.

Healing Prayer Ministry

Every Friday after morning Mass, All Are Welcome

Terri D. Mansfield

602-885-9058

Respect Life - Prisma Brewer

530-356-7643

Prison Ministry ~ Kenneth Ponce

808-822-7650

Hospitality Ministry ~ Inocenta Ragasa

651-2481

Bereavement Ministry

St. Catherine: Deacon Andy Ragasa

645-1710

St William & St. Sylvester: Raina Bautista

634-0756

Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group**Kauai Family of God**

~1st Tuesday, Intercessory Prayer at Viado Home

~2nd & 4th Tuesday, St. Catherine Church @ 6:00pm

Brenda Viado

808-346-1436.

Text for Prayer Line and more information.