

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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Parish website: www.kauaistcatherine.church

Mass Intentions

St. Catherine of Alexandria

Monday, July 27 +Maria Adriano
Tuesday, July 28 +Pedro Adriano
Wednesday, July 29 +Jose Salboro
Thursday, July 30 +Harold & +Juliet Aiu
Friday, July 31 Kamryn Yates (Bday)
Saturday, Aug 01 +Tootie Aiu

Sunday, Aug 02:

7:30am +Raymond Aiu, +Harold Aiu, +Juliet Aiu, +Tootie Aiu

9:30am +Patrick Rapozo, +Richard Aquias

5:00pm Dye Ohana

St. Sylvester Church

Wednesday July 29

Sunday Aug 02

St. William Church

Sunday, Aug 02 +Dr. Bert Samonte Llantos

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.

Mass intention will be published in bulletin.

Deadline for publication will be noon on each Wednesday.



To Be the Kingdom's Possession

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 | Romans 8:28-30 | Matthew 13:44-52)

Several years ago, I came home to Kauai for a few days and spent an afternoon with my young nephew, Elijah. After lunch he wanted to go to the park, so Uncle EJ happily volunteered to help him burn off some energy.

As we walked around the park, I found myself reminiscing about my own childhood, growing up in Puhi. I pointed out the baseball field where my brother and I and our friends spent countless hours playing at "Puhi Park." Then I noticed something I hadn't seen in years, the little puka in the left-field fence was still there. Beyond it was an overgrown gully that, when I was a child, led down to an old plantation irrigation ditch.

That place was our kingdom. We built bike trails, makeshift clubhouses, and imaginary forts. And for some reason, we were convinced there was buried treasure somewhere down there. Every adventure was another chance to become rich.

So, I turned to Elijah and jokingly said, "Want to go look for treasure? If we find it, we'll split it...and don't tell your dad." Without missing a beat, he looked at me very seriously and replied, "Uncle, that's dangerous... and you're crazy. Let's go home!"

That memory came back to me as I reflected on this Sunday's Gospel. Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a treasure buried in a field and to a pearl of great price. In both parables, the discovery is so valuable that the person joyfully gives up everything else in order to possess it.

The two images are similar, yet beautifully different. The treasure is discovered unexpectedly. The pearl is found only after a long and intentional search. Sometimes faith finds us when we least expect it. Other times we spend years searching before we recognize God's presence. Yet both encounters lead to the same response: overwhelming joy.

The treasure and the pearl are not merely material possessions. They are the gifts of faith, hope, vocation, and ultimately the promise of eternal life. They are found in a relationship with Jesus Christ.

When we hear these parables, it is easy to think that Jesus is speaking only about Heaven after death. Certainly, He is. But He also reminds us elsewhere that "the Kingdom of God is among you." The Kingdom is not only our future destination; it is also our present reality. Every time we worship God in the Eucharist, forgive someone who has hurt us, strengthen our families, serve our neighbor, or choose what is good over what is easy, we uncover another glimpse of that hidden treasure.

Perhaps that is the challenge of this Gospel.

Have we become so distracted by the noise of the world that we no longer search for what truly matters? Have we lost the wonder that allows us to recognize God's presence in ordinary moments? Do we expect faith to be handed to us rather than pursued with our whole hearts?

As I think back to that little Puhi gully from my childhood, I realize that the real treasure was never buried in the ground. The treasure was the innocence of youth, the gift of family, authentic friendships, imagination, and the countless memories that shaped who I am today. God had already placed His treasures before me. I simply didn't realize it at the time.

The same is true in our spiritual lives. The Kingdom of God is often hidden in plain sight: in our homes, in our parish community, in the people we love, in the stranger who needs kindness, and most especially in the Eucharist. We need only the eyes of faith to recognize it.

Jesus invites us not only to possess the Kingdom but, even more profoundly, to belong to it. The goal of the Christian life is not simply to claim Heaven as our inheritance, but to allow the Kingdom of God to take possession of our hearts.

For when Christ possesses our lives, everything else finds its proper place. We discover that the greatest treasure is not something we own, but Someone who knows us, loves us, and calls us His own.

July 26, 2026 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

07/29 Wednesday

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

07/30 Thursday

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

08/01 Saturday

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

08/02 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Religious Education Registration

Mahalo for YOUR

Stewardship of



QR code for Online Giving
Week of July 19

Sunday Offertory \$6,819.00

On-Line Offertory \$3,051.22

Raise da Roof \$ 670.00

Repair & Maintenance \$ 126.00

Offertory—direct giving \$ 404.00

Catholic Ministries \$ 2,499.00

Religious Education \$ 117.00

Augustine Foundation \$50,000.00

JULY/AUGUST MONTH HIGHLIGHTS

July 28 – **Episcopal Ordination and Installation of Jesuit Father Michael Castori as the sixth Bishop of Honolulu.**

August 1/2 - Hospitality Sunday

August 1/2 - Second Collection for Repair & Maintenance

August 1/2 - Religious Education Registration

August 8/9 – Religious Education Registration

August 15/16 – Religious Education Registration

August 22/23 – Religious Education Registration

August 29/30 – Religious Education Registration

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the
wickedness and snares
of the Devil.

May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray, and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who roam throughout the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

SUNDAY, JULY 26

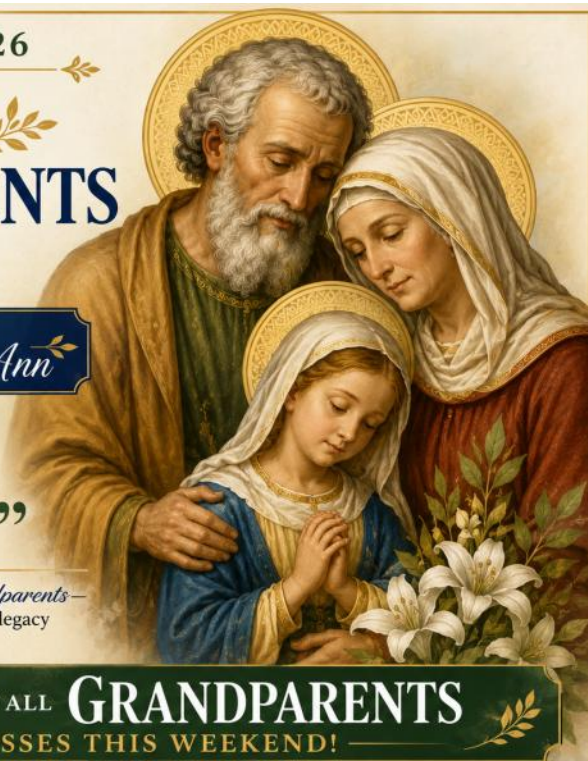
Happy GRANDPARENTS DAY!

FEAST OF
Sts. Joachim and Ann

“Children’s children
are a crown to the aged,
and parents are
the pride of their children.”
— PROVERBS 17:6

Today we honor and give thanks for all *grandparents*—
your love, wisdom, faith, and the precious legacy
you pass on to future generations.

✠ Blessings OF ALL GRANDPARENTS
AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND!





Congratulations Fr. Francisco

May the Lord
continue to bless
you with good
health, abundant
grace, and renewed
strength as you

faithfully
carry out His
mission.
Wishing you
many more
years of joyful
and fruitful
ministry.





**Honoring Father
Francisco Sanchez:
32 Years of Priestly
Ministry**

Deacons and Wives of
Cohort 9, Class of 2021
participated in the mass
at St. Catherine of
Alexandria Church prior
to their gathering
on July 17-19,
2026, at Waimea
Plantation Cottage.



Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day:

Each Sunday when we come together to worship God, we are nourished first by God's word in the readings, psalm, and Gospel and then by Christ's own body in the Eucharist. We may take both for granted, because each is available to us every Sunday, but these are gifts that are meant to be treasured. In today's Gospel, Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a great treasure buried in a field, bought by a person lucky enough to have found it. But we have our treasure right here and right now, given to us by a God of infinite generosity. May we be blessed with the wisdom to see the treasures we have in the word and Eucharist.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

Today's readings engage us on a search for treasure. Given a chance to ask for anything from God, Solomon does not ask for riches, good health, or a long life, but for an understanding heart so that he can rule his people wisely. God gives him the treasure of unparalleled wisdom. In the Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples that the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field or a pearl of great price, each of which leads a person to sell all that they have in order to acquire it. Let us pray for the wisdom to see the treasure we have in our faith and the reward we long for in the kingdom of heaven.

Reflection: The Sunday readings challenge us to consider what we would be willing to give up for the reign of God. Could there be things other than our material goods? What about our attitudes? Can we admit that we are not always, right? Can we allow others to do things in their own way instead of ours? Can we refrain from deciding who is worthy of our time and charity and who isn't? Reflect on what it may mean if you were asked to "sell" your attitudes for the reign of God. *God makes all things work together For the good of those who love him. -Romans 8:28*



Aloha and Welcome, Fr. Preston Passos!

This weekend, we are blessed to welcome Fr. Preston Passos to our parish ohana as he joins us on Kaua'i for a week of rest and vacation. A native of O'ahu, Fr. Preston now serves as a priest of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. He recently concluded 14 years of faithful ministry as Pastor of St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Camarillo, California.

Fr. Preston is also a close friend of Fr. EJ, and we are grateful for his willingness to celebrate the Eucharist with us while Fr. EJ and Fr. Francisco are on O'ahu for the Ordination and Installation of Bishop-Elect Michael Castori.

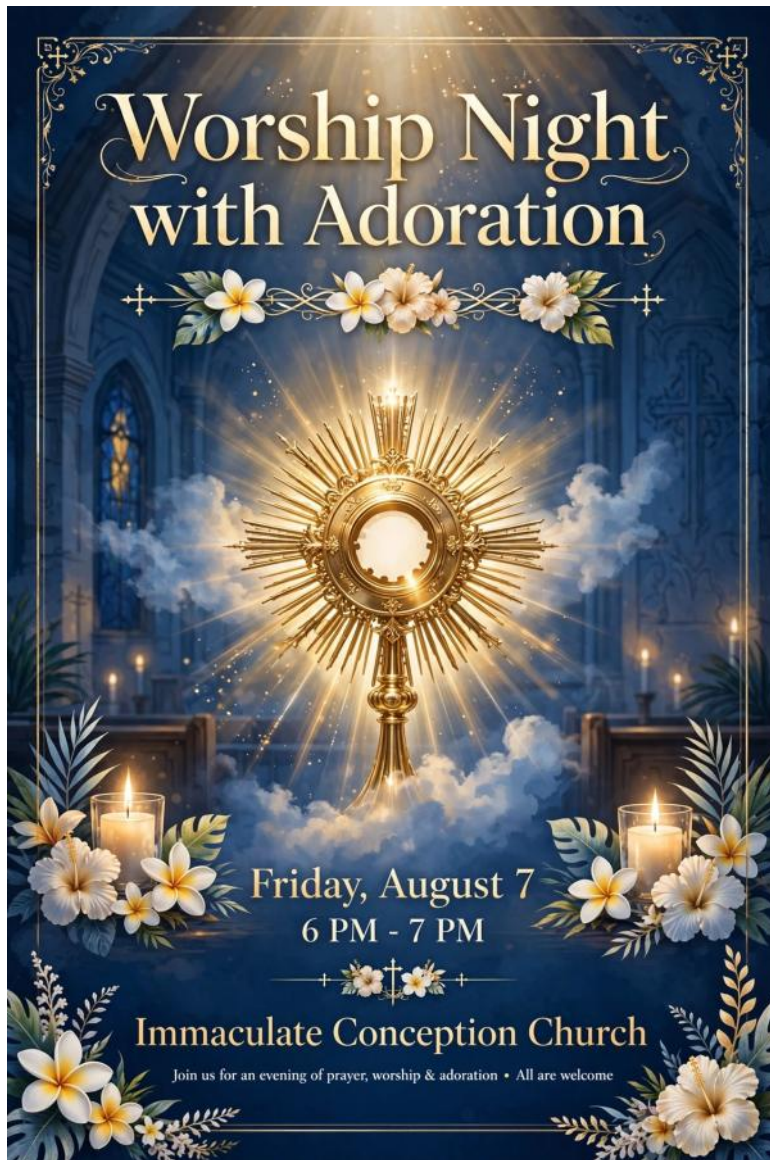
E Komo Mai, Fr. Preston! Welcome to Kaua'i! We are honored to have you with us and wish you a restful, joyful, and blessed stay.

**PRAYER FOR
OUR NEW BISHOP-ELECT**

God, eternal shepherd, you tend your Church in many ways and rule us with love. You have chosen your servant, Rev. Michael T. Castori, to be a shepherd of your flock. Give him a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he build your Church as a sign of salvation for the world. Amen.

Diocesan Motto:
E Hiki Mai Kou Aupuni
Thy Kingdom Come

For anyone interested in watching the Episcopal Ordination and Installation of Jesuit Father Michal T. Castori on Tuesday, July 28 at 10:00 am there will be a livestream broadcast here in St. Catherine of Alexandria Church.



YAC Children's Corner UPDATE

The YAC summer program will continue for the month of August, and Classes are held at the St. Catherine Preschool building.

In addition to the classes, every week Kristy Nagahisa has given her talents, time and treasure to provide for our young people with the reflection on the Sunday Gospel Readings, pages for coloring, interesting stories about Saints, etc. These articles are located by the bell tower entrance/exit door and by the candle stands. **Please, come, see and take-home valuable information for the spiritual growth for our young people made just for you!!**

YAC Program (Young Apostles of Christ) is a global youth movement launched by the MSMHC sisters in 2000 to empower, mentor, and spiritually guide young people.

Dates: August 2, 9, 16, and 30
Time: 8:15 to 9:15 am SCS Preschool Classroom

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.
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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.

Gathered at Table

SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Through shared meals, heartfelt conversation, and prayerful worship, we will explore how **Christ meets us at the table—offering nourishment for both body and soul.** Together, we will discover that the table is more than a place to eat; it is a place to belong, to listen, and to be transformed by God's love made present in one another.

This spiritual retreat is open to adults ages 18 to 39.
Contact Clay Levinthol, (808) 346-1350, for more details.

**AUG
14-16,
2026**

BCHawaii.com

Reserve your seat at the table

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.