

# St Catherine *of Alexandria Parish*



**Reverend EJ Resinto - Pastor**

Reverend Francisco Sanchez - Parochial Vicar

## **MASSES**

St. Catherine Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am ♦ 9:30am ♦ 5:00pm

**Monday - Saturday: 8:00am**

St. Sylvester Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am | Wednesday: 5:30pm

St. William Sunday: 9:00am

## **CONFESSIONS**

St. Catherine: Saturday 4:15pm

St. Sylvester: Saturday 4:15pm

St. William: Upon Request

## **PARISH OFFICE**

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

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## **Mass Intentions**

### ***St. Catherine of Alexandria***

**Monday, July 28**

+Pedro Adriano

**Tuesday, July 29**

+Calvin Eulalio

**Wednesday, July 30**

+Tootie Aiu

**Thursday, July 31**

Kamryn Yates (Bday)

**Friday, Aug 01**

Mona Sheldon(Bday)

**Saturday, August 02**

+Juliet Aiu

**Sunday, August 03**

7:30am +Yvonne Pascua, +Lucena Roldan, +Emelia

Sanchez, +Betty Corpuz, Verlie Aiu (90th Bday)

9:30am +Renee Thronas, +Harold Aiu, +Gregg

Jantz, +Henry Thronas, +Robert Francis Nogushi

5:00pm Miller & Dye Ohana (Ints)

### ***St. Sylvester Church***

**Wednesday, July 30**

5:30PM: +Lori Alapai

**Sunday, August 03**

9AM: +Michelle Dick, +Ellen Rapozo

### ***St. William Church***

**Sunday, August 03**

Verlie Aiu (90th 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. Mass Intention will be published in bulletin. Deadline for publication will be noon on each Wednesday.

## Teach Us to Pray

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

Genesis 18:20–32 | Colossians 2:12–14 | Luke 11:1–13

July 27, 2025

It's probably the most familiar prayer in all of Christianity—the “Our Father.” Many of us can recite it from memory without hesitation. But this weekend, we hear Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer—shorter and sparser than the version we find in Matthew's Gospel.

Luke's version of the prayer is just five petitions long:

“Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test.”  
(Luke 11:2–4)

Compare that to Matthew's fuller version (Matthew 6:9–13), which adds phrases like “**who art in heaven,**” “**thy will be done,**” “**deliver us from evil,**” and ends with the familiar doxology many Christians pray: “**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory...**”

### So why the difference?

Luke writes to a primarily Gentile audience unfamiliar with Jewish prayer customs. **His focus is on relationship and dependence on God.** It's raw, urgent, and pared down to the essentials—almost like a desperate knock at the door in the middle of the night. In contrast, Matthew's version—used in the Sermon on the Mount—is more liturgical, structured for a Jewish-Christian audience familiar with temple prayer, and meant for communal worship.

But in both Gospels, Jesus offers the prayer not as a formula, but as a way of being—a roadmap of intimacy, humility, and trust. The word “**Father**” (**Greek: Abba**) in both versions sets the tone: **not a distant deity, but a God who is personal, relational, and caring.**

The First Reading from Genesis gives us a striking parallel. Abraham dares to intercede for the city of Sodom, respectfully but persistently negotiating with God. “What if there are fifty righteous people? Forty? Thirty? Twenty? Ten?” Abraham's courage is rooted in his trust in God's justice and mercy. Like the disciples who ask Jesus, “**Lord, teach us to pray,**” Abraham models a bold, personal dialogue with the Lord—one that seeks not just answers, but relationship.

Following the prayer, Luke includes two parables: one of a friend persistently knocking at midnight, and the other of a father who gives good things to his children. These aren't just about praying harder—they're about praying confidently, because we are known and loved.

**“Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” (Luke 11:9)**

This is not a vending machine promise. It's a call to faithful, honest, bold relationship with the Father. And the Lord's Prayer becomes the pattern for how we live and trust in that relationship. When we pray as Jesus taught us, we learn to ask for what we need, to seek what truly matters, and to knock at the door of God's will—not just hoping it opens, but trusting that it will.

So, this week, whether you pray the Lord's Prayer in the pews, in your car, with your family, or in the silence of your heart, pray it with fresh eyes and open hands. Let it shape your asking, your seeking, your knocking. And may it always lead you closer to the Father who knows what you need—even before you ask. Amen!



**July 27, 2025 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**2nd Collection - Ohana in Christ**

**07/30 Wednesday**

5:15PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament at SC

**08/02 Saturday**

1:00AM to 12:00PM Food distribution in the playfield

**08/03 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Hospitality Sunday and SS and SC**

2nd Collection—Catholic Charities HI

August Birthday Blessings at All Masses

Gift Shop open in Hall, Sunday Morning hours only

Start Religious Education Registration at SS and SC



## Help Us Clean Out St. Catherine's School!

We're beginning the big job of clearing out **everything** from St. Catherine's School—and we need your help! Old desks, chairs, cabinets, and books need to go, and many hands make light work.

We're looking for **ready, willing, and able-bodied men, women, and youth** to join us for this project.

**Date:** Saturday, August 15, 2025

**Time:** 8:00 AM

**Location:** Behind St. Catherine's School

Come lend a hand, even if it's just for an hour or two.

**Refreshments will be provided.**

Your help will make a big difference—mahalo nui loa!



Anyone interested in entertaining or speaking at Fr. EJ's Pastoral Installation on **Sunday, August 24th after the 5PM Mass?** Dancers and singers are most welcome to

share their musical gifts at this important parish event.

Bishop Larry will be in attendance. OR if you would like to say a few words to welcome Fr. EJ to our parish. Call the Church office and speak to Carmen.

## Mahalo for YOUR Stewardship of Treasure:



**QR code for Online Giving**

**Week of July 20, 2025**

\*\*\*Sunday Offertory

\*\*\*\$ 6299.00

On-Line Offertory \$ 2056.00

Ohana in Christ \$ 258.00

Offertory- direct giving \$ 420.00

Repair & Maintenance \$ 2017.00

Parish Reserve \$ 83.00

Catholic Communication Campaign \$ 25.00

Food Pantry \$ 706.00

### ATTENTION: FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Like-new school supplies are **free for the taking in Coyle Hall**. Available are school shorts, backpacks, pencils, paper and miscellaneous items. This is an effort to help provide needed school supplies for your children as well as clear the former school.

Call the church office during office hours.

### Ohana in Christ COLLECTION

JULY 26 & 27

As one 'ohana in Christ, each of us is called to play an important role in our parishes, our communities, and in the lives of others. We are called to support our brothers and sisters in need and share the Good News of Christ's love for all by the love we show, the hope we provide, and the gifts we give. By supporting the 'Ohana in Christ, you and our entire 'ohana in Christ, work together to answer this call. Thank you for your support, for caring for those around you, and for being a member of this Catholic 'ohana of faith.

### WE pray for the recently deceased

Name: **Genera Texeira**  
Graveside: July 28, Kealia Cemetery



Name: **Renee Thronas**  
Funeral: St. Catherine Church, August 23



### Liturgy of the Day:

When we want something from a friend, whether it's something they have or a favor they could do for us, we normally just go ahead and ask. Jesus tells his disciples today that we should approach God the same way. He assures us that the Father in heaven listens to our prayers and that we should persist in prayer, for we are a needy people, ultimately dependent on God. Our lives are in God's hands and so we pray that God watches over us, forgives us, and has mercy on us, as we proclaim when praying how Jesus taught us.

### Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

Before we hear Jesus teach his disciples to pray, we see Abraham persistently petition God to show mercy toward the people of the city of Sodom. In the Gospel, Jesus confirms how important it is to show this kind of persistence. Our Father in heaven, Jesus teaches us, is generous beyond human generosity, having given the Holy Spirit to be with us always, and so we should freely ask for our needs assured that we will be heard.

### Reflection:

WE believe that God will answer our prayers; but, often wonder why so many of our prayers seem to go unanswered. Do we need to follow a special formula, do something specific, or offer our prayer in a special place? There is no magic involved nor is there a specific criteria we have to follow. These seemingly unanswered prayers are being answered – it just isn't the answer we wanted. The "problem" is not the prayer or how we pray – it is in what we are praying for. A man prayed every day to win the lottery and finally one day God spoke to him: "Buy a ticket!" What do you pray for and do you do your part to make what you ask for possible?

When I called you answered me; you built up strength within me. –Psalm 138:3

**CONVENT WISH LIST:** Our beloved Sisters Rachel and Lucy are soliciting help from anyone to help maintain their yard. They have the tools on hand to do simple mowing and removal of green waste. Hours are flexible.

**HELP! St. Catherine Church bell tower** was recently refurbished due to age and salt-driven winds. Hands and muscle are needed to give it nice coat of paint. Contact the church office for information.



### Attention Parents & Guardians

**Starting August 3rd**, registration forms for our parish Religious Education Program will be available in front of the church of the month of August for classes starting on Sunday, September 7th at St. Catherine & St. Sylvester Churches. If you or your child(ren) need the reception of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation, you will have the opportunity to register during the entire month of August. If you or your child is already baptized, a copy of a baptism certificate is required to complete the registration. If you are seeking baptism for infants to 5 years old, contact the church office. As parents and guardians, you are your children's FIRST CATECHETIST. Call Raina Bautista or Sr. Rachel Marius listed in back of the bulletin to seek how our parish can assist you and yours in faith formation.

### AUGUST MONTH HIGHLIGHTS

Aug 3..... **Start** month-long R.E Registration @ SS & SC

Aug 4..... **Start** 7AM Daily Mass at St. Catherine Church

Aug 6.....**Start** Confession at SC Adoration (5:30PM)

Aug 15.....Admissions Day-Holiday

Aug 16 & 17....2nd Collection-Youth R.E. Programs

Aug 23 & 24....2nd Collection-Ohana in Christ

Aug 24..... **SC 5PM Mass- Fr. EJ Pastoral Installation**  
**With Bishop Larry**

# INSTALLATION AS

*Pastor*

Join us in celebrating the  
installation of  
**Father EJ Resinto as our  
Pastor**

With The Most Reverend  
**BISHOP LARRY SILVA**



**Sunday AUG 24, 2025**  
5pmMass



**St. Catherine Church**  
5021 Kawaihau Rd. Kapaa, HI

**DINNER RECEPTION TO  
FOLLOW IN COYLE HALL**



**PARISH STAFF**

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Pastor: Rev. EJ Resinto ext 225  
 Rev. Francisco Sanchez ext 224  
 Deacon Andy Ragasa 645-1710  
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 Music Ministry  
 Music Director: Sean Texeira 651-0454  
 Larry Rosa 651-5499  
 OCIA: Raina Bautista 634-0756  
 Young Adults: Raina Bautista 634-0756  
 OCIC: Sr. Lucy Salboro .....822-7900

**Youth Ministry**

St. Catherine Middle School: Shanlee Gusman 652-5670

St. Catherine High School:

St. Sylvester: Kierstyn &amp; Jimmy Guerrero. 8:30am Sundays

St. Mary's Convent 808-320-3445

Sacristans

St. Catherine: Sr. Lucy

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**

A 2 year program. Religious Education classes run from August to May

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.

**Eucharist to Homebound**

Deacon Andy 645-1710

**Confirmation**

A 2 year program of instruction, August to May

**Holy Matrimony**

Contact Priest 6 months before the wedding.  
 Diocesan Engaged Encounter required

**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 7:30am, before Daily Mass

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

**Food Pantry** Sam Knepper 808-826-1944

St. Williams every Thursday 4:00pm-6:00pm

St. Catherine every Saturday 11:30am-1:00pm 822-7900

**Lending Library at St. Catherine Church**

Located on the back wall of St. Catherine Church in Kapaa 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 Tuesday 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 &amp; St. Sylvester: Raina Bautista 634-0756

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

~1st Tuesday, Intercessory Prayer at Viado Home

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

Brenda Viado

808-346-1436.

**Text for Prayer Line and more information.**