

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: 7:00am

St. Sylvester Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

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

St. William Sunday: 9:00am

CONFESSIONS

St. Catherine: Saturday 4:15pm Wed 5:30pm

St. Sylvester: Saturday 4:15pm

St. William: Upon Request

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Mass Intentions

St. Catherine of Alexandria

Monday, August 04 +James & +Maryanne Bender

Tuesday, August 05 +Harold Aiu

Wednesday, August 06 +Juliet Aiu

Thursday, July 07 Tyler Yates (Bday)

Friday, August 08 +Tootie Aiu

Saturday, August 08 +Calvin Eulalio

Sunday, August 10 -19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am +Lucena Roldan, +Emelia Sanchez, Claudia

Domingo (Bday), Lori Alapai (Ints of)

9:30am +Renee Thronas, +Buddy Lizama Sr.,

Precious Ypil (Bday)

5PM: Miller / Dye Ohana (Ints of)

St. Sylvester Church

Wednesday, August 06

Sunday, August 10

7am: +Paul Rapozol, +Antone & +Virginia Perreira

St. William Church

Sunday, August 10

9am

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. Intentions will be published in bulletin. Deadline for publication will be noon each Wednesday.

“If Not You, Then Who?”

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 3, 2025

Readings: Eccl 1:2, 2:21–23 | Col 3:1–5, 9–11 | Lk 12:13–21

One of the most deeply rooted convictions of the Christian life is that we are blessed—and because we are blessed, we are also called. Called to be grateful, yes—but also called to respond. Every gift we receive from God is not just for our enjoyment or benefit alone, but is meant to glorify God and to bless others. This, at its heart, is the spirituality of stewardship. Or to use another word that cuts deeper—discipleship.



To be a good steward, a true disciple, means not just recognizing how you’ve been blessed but also being willing to witness that blessing through your actions. As St. James reminds us, faith without action is dead. The readings this weekend urge us to consider: What are we living for? Who are we living for?

Qoheleth in Ecclesiastes tells us, “Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!” It’s a bold line—a sobering reminder that much of what the world chases after will not last. How much time do we spend worrying, striving, or toiling over things that, in the end, don’t draw us any closer to God or to others? As a parish and community of mission churches, we are called to live differently—to use our time well, and not just for ourselves.

In his letter to the Colossians, St. Paul gives us practical wisdom. If we want to live with purpose, if we want to glorify God, we must “seek what is above” and “put on the new self.” In other words, we need to constantly strip away the fears, doubts, and self-centeredness that hold us back from truly serving.

I say this with a pastoral heart and deep respect: here in our parish and our mission churches, there’s a real sense that many are hesitant to serve. There’s talk about what needs to change, but not enough action. There are hopes for a more vibrant community—but few are stepping forward to build it.

And so, I offer this reflection, as a challenge born of love: If not you, then who? That phrase comes from a priest support group I’m part of. When ministry gets tough—when volunteers are scarce, or conflict stirs, or resources run low—we remind each other with that line: “If not you, then who?” Because the truth is, God doesn’t always call the most qualified, but He always equips the ones He calls.

If you want your parish to be more welcoming, more alive, more faithful—do something about it! Don’t wait for someone else to lead, to volunteer, to contribute. Start with prayer. Discern what God is asking of you. And then act. Remember: serving isn’t limited to what happens inside the church building.

Stewardship is a way of life. In our homes, schools, workplaces, and communities—we are called to reflect God’s love, generosity, and mercy. Jesus reminds us in today’s Gospel that life is not about material gain or personal status. It’s not even about how much we do or how many ministries we serve in. It’s about glorifying God with what we’ve been given.

That’s what matters. That’s what lasts. So, I ask you—what are your blessings? What gifts of time, talent, or treasure has God given to you? And how will you use them to bring Him glory? Let’s not be afraid to be different from the world. Let’s not be afraid to serve.

If not you, then who?

With Love and respect,

Fr. EJ

August 3, 2025 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Hospitality Sunday at SS and SC
 2nd Collection—Catholic Charities
 August Birthday Blessings at All Masses
 Gift Shop open in Hall, Sunday Morning hours only
 Start Religious Education Registration at SS and SC

08/04 Monday: Start 7:00AM Daily Mass at St. Catherine

08/06 Wednesday

5:30PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament at SC
Reconciliation during Adoration Hour

08/09 Saturday

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

08/10 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cont. 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 16, 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 27, 2025

Sunday Offertory

\$ 7015.22

On-Line Offertory

\$ 2327.00

Peter's Pence

\$ 25.00

Ohana in Christ

\$ 2758.25

Offertory- direct giving

\$ 6574.00

Repair & Maintenance

\$ 333.00

Parish Reserve

\$ 201.00

Gift Shop

\$ 160.00

FCC

\$ 300.00

Cross We Share

\$ 20.00

RE Youth Ministry

\$ 20.00

HAWAII CATHOLIC CHARITIES AUGUST 2 AND 3

Serving Hawai'i since 1947, Catholic Charities Hawai'i provides a wide range of social services with dignity, compassion, social justice, and a commitment to excellence. Through programs and advocacy efforts, Catholic Charities Hawai'i serves all people, especially those with the greatest need, regardless of their faith or culture. As part of the largest private network of social service organizations in the United States, Catholic Charities Hawai'i offers much needed programs and services statewide, serving 40,000 individuals each year. Mahalo in advance for your generosity.

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.

WE pray for the recently deceased

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



**St. Catherine's Parish
and St. Sylvester & St. William Churches**

**INSTALLATION AS
PASTOR**

FR. EJ RESINTO

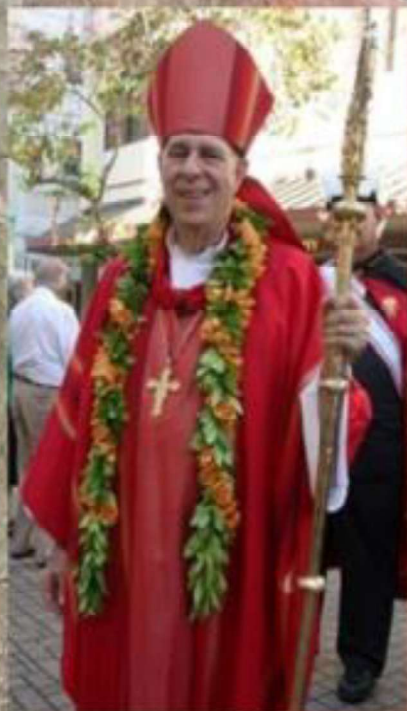
W/ BISHOP LARRY SILVA

SUN. AUG. 24, 2025

**5:00PM MASS
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
IN COYLE HALL**

5021a Kawaihau Rd.

Kapaa, HI 94746



Liturgy of the Day:

"You can't take it with you." It's a reminder that the wealth we accumulate in this world does not transfer to the next. In our secular society, this saying often applies that you should spend your wealth now while you can enjoy it, but our faith demands that we look at wealth differently. Building up material wealth is irrelevant to our vocation as disciples and can distract us from what is truly important. Let us lift our hearts and raise our voices to God, who is the source of our true wealth.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

"Vanities of vanities," we hear right off the bat today, a condemnation of our inclination to labor and obsess over the many material goods we have or hope to accumulate. In the Gospel, Jesus invites us to listen to a parable that addresses this pointless avarice. We get to hear the surprise awaiting the rich man whose harvest was so huge his barns couldn't hold it. In between, we hear Saint Paul's advice to the Colossians: "seek what is above." It's too late for the rich man in Jesus' parable, but it's always timely advice for us.

Reflection: The readings this Sunday focus our attention on acquiring wealth. We all would like to live comfortably and not have to worry about paying bills. Our society encourages us to want more and more. From corporations to individuals, it seems we can never have enough. But what is our wealth for? Where do our Gospel values come in? If we have more than we need, do we share it? If we are in need, do we refuse the charity offered us? The giver needs the receiver – they are a mutual blessing and both require humility. In giving, we need to be mindful of the receiver's dignity and not act condescendingly or make them feel indebted to us. We could not give anything if there was no one willing to receive what we have to offer. We also need to be humble enough to admit when we need help and allow others to give to us.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. - psalm 95:7-8

Attention Parents & Guardians

Starting August 3rd, registration forms for our parish **Religious Education Program** will be available in front of the church 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.

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.



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** 5:30 Adoration with Confession
- 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

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645-1710

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822-7900

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651-0454

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634-0756

Young Adults: Raina Bautista

634-0756

OCIC: Sr. Lucy Salboro

Youth Ministry

St. Catherine Middle School: Shanlee Gusman 652-5670

St. Catherine High School:

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

St. Mary's Convent

808-320-3445

Sacristans

St. Catherine: Sr. Lucy Salboro

822-7900

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 MatrimonyContact 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 & 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.