

# 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 4:15pm    Wed 5:30pm

St. Sylvester: Saturday 4:15pm

St. William: Upon Request

## **PARISH OFFICE**

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**Sunday 8:00am to Noon**

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Parish website: [www.kauaistcatherine.church](http://www.kauaistcatherine.church)

## **Mass Intentions**

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

**Monday, August 18**      +Delpidio Labuguen

**Tuesday, August 19**    +Juan & +Cornelia Bellisco

**Wednesday, August 20**    +Maximo Valdez

**Thursday, July 21**      +John Lapean

**Friday, August 22**      +Lucena Roldan

**Saturday, August 23**      +Lucena Roldan

**Sunday, August 24**

7:30am +Emelia Sanchez, +Zola Ingram,

+Ulyses Basug, Linda Lopatka (Bday)

9:30am +Sr. Florence Remata, +Renee Thronas,

+Praxedes Duran, +Wally Jaymes, Dye Ohana (Ints)

5:00pm: +Conrado & +Ofelia Resinto,

+David & +Dorothy Texeira

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

**Wednesday, August 20**

**Sunday, August 24**      +Una Devlin Lynch

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

**Sunday, August 24**

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. Intention will be published in bulletin and announced at designated Mass.



The Truth Hurts... But Sets Us Free  
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 17, 2025  
Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 / Hebrews 12:1-4 / Luke 12:49-53

We've all heard the saying: "The truth hurts." And yes—that's the truth of the matter. Whether it comes through confrontation or constructive criticism, the truth can sting. Sometimes it leaves us insulted or discouraged. Other times it humbles us, helping us to grow beyond our weaknesses and flaws.

The way we respond to truth makes all the difference. We can react defensively—firing back with our own criticisms—or we can respond with humility, saying, "Thank you," and discerning how we might change for the better. The truth may hurt, but it should never lead us to anger.

We see this reality clearly in today's readings. In the first reading, the prophet Jeremiah speaks God's truth to Israel, calling them to repentance. His words are not well received—so much so that he is imprisoned and condemned to death. Yet Jeremiah remains faithful. He does not stop speaking the truth, and he does not give in to anger or bitterness.

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks a hard truth: "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." At first this sounds shocking. Is Jesus promoting conflict? No—He is forewarning us that the truth of the Gospel will cause division, even in families, because His message is often counter to the ways of the world.

Throughout His ministry, Jesus challenged people to think beyond societal norms: eating with sinners, speaking with women, healing the outcast, and proclaiming that His Body and Blood bring eternal life. His mission was one of peace, mercy, and the Father's love—but also one of repentance and conversion. Like the prophets before Him, speaking the truth would lead to His rejection, suffering, and death... yet also to the salvation of the world.

Living the truth will never be easy. Sometimes it will cause strain in our relationships, even with those closest to us. Families can be divided over politics, values, faith, or generational differences. In such times, we must never water down the truth or conform to the secular world. But we must also speak the truth with love, never with anger, for "God is love."

This week, instead of looking for an argument, let us pray—for unity in our homes, our parish, our island, and our world. May the loving truth of Jesus warm the hearts of those who are hurt or divided. And may we, with courage and charity, be empowered to witness to Christ's truth—so that all may be set ablaze with the fire of His love.

**August 17, 2025 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 2nd Collection - Youth Religious Education  
 Religious Education Registration at SS and SC cont's

**08/20 Wednesday**

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

**08/23 Saturday**

11:00AM to 12:00PM Food distribution in the playfield

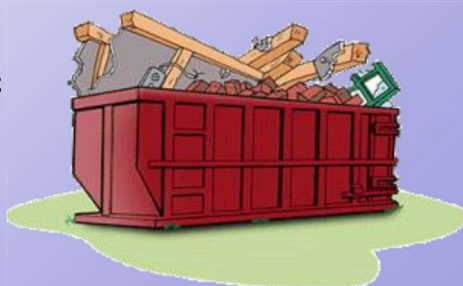
**08/24 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

2nd Collection—Ohana in Christ  
 Religious Education Registration at SS and SC cont's

**Mahalo to the many hands who came forward to work along side Fr. EJ to help clear out our former school this past Saturday , August 16th.**

The disposal container will be on property till Labor Day, so call the church office if there's still some left over work to do.

What a fantastic display of stewardship



Mary Lardizabal and Sr. Rachel are cordially inviting children of all ages to join St. Catherine's Children Choir. Practice will be held the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 6PM after the 5PM Mass starting, Sunday September 14th.



Contact Sr. Rachel or Mary Lardizabal at [rmaurius@rcchawaii.org](mailto:rmaurius@rcchawaii.org).

When you sing in church .... you're praying twice.

## Mahalo for YOUR Stewardship of Treasure:



**QR code for Online Giving**

**Week of August 10, 2025**

Sunday Offertory

	\$ 8030.56
On-Line Offertory	\$ 3659.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 450.00
Ohana in Christ	\$ 50.00
Offertory- direct giving	\$ 1079.81
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 50.00
Parish Reserve	\$ 500.00
Parish Food Pantry	\$ 127.81
Youth/RE .....	\$ 352.82
Donations	\$ 342.36

### YOUTH R.E. COLLECTION– August 16/17

This Collection will be specifically funding the parish Religious Education program. This will encompass the sacramental preparation for First Eucharist, Confirmation and the Youth and Middle School programs as well as Adult Faith Formation. Your donation supports catechetical workshops , teaching implements, student retreats, an in-depth curriculum filled with engaging lessons with a multitude of meaningful activities.

We are grateful for your support.

### 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 Congratulate the recently married

Name: Jonah and Iyanah Stein

### 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**

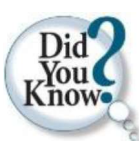


**Liturgy of the Day:** Today's second reading speaks of a great cloud of witnesses, perhaps referring to the large number of Christians who gave witness to their faith through their words and actions. Baptized in the Lord, we are those witnesses now. Looking around and seeing our faith community gathered here today, let us think of ourselves as a "great cloud of witnesses," assured of each others' support and encouragement as we live out our discipleship to the Lord.

### **Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:**

Today's readings are difficult to hear. Jeremiah's preaching so inflamed the people of Judah that he was thrown into a pit to die. Jesus warned his disciples that he came to inflame people so much that parents would turn against their children and vice versa. Nevertheless, says the author of Hebrews, we must persevere in our faith, endure our cross, and resist sin, so that one day we may find the joy that lies before us. As we suffer hardships on our journey to the Lord, may God's word encourage us to never give up.

**Reflection:** Some preachers tell their people that if they make Jesus their Lord, everything will be fine and all will be well. That is not the message that Jesus gave us. He was very clear that to follow him would be difficult and bring us suffering and rejection. So why should we even try? The peace and joy that comes with our discipleship is not based on earthly things. It is found in trying to do God's will everyday. It comes from being in tune with God and trusting that no matter what happens, God's love and grace will be with us. It is God's peace that our souls are secure and we know that all will be well no matter what is happening around us. *Though I am afflicted and poor, yet the Lord thinks of me. -psalm 40:17*



... that parishioners are able to rent Coyle Hall for private parties? Call the church office to inquire about holding your birthday or graduation parties, family reunions, weddings or any gatherings in our parish hall. Conveniently located and lots of parking.

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

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

**Aug 24 St Catherine 5:00PM**  
**Mass - Fr. EJ Pastoral**  
**Installation With Bishop Larry**

*See you there!*

**Father EJ Installation**  
**Pupu and beverage**  
**bar open at 6:00PM.**  
**Full dinner menu.**  
**Light entertainment.**





St. Catherine Parish  
Middle + High School Youth Ministries

# KICK-OFF RETREAT



## & PARENT MEETING



SATURDAY 9/6/25 – SUNDAY 9/7/25

St. Sylvester Church – Kilauea

### **Drop-Off/Registration + Parent Meeting**

**9/6/25 – 3:00 pm**

- Parents will have the opportunity to meet our parish middle + high school Youth Ministers. Our YMs will go over our 2025-2026 calendar, our curriculum, expectations, and answer any questions you may have.

### **'Ohana Time + Pick-up**

**9/7/25 – 11:00 am – 2:00 pm**

- Families of youth attending retreat are invited to join us for lunch + some waterslide fun!

### **RSVP by 9/1/25:**

**Raina Bautista – (808)634-0756 – [scpyouthministrykauai@gmail.com](mailto:scpyouthministrykauai@gmail.com)**

### **St. Catherine Youth Ministers:**

- Shanlee Gusman, Jonah Stein + Iyanah Wiltshire-Stein

### **St. Sylvester Youth Ministers:**

- Kierstyn + Jimmy Guerrero

## PARISH STAFF

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Pastor: Rev. EJ Resinto

ext 225

Rev. Francisco Sanchez

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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: Raina Bautista

634-0756

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

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 6:30am, 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 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.