

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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Mass Intentions

St. Catherine of Alexandria

Monday, August 25 Eddie Kauo (Birthday)
Tuesday, August 26 +Julia Lizama
Wednesday, August 27 +Marcela Maglinte
Thursday, July 28 +Raymond Aiu
Friday, August 29 +Raymond Aiu
Saturday, August 30 Sr. Luci (Birthday)
Sunday, August 31
7:30am +Emelia Sanchez, +Zola Ingram, Jessica Marchant (healing)
9:30am +Taka Sokei, +Dye Ohana (Thanksgiving),

+Sr, Annie Joseph, +Renee Thronas

5:00pm Kekoa Umalla (Birthday)

St. Sylvester Church

Wednesday, August 27

Sunday, August 31

St. William Church

Sunday, August 31

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.



The Discipline of the Lord: A Path to Perfection

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 24, 2025

In this Sunday's second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews, we hear words that can be both challenging and consoling: **"The Lord disciplines the one he loves" (Hebrews 12:6)**. At first, that can sound harsh—why would a loving God allow us to struggle? But the author of Hebrews reminds us that **discipline is not punishment**; it is the loving care of a Father who wants His children to grow strong, holy, and whole.

The Letter to the Hebrews presents Jesus to us as the great High Priest—the One who knows our human weakness, shares in our suffering, and yet transforms it into salvation. Unlike the priests of the Old Covenant, who offered temporary sacrifices, Jesus offered Himself once and for all on the Cross. His sacrifice was not only perfect—it made us perfect in God's eyes. **Through Him, we are drawn into God's family and invited to live a life that is priestly, offering our joys, struggles, and daily lives as a "sacrifice of praise" to the Father.**

This is good news for us when life feels heavy. Christ Himself was "made perfect" through suffering—not because He lacked anything, but because His human nature, like ours, was fully tested, refined, and glorified. In the same way, when we face trials, God is not abandoning us. Rather, **He is shaping us, strengthening us, and drawing us into deeper communion with His Son.**

So, if you are carrying a cross right now, if you are suffering in any way, and or struggling to understand why you have this cross or pain, take heart: **Jesus walks with you**. His wounds are the very sign of His love and His solidarity with us. As Hebrews says, "lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees" (12:12). God's discipline is always ordered toward life, hope, and peace. It is the Father's way of making us more like Christ—capable of divine life and ready for the joy of eternal glory.

Respectfully,
Father EJ Ikaika Resinto

Liturgy of the Day: Anyone who has driven often on highways can recall times in which traffic has slowed to a standstill because of a bottleneck, when multiple lanes of traffic must funnel down to a single open lane. This contemporary phenomenon is analogous to Jesus' words today about getting into heaven. Jesus says people will come from every direction but must pass through a narrow gate to enter. Let us accept this challenge, patiently following that narrow path.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

God reveals to Isaiah that people from far and wide will be welcomed to the holy city, Jerusalem. The psalmist also invites people of every nation to glorify God. Centuries later, Jesus affirms that people from every point of the compass will be welcomed into the kingdom of God. That having been said, getting in is not easy and some will be sent away. May we embrace God's discipline, in the spirit in which it is explained in the second reading today, recognizing that it is offered out of God's great love for us.

Reflection:

Each of us will receive as we have given. What can be given to someone whose hands are closed? If we hold on tightly to what we have, we cannot receive anything. However, if we open our hands to help others, then we can also receive from others. We will not be judged on how well we kept the rules, how often we went to church or even how much we put in the collection box. Instead we will be asked how we helped others, how we cared for the least among us, how we used our gifts to build up our community. We will make mistakes and even fail miserably at times; but, the key is to keep trying. Each day is a new opportunity to walk with the Lord and share God's love with everyone we meet.

Steadfast is his kindness toward us, and the fidelity of the Lord endures forever. -Psalm 117:2

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 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.**

PARISH STAFF

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Pastor: Rev. EJ Resinto

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Deacon Andy Ragasa

645-1710

Administrative Assistant: Carmen Nakasone

822-7900

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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 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 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.

August 24, 2025 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection - Ohana in Christ

Religious Education Registration at SS and SC

08/27 Wednesday

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

08/30 Saturday

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

08/31 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Religious Education Registration at SS and SC

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

Peace Pole Blessing

Please join us near Coyle Hall after 7 AM Mass on Wednesday, Sept. 17, for the 6th annual St. Catherine Peace Pole blessing as we celebrate the International Day of Peace.

You are invited to bring your written prayers for peace which we will place inside the hollow peace pole at the end.

May Peace Prevail on Earth.

OCIA and OCIC

Our Parish OCIA and OCIC programs will soon be beginning for the year, and enrollment is currently in progress. If you know of someone who may be interested in the programs, please contact our parish office.

Mahalo for YOUR Stewardship of Treasure:



QR code for Online Giving

**Week of August 17,
2025**

Sunday Offertory

\$ 6500.00

On-Line Offertory

\$ 1819.00

Catholic Charities

\$ 57.00

Ohana in Christ

\$ 10.00

Offertory- direct giving

\$ 170.00

Repair & Maintenance

\$ 323.00

Parish Reserve

\$ 73.00

Parish Food Pantry

\$ 203.00

Youth Ministry/RE

\$ 2729.96

Catholic Communications

\$ 50.00

Cross We Share

\$ 20.00

Youth Ministry—High School

\$ 5028.00

SECOND COLLECTION- OHANA IN CHRIST-August 23 & 24

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.

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.

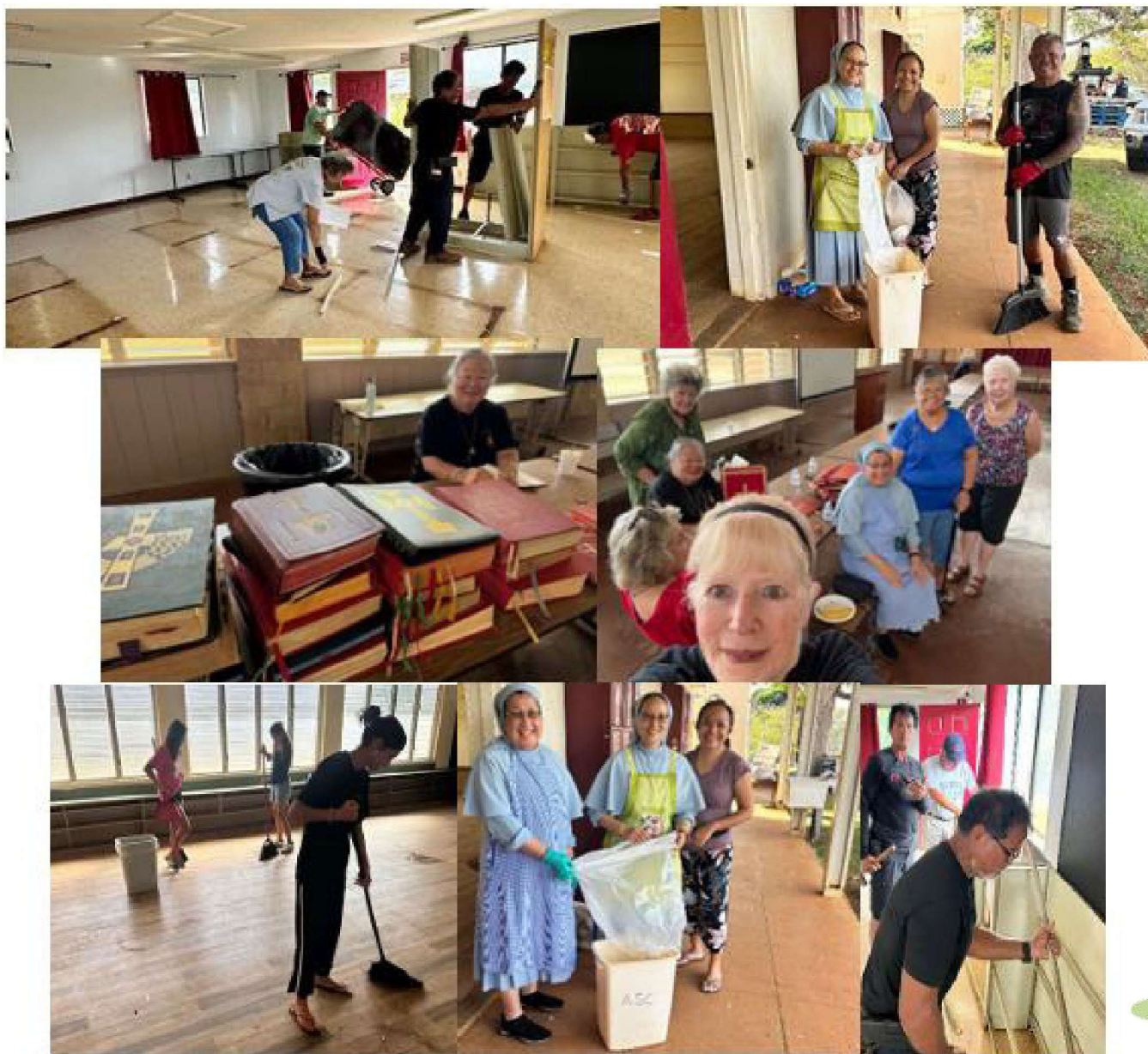
WE Pray for the recently deceased

Name: Renee Thronas

Funeral: St. Catherine Church, August 23



"Celebrating Our Heroes in
Action: Thank You, Volunteers!"



We sincerely thank everyone who volunteered their time and energy to help clear out our school.

Your support made a big difference, and we truly appreciate your willingness to step in and assist with this important task.

Whether you were lifting, dumping, sweeping, dismantling, organizing the lunch, or just lending a hand wherever it was needed-your effort and teamwork did not go unnoticed. Thanks to you, the space is now better prepared for the next chapter, and we couldn't have done it without your help.

Thank you again for your hard work and dedication. We are grateful to have such a supportive community.





St. Catherine Parish
Middle + High School Youth Ministries

KICK-OFF RETREAT

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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!*

RSVPb

Raina Bautista - (808)634-0756 - scpyouthministrykauai@gmail.com

St. Catherine Youth Ministers:

- **Shanlee Gusman, Jonah Stein + Iyanah Wiltshire-Stein**

St. Sylvester Youth Ministers:

- **Kierstyn + Jimmy Guerrero**

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
5pm Mass



St. Catherine Church
5021 Kawaihau Rd. Kapaa, HI

**DINNER RECEPTION TO
FOLLOW IN COYLE HALL**

