

# 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, Sept 08** +Zola Indram

**Tuesday, Sept 09** La'alea Nakasone (Bday)

Wednesday, Sept 10 +Maria Adriano

**Thursday, Sept 11** +Catherine Galvez

**Friday, Sept 12** +Pedro Adriano

**Saturday, Sept 13** +Dominador Velasco

**Sunday, Sept 14**

7:30am +Renee Thronas, +Emelia Sanchez, Arleen Ver (Bday), +Wayne & Stephanie Rapozo, Jessica Marchant (Healing)

9:30 am +Taka Sokei, +Renee Thronas, +Bessie Garbo, +Leroy Newman, Ashley Lum (B-day)  
5:00pm Dye Ohana (Thanksgiving)

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

**Wednesday, Sept 10**

**Sunday, Sept 14** Audry Silva (Thanksgiving)

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

**Sunday, Sept 14**

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.



## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 7, 2025

Wis 9:13-18 / Philemon 9-10, 12-17 / Lk 14:25-33

### **Bend but Do Not Break!**

American writer and naturalist Harold “Hal” Borland once said, *“If you want to know strength and patience, welcome the company of trees.”* We see this truth all around us in nature, especially here in Hawaii. Think of the mighty coconut tree: tall, graceful, and resilient. When storms and strong winds blow through, the coconut tree bends low—sometimes nearly to the ground—but it does not break.

That same image is a powerful reminder for our Christian lives. We too are called to be strong and patient, to bend but not break in the face of trials. In today’s Gospel, Jesus challenges the large crowd that has begun to follow Him. Many were drawn by His fame, His healings, or His boldness against leaders—but Jesus makes clear that to truly be His disciple requires something deeper. He speaks with strong words: a disciple must place God above everything else, even family and one’s own life.

This is not a call to reject our loved ones, but to love God first and most. The Second Vatican Council reminds us that Christians must “strive to please God rather than men, always ready to abandon everything for Christ.” True discipleship means loving more, and loving better, with God at the center.

But Jesus also tells us the truth: following Him is not easy. Discipleship comes with a cost—the cross. Throughout the Gospel, Jesus is journeying toward Jerusalem and the cross, where His ultimate sacrifice will take place. He endured insults, beatings, and death, yet He did not break. The wood of the cross—the new tree of life—became the very instrument of our salvation. The cross is our symbol of strength and patience. It bends, but never breaks.

This week, we might ask ourselves: *How can I turn my sufferings into salvation?* Each of us carries a cross—financial struggles, health concerns, family tensions, or the challenge of living faithfully in a world that often pushes against faith. To be Catholic today can feel like a cross! Yet these crosses are not meant to crush us. Instead, they can turn our eyes to Christ, helping us walk His way with courage.

Discipleship is never easy, but Jesus promises that those who follow Him and love Him above all things will share in His glory. So, brothers and sisters, embrace the cross. Trust that God is with you in the struggle. And remember: with faith, with strength, and with patience—like the coconut tree—we can bend, but never break.

**September 7, 2025 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**2nd Collection—Catholic University of America**  
 Hospitality Sunday at SC and SS  
 Birthday Blessings at all Masses  
 Gift Shop in morning hour in Coyle Hall  
 First Day of Religious Education at SC and SS

**09/10 Wednesday**

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

**09/13 Saturday**

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

**09/14 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:15AM R.E. Classes at SC and SS  
 8:15AM R.E. Parent Meeting in Coyle Hall

**Parish Town Hall Meeting**

Join us for a **Parish Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, September 28 at 11:30 a.m. in Coyle Hall.** This is your chance to share your thoughts, hopes, and love for our parish as we plan for the future together.

Let's come together with prayer, and vision to strengthen our parish community and celebrate the spirit of St. Catherine Parish! A light lunch will be provided.



Help is needed to complete the clearing of the school campus. **If you have a pickup truck and/or trailer, a few items such as old tires, skips and miscellaneous metal scraps needs to be dumped in Lihue.** Bob Farias can be contacted at 808-652-0628 to coordinate the work. Many hands made the work lighter when the parish came together on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> for the massive emptying of classrooms. It was wonderful to witness an awesome day of stewardship.

**Save-The-Date invitation for the 6th annual St. Catherine Peace Pole blessing**

September 17,  
 Wednesday After  
 7AM Mass, about  
 7:45 AM  
 Next to the Peace  
 Pole near Coyle  
 Hall



**Mahalo for YOUR  
 Stewardship of Treasure:**



**QR code for Online Giving**

**Week of August 31,  
 2025**

Sunday Offertory

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
|                          | \$ 7161.00 |
| On-Line Offertory        | \$ 2056.00 |
| Catholic Charities       | \$ 30.00   |
| Ohana in Christ          | \$ 40.00   |
| Offertory- direct giving | \$ 395.00  |
| Repair & Maintenance     | \$ 258.00  |
| Parish Reserve           | \$ 383.00  |
| Parish Food Pantry       | \$ 506.00  |
| Youth Ministry/RE        | \$ 120.00  |
| SC Roof R&M              | \$ 2126.00 |

**CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA  
 COLLECTION SEPT- 6 & 7**

Next weekend, our Diocese will take up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university, in the heart of Washington, D.C., with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250m academic programs. Be giving to this Collection, you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed by exceptional, faith-rooted education. The University's various research and training initiatives support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. A few examples of how the University serves the Church and nation include: The Catholic Project, an initiative that aims to heal the breach of trust many have experienced as a result of the crisis in the Church; a master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management; and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers. Mahalo

**WE Pray for the recently deceased**

Name: Leroy Newman

(Beatrice Lemke-Newman)

Funeral: September 24 at St. Catherine Church





# 5 Reasons Your Child Should Be an Altar Server

- 1 'GET TO MASS OR CHURCH SERVICES ON TIME
- 2 ALTAR SERVERS ARE ACTIVELY INVOLVED DURING THE MASS
- 3 BEING AN ALTAR SERVER MEANS HANDS-ON LEARNING
- 4 BEING AN ALTAR SERVER MAY ENCOURAGE FUTURE RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS
- 5 BEING AN ALTAR SERVER IS A CHANCE TO MEET OTHERS FROM THE PARISH



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**Altar Server's Workshops at St. Catherine Church:**

Wednesday, September 24 at 6:30 p.m. **OR**

Saturday, September 27 at 8:30 a.m.

Commissioning at all weekend Masses on September 27-28, 2025

## Liturgy of the Day:

Over the last two thousand years, Jesus has been given many titles, from Bread of Life to Our Savior. One of his first titles, going back to when he first stood and proclaimed God's Word in the synagogue, is Rabbi, or Teacher. How appropriate to focus on the that title on this First Sunday of September, a time of year when millions of young people are returning to school. Today we hear Jesus teach the crowds what it means to be a disciple. May he teach us as well as we gather together in his name.

## Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

Jesus, our teacher, offers lessons today on being a disciple. These lessons can be difficult – we must carry our own crosses, we must renounce all our possessions, we even must hate our own family—but we gather as a family of faith in this place to hear them and reflect on them. The words of Wisdom may help, as they point out that as much as we try, we cannot possibly conceive the mind of God. Therefore, with faith and humility, let us listen to God's Word.

**Reflection:** We like to think that we are in control of our lives. We make choices everyday that affect the course of our lives. At the same time we are subjected to forces we cannot control - from the actions of Mother Nature to the actions of other people. When things go "wrong" we blame God and when they go "right" we pat ourselves on the back. The truth is that the only thing we can control is ourselves- our choices and actions. Not matter what happens, whether it appears to be good or bad, the important thing is how we respond. It is pointless to blame others or God. We need to look at what we can do and pray for the grace to do it. God is with us and will help us no matter what happens as long as we are open to his grace. Let God be your guide.

Teach us to number our days aright that we may gain wisdom of heart. -psalm 90:12

St. Catherine Parish **OCIA-Teens (grades 6 - 12)** classes will begin this coming **Tuesday, September 9 at 4:00pm as well as OCIA (Adults 18 and older) at 6:00pm** in the New Religious Education Resource Center (previously the St. Catherine School Kindergarten Classroom). OCIA welcomes non-Catholics or previously uninitiated Catholics to journey toward full communion and receive the sacraments of initiation: [Baptism](#), [Confirmation](#), and [Eucharist](#). It's a comprehensive, no-obligation spiritual formation program that involves prayer, study, discussion, and community life, helping participants explore their faith and grow in their relationship with God and the Church. For more information, please call Sr. Rachel or Raina Bautista (whose number is listed in the back of the bulletin).

## SEPTEMBER MONTH HIGHLIGHTS

Sept 6/7-.....2nd Collection-University of America

Sept 6-.....R.E. Retreat at SS-see bulletin

Sept 6/7-.....Hospitality Sunday at SC & SS

Sept 7-.....FIRST DAY of R.E. at SC & SS

Sept 14 .....R.E. Parent Meeting in Hall

Sept 17-.....Peace Pole Blessing at SC

Sept 20/21 .....2nd Collection- Ohana in Christ

Sept 21 .....Filipino Catholic Club Breakfast

Sept 20-21 ..... Catechetical Sunday-Commissioning

Sept 24 ..... ALTARS SERVERS training at SC

Sept 27/28 .....Commissioning of Altar Servers at SC

Sept 27/28 .....2nd Collection- Repair & Maintenance

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.



## PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. EJ Resinto Fax 822-3014 ext 225  
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Music Director: Sean Texeira 651-0454  
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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.

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 & 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.**