

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 15 Blaise K Aki Jr. (Bday)

Tuesday, Sept 16 +Rudy Lasquete

Wednesday, Sept 17 +Antonio Valvieja

Thursday, Sept 18 +Delpidio Labuguen

Friday, Sept 19 +Segundo Pia

Saturday, Sept 20 Isaiah Yates (Bday)

Sunday, Sept 21

7:30am +Brian Labuguen, +Emelia Sanchez, +Zola Ingram, +Harold Aiu, +Juliet Aiu

9:30am +Caira Nakasone, +Taka Sokei, +Renee Thronas, John Katz (Bday), Simone Aki (Bday)

5:00pm Dye Ohana (Thanksgiving)

St. Sylvester Church

Wednesday, Sept 17

Sunday, Sept 21 Audrey Silva (In Thanksgiving)

St. William Church

Sunday, Sept 21

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.



Called to Be Saints: Inspired by St. Carlo Acutis and St. Pier Giorgio Frassati

Last weekend the Universal Church celebrated in the canonization of two remarkable young men—**St. Carlo Acutis** and **St. Pier Giorgio Frassati**—whose lives affirm that holiness is alive and within reach in our own time.

Who Are These New Saints?

St. Carlo Acutis (1991–2006) - Newly canonized on September 7, 2025, by Pope Leo XIV. - A British-born Italian teenager known as "God's Influencer" and a relatable icon—often pictured in jeans, hoodies, and Nike sneakers, ***proving the Church can celebrate a saint in modern attire!*** - Patron titles: widely regarded as the patron saint of the Internet; also considered an intercessor for fertility by some. - Feast Day:

October 12, the anniversary of his death at age 15. - Cause of death: leukemia, which he offered up for the Pope and the Church. - His mother, Antonia Salzano Acutis, is still alive and continues to share his story worldwide.

St. Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901–1925) - Also canonized on September 7, 2025, by Pope Leo XIV. - A passionate layman, mountaineer, and Dominican tertiary, known for his joyous spirit, charity, and love for the outdoors and the poor. - Patron of students, young Catholics, mountaineers, skiers, youth groups, Catholic Action, Dominican tertiaries, and more. - Feast Day: July 4, the day he died at age 24. - Cause of death: polio, contracted while serving the poor in Turin.

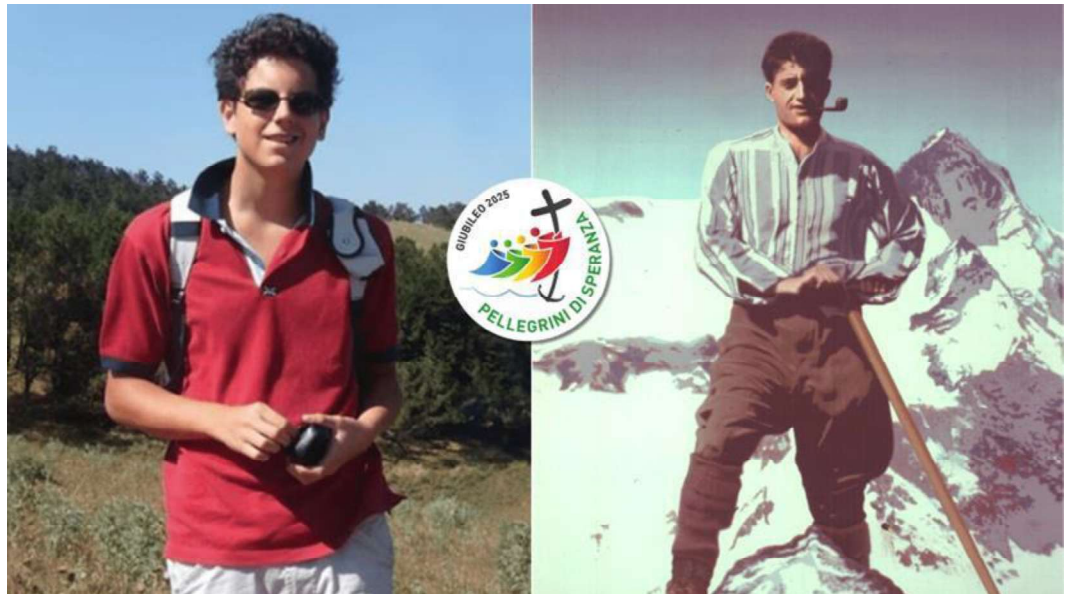
A “Millennial Saint” and a Young Mountaineer: How They Speak to Us

As a millennial myself, I find it deeply encouraging that someone so close to my own generation—Carlo Acutis—has been declared a saint. His familiarity with today's worlds—technology, video games, social media—makes his sanctity feel attainable and relatable.

Pier Giorgio Frassati, though from an earlier generation, still resonates profoundly with young people: he reminds us that faith isn't a retreat from life but an invitation to live fully—responding to the Gospel with energy, compassion, and adventure.

The Universal Call to Holiness Ultimately, both saints teach us that by our baptism, we are all called to holiness—not an elite few, but every single one of us. Whether we're managing digital platforms, climbing literal or figurative mountains, or caring for those in need—these saints show us how to bring Christ into today's world.

The goal for ourselves and our loved ones? To become saints. Carlo and Pier Giorgio are proof that the path is open to all. May they intercede for us now and always! Amen.



September 14, 2025 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

R.E. Classes at St. Catherine & St. Sylvester
 8:15AM R.E. Parent Meeting in Coyle Hall
 6:00PM SC Children's Choir Practice

09/17 Wednesday

7:45AM—Peace Pole Blessing
 5:30PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament at SC
Reconciliation during Adoration Hour

09/20 Saturday

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

09/21 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catechetical Sunday
 Commissioning of Catechists-SC 9:30 Mass
 FCC Annual Breakfast-in Coyle Hall
 2nd Collection—Ohana in Christ
 R.E. Classes at St. Catherine and St. Sylvester

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.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support in last weekend's Collection. As a parish, we raised \$2667.00 to support Catholic education and form tomorrow's Catholic leaders. May they continue to use the educational opportunities they receive at the University in service to the Church, our nation and the world.

Women Apostles for Catechesis (WAC)

Sr. Rachel and Sr. Luci of the Missionary Sisters of Christians (MSMHC) cordially invite the women of the parish to join **WAC**. This group collaborates with the MSMHC in its endeavor to carry out the mission of the Church. The Spirituality of WAC is based on the life and teaching of Jesus Christ. The members of WAC are called to follow Jesus faithfully and to share in HIS mission. Are you interested in developing a deeper relationship with Jesus? Join the MSMHC as a lay apostle. Contact Sr. Rachel listed in the back of the bulletin.

Mahalo for YOUR Stewardship of Treasure:



QR code for Online Giving

Week of Sept. 7, 2025

Sunday Offertory

\$ 8597.07

On-Line Offertory	\$ 4971.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 25.00
Ohana in Christ	\$ 25.00
Offertory- direct giving	\$ 805.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 201.00
Parish Reserve	\$ 749.00
Catholic University	\$ 2727.00
Youth Ministry/R.E.	\$ 50.00
SC Roof Repair	\$ 1100.00

SECOND COLLECTION- OHANA IN CHRIST Sept 20/21

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 welcome the recently baptized

Name: **Ren Fernando**

Child of: Christiaan & Tara Fernando
 (of British Columbia)

Name: **Silas Zayne Davila**

Child of: Carolene & Robert Davila
 (of St. Sylvester Church)

WE Pray for the recently deceased

Name: **Leroy Newman**

(Beatrice Lemke-Newman)

Funeral: September 24 at St. Catherine Church

Young Apostles of Christ

Join us for Scripture-based activities and games

Inviting All Students in
Grades K-5

Contact Sr. Luci
(808)822-7900 ex5

Monday 2:30PM-3:30PM
held in PreSchool Room
St. Catherine Parish



They say that children are the future of the Church. Nay, they are already in the pews. You, as their parents and guardians, are their first catechists. Our parish is here to assist you to help guide them by faith, reason and a well-formed conscience, aligning with Church teachings and God's plan for good. Small daily choices form one's character and destiny, highlighting the importance of consistent moral reflection and prayerful discernment to choose the path of "what is good and just."

Two programs are being offered to help you in your child's faith formation.

An Altar Servers Workshop will be held on Wednesday at 6:30PM at St. Catherine Church with commissioning to follow at all Masses on Sept 27 & 28.

Young Apostles of Christ (YAC) is a wonderful opportunity for children to gather in a Christ-centered atmosphere in fellowship.



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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Liturgy of the Day:

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

By his crucifixion, Jesus transformed the cross from a profane instrument of execution to a symbol of triumph. Jesus sanctified the cross, making it holy, by sacrificing his life to win our salvation. We exalt the holy cross in a special way today, but we also exalt it every time we make the sign of the cross to express and bear witness to our faith. May the cross be a sign for us of Christ's power to overcome death and give new life.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

In today's first reading, God has Moses make a bronze serpent, mount it on a pole, and lift it up so that those who were bitten by venomous snakes could look upon it and live. Centuries later, Jesus tell Nicodemus that the Son of Man must be lifted up in a similar way so that all who look upon him as their salvation will live. On this feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, let us consider that what Jesus did for us on the cross to save our immortal souls recalls what God had Moses do in the desert to save the Chosen People's mortal lives.

Reflection: There is a myth that God will love only those who live "righteously" and do what is "right" as defined by their religious beliefs. However, if you look at the Gospels, over and over again, we are reminded that Jesus came for the sinners. No one is perfect. All of us has shortcomings and failures. Like Paul, we need to learn to appreciate that the "thorns" we have are gifts because they force us to acknowledge our dependence on God and to develop a spirit of true gratitude for God's mercy and forgiveness. It is that foundation that will enable us to become more loving and forgiving in our dealings with others. What are your thorns and do they make you seek God's forgiveness and healing?

Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my
sin cleanse me. -psalm 51:4

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 17.....Peace Pole Blessing at SC

Sept 20/212nd 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 27/282nd Collection- Repair & Maintenance

Sept 28.....Town Hall Meeting- Coyle Hall

Save-The-Date invitation for the 6th annual St. Catherine Peace Pole blessing September 17, Wednesday immediately after 7:00AM Mass

Next to the Peace Pole near Coyle Hall

St. Francis Day Blessing of Animals & Pets

Saturday October 4, 2025 at 9am

@ St. Catherine's Church Parking lot/Grassy Area

Please bring your own "baggies" for any donations that our furry friends might want to offer and remember to keep them on leashes or in cages.



PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. EJ Resinto Fax 822-3014 ext 225
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Music Ministry
Music Director: Sean Texeira 651-0454
Larry Rosa 651-5499
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.