

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 22 +Leonida Cuaresma

Tuesday, Sept 23

Gianne & Paul Whiteman (Blessings)

Wednesday, Sept 24 +Raymond Aiu

Thursday, Sept 25 +Tootie Aiu

Friday, Sept 26 +Justiniano Tactay

Saturday, Sept 27 +Mary Ann Bender

Sunday, Sept 28-- 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am +Emelia Sanchez, +Renee Thronas, +Dean

Bodonia (Healing), Jessica Marchant (Healing),

+Wayne and Stephanie Rapozo

9:30am +Antonio Sanchez Sr., +Taka Sokei, +Renee

Thronas, +Henry Thronas, +Leroy Newman, Amias

Bodonia (Healing)

5:00pm Dye Ohana (Thanksgiving)

St. Sylvester Church

Wednesday, Sept 24 Chow Family – Ints.

Faye Malia & Kimo Makishi -Ints

Sunday, Sept 28 +Paul Rapozo,

Audrey Silva (In Thanksgiving)

St. William Church

Sunday, Sept 28



The Prophetic Cry of Amos: Justice for the Poor
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 21, 2025

This Sunday's first reading from the prophet Amos (Amos 8:4-7) is a short but powerful reminder that **the worship of God is meaningless if it is divorced from justice**. Amos prophesied in the middle of the 8th century BCE, during the reign of Jeroboam II in the northern kingdom of Israel. It was a time of prosperity, political stability, and expanding trade. Yet beneath this golden surface, deep cracks were forming: **the poor were crushed by debt, small farmers were displaced from their land, and dishonest merchants grew rich through corruption**. Social injustice had become entrenched, and the people had forgotten the covenant obligation to care for the vulnerable.

Amos himself was not a professional prophet or priest but a humble shepherd and fig-tree farmer from Tekoa, a small town in Judah. Called directly by God, he was sent north to Israel to confront its moral decay. As an outsider, he spoke boldly without fear of the elite, condemning those who trampled on the needy and warning that God's justice would not be mocked. His life and words remind us that God can raise up any person, regardless of background, to be a prophet of truth.

In Amos 8:4–7, the prophet delivers a sharp indictment against the injustices of his time. He begins with a call to conscience: **"Hear this, you who trample on the needy,"** exposing the sin of exploiting the poor. He then highlights how sacred times meant for worship, such as the Sabbath and festivals, were reduced to mere interruptions of profit, as the people impatiently asked, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain?" Amos continues by denouncing fraudulent business practices, saying, "We will make the ephah small and the shekel great," a vivid image of dishonest scales where profit mattered more than people. Finally, the prophet proclaims God's judgment: **"The Lord has sworn... I will never forget any of their deeds."** Here Amos warns that no injustice is hidden from God, who remembers and will bring every act of corruption to account. In short, this passage condemns a society that reduced worship to market transactions and devalued human dignity in the pursuit of wealth.

What Amos condemns in Israel's time is not as distant as it seems. Here in Hawai'i, many of the fastest growing job sectors are low-wage work, meaning people must labor hard just to cover basics like food, rent, and utilities. Meanwhile, the housing crisis continues to deepen: only about a quarter of Hawai'i residents could afford a median-priced home in 2024, and for many others the cost of rent or mortgages consumes most of what they earn. Even with minimum wage increases on the horizon, the high cost of living still burdens working families, while overcrowding and displacement pressures grow. These are not just economic statistics but human realities — **families in our neighborhoods who are struggling, being stretched, and in many cases squeezed out. Such conditions are precisely what Amos denounces: false balances, inflated scales, and a society that tramples the needy for profit.**

The cry of Amos is as urgent now as it was then. The Catechism reminds us that wealth and economic systems must serve the common good, not only a privileged few (CCC 1906, 2402). It condemns fraud in commerce and unjust wages as sins against the seventh commandment (CCC 2409, 2434) **and insists that love for the poor is at the heart of the Church's mission (CCC 2443–2449)**. The Sabbath, too, is a reminder that holy time cannot be commodified. **Sunday rest, prayer, and service to the poor are counter-cultural acts in a consumerist world.** Whether in business, government, or parish life, God calls us to honesty and transparency in all dealings. And while Amos warns of judgment, his prophecy also ends in hope: **God remembers not only sins but also every act of mercy and justice, promising ultimate restoration to those who remain faithful.**

As we hear Amos' words this Sunday, let us ask the Holy Spirit to open our eyes to the injustices in our community and in our own hearts. May we live our Sunday worship in such a way that it overflows into justice for the poor, honesty in our dealings, and hope in God's restoration. The prophet Amos challenges us to remember: **faith without justice is empty—but faith lived out in love can transform the world.**

Let us pray: Lord, open our eyes to the hidden injustices around us, strengthen our hearts to act with compassion and courage, and guide us to live our faith with justice and love. Amen.

September 21, 2025 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catechetical Sunday

Commissioning of Catechists-SC 9:30 Mass

FCC Annual Breakfast

2nd Collection—Ohana in Christ

RE Classes at St. Catherine and St. Sylvester

09/24 Wednesday

5:30PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament at SC

Reconciliation during Adoration Hour

6:30PM, Alter Servers Training at SC

09/27 Saturday

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

09/28 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Priesthood Sunday

2nd Collection-Parish Repair & Maintenance

Altar Servers Commissioning at all SC Masses

11:30am—SC Parish Town Hall Meeting in Coyle Hall

RE Classes at St. Catherine and St. Sylvester

6:00pm-SC Children's Choir Practice

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.

Mahalo for YOUR

Stewardship of Treasure:



QR code for Online Giving

**Week of September 14
2025**

Sunday Offertory

\$ 6172.00

On-Line Offertory

\$ 2545.00

Offertory- direct giving

\$ 159.00

Repair & Maintenance

\$ 704.00

Parish Reserve

\$ 308.00

Catholic University

\$ 247.00

Youth Ministry-High School

\$ 25.00

Parish Food Pantry

\$ 5003.00

**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.



Parishioners gathered on Wednesday, Sept. 17th, for our parish annual Peace Pole Blessing located in front of Coyle Hall. Before Fr. EJ's blessing, tributes were read from Bishop Larry and Mayor Kawakami. Several ministry leaders also shared a few words of prayer for our families, communities, countries and the whole world. Since 2020, those attending were invited to place their own personal intentions in the hallow of the peace pole.

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, September 24th, 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



**SAKRISTAN
SPOTTED**



Liturgy of the Day: “You cannot serve both God and mammon,” we hear Jesus tell his disciples in today’s Gospel. He challenges us to decide where our priorities lie. Which do we spend more time and energy building up: our faith or our wealth? It is difficult to ignore the need for money, if only to have enough to get by, let alone pursuing more so that we can live a comfortable life. But we believe our treasure can be found in the kingdom of God, in which money is irrelevant. May today’s liturgy remind us of that truth.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word: Today’s first reading, responsorial psalm and Gospel speak to the pursuit and use of wealth. Amos decries the merchants who cheat the poor, promising that God will not overlook their selfishness. The psalmist promises that the Lord will lift up the poor and lowly. Jesus teaches his disciples to be trustworthy in handling worldly wealth so that they can be trusted with the true wealth that comes from God. Listening to today’s selections from Scripture, let us consider our relationship to material wealth.

Reflection: The prophets constantly called the leaders and the people to be mindful of the poor and needy in their community. It can be easy to blame the poor for their own misfortune. We can see government programs as “giveaways” to those who don’t deserve help. But are we looking with Christ’s eyes? Are we more concerned that a few may abuse the help offered than that the many who really need the help get it? How do you see your responsibility to help the poor? *Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor. --psalm 113*

St. Francis Day Blessing of Animals & Pets

Saturday October 4, 2025 at 9am

**Gather at 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

A mass intention in the Catholic Church is for a specific purpose or person for whom a priest offers a Mass, bringing the prayers and needs of the faithful before God during the Eucharistic celebration. It's a way to pray for the deceased, give thanks, or ask for support for the living during special occasions like a birthday, marriage or anniversary. The graces from the Mass are applied to the intention, making it a profound spiritual act of love, faith, and hope for the person or intention being prayed for.

By Decree Canon 952: 1 – Council of American Bishops has designated that an offering can be made for the celebration and application of a Mass. This decree has set \$10 per intention for publicly announced Mass Intentions in the Ecclesiastical Province of San Francisco which includes Honolulu Diocese.

IN ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA PARISH

- Single Mass Intentions will be accepted on a FIRST COME / FIRST SERVED basis at SC daily 7AM MASS

- Multiple Mass Intentions will be accepted at

St. Catherine-Sunday Masses

St. Sylvester-Wednesday & Sunday Masses

St. William- Sunday Mass

Feast Day Masses

- If requested date is filled, a Mass Intention will be assigned to next available Mass at requested church

- NO Mass Intentions will be accepted at any 5PM Masses which has been designated Misa pro populo

- Mass Intentions will be published in bulletin and announced at pulpit if received by Wednesday noon.

- Donations in excess of \$10 will be given to a charity at the discretion of the celebrating priest.

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SEPTEMBER MONTH HIGHLIGHTS

Sept 24 ALTARS SERVERS training at SC

Sept 27/28 Commissioning of Altar Servers at SC

Sept 27/28 2nd Collection- Repair & Maintenance

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. EJ Resinto	Fax 822-3014 ext 225
Rev. Francisco Sanchez	ext 224
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
: 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.