

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, Oct 06	+Renee Thronas
Tuesday, Oct 07	Michele Gage (Ints)
Wednesday, Oct 08	+Renee Thronas
Thursday, Oct 09	+Dionisia Acosta (Bday)
Friday, Oct 10	+Vincent Lizama
Saturday, Oct 11	+Rene Thronas
Sunday, Oct 12	
7:30am	+Wayne and Stephanie Rapozo, +Elipidio Yacas, +Rosalina Yacas, +Cesar Castro
9:30am	+Taka Sokei, +Renee Thronas, +Philippe Bodonia, +Corazon Bodonia and Cheryl Ypil - Bday
5:00pm	Dye Ohana (Thanksgiving)

St. Sylvester Church

Wednesday, Oct 08	Kloie Ann Sarme-Smith
Sunday, Oct 12	Leroy Newman

St. William Church

Sunday, Oct 12

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.

It's What I Love About Sundays!



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 / 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14 / Lk 17:5-10

October 2, 2022

About 20 years ago, Country Music artist Craig Morgan wrote a hit song entitled “That’s What I Love About Sunday.” In it, he paints a picture of the simple joys that make Sundays special: Raymond, usually covered in grease, dressed in his Sunday best; the Martin family walking into church with that mischievous kid who broke a window last week; sweet Miss Betty singing off-key in the pew behind him. He goes on to describe porch swings, backyard football games, baked chicken and beans, and the blessing of doing “not much of anything.” For him, Sundays are about faith, family, rest, and hope.

That raises the question for us: what do you love about Sundays? For Christians, Sunday is unlike any other day of the week. It is the day of the Lord’s Resurrection, the day we recall His passion, death, and rising to new life. Every Sunday is a little Easter—a day to rejoice and give thanks for our salvation. It is a day of worship, of rest, of being renewed in body and spirit. It is a day of hope, to reflect on who God is and what He has done for us.

Our readings today point us toward that same hope. In the first reading, the Prophet Habakkuk is told to write down the vision: even if delayed, God will fulfill His promise, restoring His people to right worship and covenant. “The just one, because of his faith, shall live.” In the Gospel, the apostles cry out, “Increase our faith!” and Jesus tells them that even faith the size of a mustard seed can move mountains—or in this case, uproot a mulberry tree and plant it in the sea. Both readings remind us that faith is the key to unlocking God’s grace and keeping hope alive, even in hardship.

And we know the hardships are real. Looking at our world today, it can feel as though sin and corruption have the upper hand. Injustices spread like a virus. Family life is under attack. Hope can be hard to hold on to. Yet God’s vision remains: He will judge the wicked, and He will save the faithful. Our part is to wait in patience, strengthened by faith, trusting that He will pull us through.

That’s what I love about Sundays. We are given a holy time to be renewed, to hear the voice of the Lord, and to worship Him. It is a day when our hearts are strengthened against the world’s troubles by the promise of God’s Kingdom. Will we see its final coming? Only God knows. But we remain faithful and hopeful as we wait.

So today, bring your burdens, your impatience, your sins to the Lord in worship. Be recreated by His Word and Sacraments. Leave here with a stronger faith, renewed hope, and a joy that spills into the week ahead.

That’s what Sundays are all about—and that’s what I love about it!

October 05, 2025 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Hospitality Sunday at SC and SS w/ Bday Blessings
 2nd Collection—Ohana in Christ



10/08 Wednesday

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

10/11 Saturday

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

10/12 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection—Youth / R.E. Ministry
 R.E. Classes at SS and SC



Happy Birthday greetings to Fr. Francisco Sanchez who is celebrating his birthday on Saturday October 4. May the Lord bless and keep him with many years of good health and fruitful ministry.



Mahalo for YOUR Stewardship of Treasure:



QR code for Online Giving

**Week of September 28
2025**

Sunday Offertory

	\$ 7119.96
On-Line Offertory	\$ 1816.00
Offertory- direct giving	\$ 230.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 4280.00
Parish Reserve	\$ 85.00
Catholic University	\$ 10.00
Ohana in Christ	\$ 30.00
Parish Food Pantry	\$ 40.00

Town hall meeting - Thank you to everyone who participated in our Town Hall Meeting last Sunday September 28. Lively and productive conversations took place, and one thing is for sure; we all love St. Catherine's Parish! A special mahalo to our Parish Council Members who took the lead in planning and executing this event. The results of this meeting will be made available as well as concrete plans moving forward will be made available before the holidays. Thank you for your patience!



WE welcome the recently baptized.....

Name: Kalai Kaho'onei

Child of : Kana'i & Brianna Kaho'onei



Name: Joseph Rayson Puu'wai Miyashiro

Child of : Joel and Gemmalyn Miyashiro

Name: Kaleb Catbagan-Teixeira

Child of : Gabriel & Stephanie Catbagan-Teixeira

Name: Mace Calapatia

Child of : Trevor Calapatia & Shaylyn Kiger

Effective Oct. 1 - Baptism will be scheduled on the 2nd Sunday at St. Catherine after 9:30 mass and 3rd Saturday at St. Sylvester after the 5:00 pm mass.

Liturgy of the Day: Each week, we gather here as a family of faith, expressing our faith and deepening our faith as we celebrate the Eucharist together. Yet, we may still feel that our faith is weak, especially if we compare ourselves to others we know. But do you know what? So did the twelve apostles. Today we hear them ask the Lord to increase their faith. May his response hearten us, his present-day disciples, as we struggle with our own faith.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

The prophet Habakkuk cries out to God in frustration, upset that nothing is being done about the discord and violence in Judah.

"Patience," God answers. The apostles cry out to Jesus, complaining their faith isn't strong enough. "You have plenty, Jesus assures them. May we not be too timid to cry out to God in our need, may we listen for God's reassuring voice, and, as we sing the psalm, may we harden not our hearts.

Reflection: Are you ashamed of your faith? Do you refrain from objecting to the off color remarks, gossip, backbiting or other things that you believe to be unkind or cruel? We often choose to remain silent for fear of rocking the boat or being laughed at but is that God's Spirit moving us or our own ego? What good is a faith that is reserved for the privacy of our hearts and never put into action? *The Spirit of God has given us is no cowardly spirit, but rather one that makes us strong, loving and wise. 2 Timothy 1:7*

In the Catholic faith, **Baptism** is a sacred rite that welcomes a person into the Church, forgives original and personal sins, and bestows sanctifying grace, making the individual a new creation in Christ. The ceremony involves the use of water and the words "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," symbolizing death to sin and a new spiritual life. Receiving this sacrament also marks the soul with an indelible spiritual mark, uniting the person to Christ and the Church.

Key Aspects of Catholic Baptism

Spiritual Rebirth: Baptism is seen as being "born again" and made into a new creature in Christ, receiving the Holy Spirit.

Forgiveness of Sins: It cleanses a person of original sin and all personal sins committed up to that point.

Entry into the Church: The sacrament initiates one into the body of Christ and the Catholic Church, serving as the foundation for all other sacraments.

Sanctifying Grace: The baptized person receives sanctifying grace, allowing the Holy Spirit to begin dwelling within them and enabling a supernatural life.

Indelible Mark: Baptism confers a permanent spiritual mark on the soul, known as a sacramental character, which means it can only be received once.

The Baptism Ritual

Water and the Trinity: The essential elements are water and the invocation of the Holy Trinity ("I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit").

Symbolism of Water: The use of water represents dying to a former life of sin and rising to new life in Christ.

Oil: The newly baptized are anointed with Chrism oil, symbolizing strength and healing.

White Garment: A white garment is worn, symbolizing purity and the white garments Jesus wore after his death. **Candle:** A lit candle signifies keeping the flame of faith alive in the heart.

Requirements and Responsibilities

Parents and Godparents: For infant baptisms, parents and godparents commit to raising the child in the Catholic faith and live a moral life.

Necessity for Salvation: Catholicism teaches that baptism is necessary for salvation, as it's required for entrance into the Kingdom of God.



*“Finally, My
Immaculate
Heart will
triumph!”*

Our Lady at Fatima, 1917

In Catholicism, October is the Month of the Holy Rosary, a time to focus on praying the Rosary, a meditative prayer centered on the life of Jesus and Mary. The tradition stems from the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7, established by Pope St. Pius V in 1571 to commemorate the Christian victory at the Battle of Lepanto, which was attributed to prayers of the Rosary. Catholics are encouraged to pray the Rosary daily during this month to deepen their faith, find peace, and ask for the intercession of the Virgin Mary.

Father EJ's October Month of the Rosary

Challenge To consider praying one decade of the Rosary every day from October 1-31 for the intentions of world peace. This would make almost half of Kauai's Catholics united in prayer for the world. **Think of the Difference we can make!**

OCTOBER MONTH OF ROSARY DEVOTION

FILIPINO CATHOLIC CLUB SCHEDULE at St. Catherine Church

Monday & Tuesday	5:00PM
Wednesday	4:30PM
Thursday & Friday	5:00PM
Saturday & Sunday	4:00PM

OCTOBER MONTH HIGHLIGHTS

October 1 to 31.....SC: FCC Rosary
 Oct 4 / 5.....Hospitality a SC & SS w/Bday Blessings
 Oct 4/5.....2nd Collection: Ohana in Christ
 Oct 8 or 11... ..SC -Lector Training
 Oct 11/12.....Lector Commissioning-All SC Masses
 Oct 11/12.....2nd Collection : Youth R.E. Ministry
 Oct 13.....Discovers' Day- Office Closed
 Oct 15 or 22.....SC-EM Training
 Oct 18/19.....EM Commissioning – All SC Masses
 Oct 25/26.....2nd Collection-World Mission Sunday

IN CHALLENGING MOMENTS:

It can be easy to feel close to God in our best moments—when things go well, when we have occasions to celebrate or feel connected to people around us who uplift us. In our challenging moments—when we are lonely, sick, overwhelmed or scared—we might feel distanced from God. God makes it clear to us that in these moments when we feel weak, or whatever reason, God can be our source of strength, gently guiding us toward peace. In Psalm 50:15, God tells us, “Call upon Me on the day of trouble; I will rescue you, and you will honor Me.” In our worst moments of weakness, God is ready to be by our side. His presence—and the strength He offers—may take a form you don't expect.

For more uplifting scriptures
 See Philippians 4:12-13, Isaiah 40:28-31, Isaiah 41:9-13
 See also Hallow App: Prayers for Strength: Catholic
 Prayers and Blessings for Strength in Difficult Times

Bible Study and Prayer Journey - Join us on an 8-week journey into God our Father's love through the study and prayer of Sacred Scripture leading us to a renewed and deeper relationship with Him. **Every Tuesday beginning October 21 through December 9, 2025 at 8am in the St. Damien Room (portable across from Coyle Hall at St. Catherine's Church).** Call or text Brenda Viado at (808) 346-1436 or see Carol Aki at St. Catherine's Church.

PARISH STAFF

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

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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.



Every October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, with the first Sunday of October designated as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to welcome, care for and protect God's gift of human life, with special concern for those who are most vulnerable. Respect Life Sunday and Respect Life Month offer opportunities to highlight this precious gift through prayer, reflection, advocacy, and service.

USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

America Needs Fatima – Rosary Rally will be held

On October 11 at 12:00 pm

**Across of Big Save Shopping Center. Please join
our Faithful.**

Thank you.

Committee on Pro-Life Activities

KEKAHA HOME SWEET HOME FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER 22, 2025 | 7:30AM-4:00PM
ST. THERESA SCHOOL CAMPUS



Join us for a day to celebrate the 'good old days' of Kekaha as a sugar mill town.

1K and 5K Sugar Shake Run
local storytellers and craft vendors
ono food and local music
Historic Kekaha museum and sugar
mill artifact displays

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Mahalo Nui Loa to Our Sponsors:



SCAN TO REGISTER!



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