

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 27 +Nicolas Benigno
Tuesday, Oct 28 Chris Gilleres(Bday)
Wednesday, Oct 29 +Ignacio Malana
Thursday, Oct 30 +Arcadio Valera
Friday, Oct 31 +Seperino Valera
Saturday, Nov 01 +Jacqueline Nakasone
Sunday, Nov 02
7:30am +Emelia Sanchez, +Benito Bisquera,
+Rosario Bisquera, +Luciana Bisquera, +Harold Aiu
9:30am +Renee Thronas, +Harold Aiu, +Juliet Aiu,
+Tootie Aiu, +Caira Nakasone
5:00pm +Nicolas Laborte, +Cornelia Laborte

St. Sylvester Church

Wednesday, Oct 29

Sunday, Nov 02 +Michelle Dick, +Paul Rapozo, +Basilio Raza Sr, +Florentino Salvador Jr.

St. William Church

Sunday, Nov 02 +Basilio Raza Sr., Dye Ohana (Healing) +Sr. Susana Sangma MSMHC

Personal Mass intentions will be accepted for all daily and Sunday Masses at all three Churches. Saturday 5pm Mass has been designated as Misa pro populo and no Mass intentions will be accepted at those particular Masses.

Can Catholics Celebrate Halloween?

MOST CERTAINLY YES!



As Catholics, we celebrate Halloween not as a glorification of darkness or evil, but as the vigil of one of our Church's greatest feasts — **All Saints Day**. The word "Halloween" itself comes from "All Hallows' Eve," meaning the evening before the holy day of **All Hallows (All Saints)**. In other words, Halloween begins a beautiful Triduum of All Hallows — three sacred days that celebrate the communion of saints:

1. **October 31** — All Hallows' Eve (Halloween): The vigil preparing for the feast of all saints in heaven.
2. **November 1** — All Saints Day: The solemnity honoring all the saints, known and unknown, who now live eternally with God.
3. **November 2** — All Souls Day: The commemoration of all the faithful departed who still await the fullness of heaven.

A Call to Holiness All Saints Day reminds us of our universal call to holiness — to be saints ourselves! The saints are not distant figures, but our brothers and sisters in faith who show us what it means to love God completely. "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy" (Leviticus 19:2). On this day, we rejoice in the victory of Christ made visible in their lives and renew our desire to follow Him faithfully.

Praying for the Dead — A Work of Mercy All Souls Day invites us to pray for those who have died but are still being purified in God's love. Scripture teaches this truth clearly: **"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins" (2 Maccabees 12:45)**. The Catechism of the Catholic Church affirms this as a spiritual work of mercy: **"From the beginning, the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice" (CCC 1032)**.

Even some of the symbols often seen around Halloween, such as the skull, have their roots in Christian imagery. The skull was never meant to glorify death or horror, but rather to remind us of our mortality — that our lives on earth are fleeting, and that we must always live in readiness for eternal life. Many saints kept a skull on their prayer desk as a 'memento mori,' a sign to repent of sin and to live each day seeking God's mercy. Thus, in these three sacred days — All Hallows' Eve, All Saints, and All Souls — we are invited to reflect on the reality of death not with fear, but with faith: to remember that life is a gift, that heaven is our goal, and that prayer, repentance, and acts of love draw us closer to the fullness of salvation. **Halloween, therefore, is not about celebrating death, but about rejoicing in Christ who has conquered it.**

Redeeming the Celebration It is good and healthy to have fun and even be a little silly on Halloween — dressing up, spending time with family and neighbors, and celebrating life! Joy is part of being Christian. However, we must always celebrate in a way that reflects our faith and not the distorted image that the world often presents.

Over time, Hollywood and secular culture have confused the true meaning of Halloween. **Movies, media, and commercial industries have turned this once holy vigil into a spectacle of fear, darkness, and even the glorification of evil.** What began as a Christian night of prayer and vigil before the Feast of All Saints has, for many, become a night that celebrates what is grotesque, violent, or occult. The growing fascination with witchcraft, horror, gore, and the 'worship of evil' undermines the Christian truth that Christ has conquered death and darkness forever.

As Catholics, we must be discerning. We do not need to reject Halloween, but we do need to reclaim it. We celebrate not death or destruction, but the victory of life and light in Jesus Christ. **St. Paul reminds us: "Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them" (Ephesians 5:11)**. We should never glorify what is evil or contrary to our beliefs — witchcraft, satanism, murder, sexual immorality, or anything that mocks the sacred. Halloween, when rightly understood, becomes a moment to witness to our faith, to show the world that even in the midst of shadows, the light of Christ shines brightly. **As St. Paul exhorts us: "Whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31)**.

A Catholic Way to Celebrate Here are some faith-filled ways to celebrate Halloween and the All Hallows Triduum:

- Attend Mass on All Saints Day.
- Light a candle and pray for your deceased loved ones on All Souls Day.
- Visit a cemetery and offer a decade of the Rosary for the souls in purgatory.
- Dress children as their favorite saints or angels.
- Share the story of your patron saint at home or in your classroom/workplace.
- Say the Litany of the Saints or pray the Rosary as a family before going trick-or-treating.

Halloween, when celebrated with faith, becomes a joyful reminder of our destiny in Christ: that we are all called to become saints, and that our prayers and good works can help others on their journey toward heaven.

HAPPY ALL HALLOWS EVE!!!

MASS ON ALL SAINTS DAY NOVEMBER 1 (SATURDAY) IS AT 7AM AT ST. CATHERINES.

It is not a Holy Day of Obligation

NOV. 2 - ALL SOULS DAY (SUNDAY) IS REGULAR SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULES AT ALL CHURCHES. PARISHIONERS MAY DROP THEIR ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES IN THE COLLECTION BASKET.

October 26, 2025 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection—World Mission Sunday
R.E. Classes at SS and SC
6:00PM - SC Children's Choir

10/29 Wednesday

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

11/01 Saturday

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

11/02 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed(All Souls)
Hospitality Sunday at SC and SS
Birthday Blessings at all Masses
R.E. Classes at SS and SC

Mahalo for YOUR Stewardship of Treasure:



QR code for Online Giving

**Week of October 19
2025**

Sunday Offertory

\$ 6684.00

On-Line Offertory \$ 1823.00

In-Office Offering \$ 82.00

RE & Youth Ministry \$ 70.00

World Mission Sunday \$ 65.00

Repair & Maintenance \$ 294.00

Donation \$ 100.00

Parish Reserve \$ 191.00

Food Pantry \$ 200.00

Ohana in Christ \$ 20.00

SECOND COLLECTION

World Mission Sunday- October 25/26

The theme for World Mission Sunday 2025 is "Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples". Chosen by Pope Francis, this theme emphasizes the Christian vocation to be messengers and builders of hope, especially in the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope, aligning with the global event's focus on faith in action and unity. The day is dedicated to the Catholic Church's missionary efforts through prayer and financial support. Donations collected on this day go to the Pontifical Mission Societies to support churches, schools, hospitals, and training for catechists and leaders in countries with new, young, or poor churches.

How You Can Participate

• **Attend Mass:** On October 26, 2025, attend Mass and participate in the special collection for World Mission Sunday.

• **Give Generously:** Offer your financial support to the collection, which goes directly to the Pontifical Mission Societies, who distribute the funds equitably based on need.

• **Pray:** Offer prayers for missionaries and the communities they serve, joining in solidarity with the global Church.

• **Spread Awareness:**

Share information about World Mission Sunday on social media and with friends and family to bring awareness to its importance.

Liturgy of the Day:

We are a needy people. We each stand before God as someone in need. No matter how well off we are, how healthy we are, or how satisfied we are with our lives, we are all in need of God's saving mercy. If we look at ourselves honestly, we see that we are far from perfect, that we in fact are sinful and always in need of forgiveness. May we, like the tax collector in today's Gospel, be aware of our neediness so that no matter our situation in life we too may humbly pray, "O God, be merciful to me a sinner."

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

Centuries before Christ, Sirach writes that the Lord hears the prayers of the lowly, the poor, the weak, and the oppresses. He assures his readers that God will respond. In the Gospel, Jesus applauds those who humbly acknowledge their sinfulness and ask for God's mercy, declaring that God will exalt them. May we realize our own poverty before the Lord as we sing the refrain to the responsorial psalm, "The Lord hears the cry of the poor."

Reflection:

We can always find someone to compare ourselves with so that we feel righteous and superior. The problem is that this is an illusion. As soon as we find ourselves thinking, "Thank God, I'm not like that!" we have failed before God. We have passed judgment on another and for the worst of all reasons: to raise up ourselves. We all have our weaknesses and we all need God's grace and mercy. *The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; And those who are crushed in spirit he saves. -Psalm 34:18*

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 through December 9, 2025 at 8am in 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

Kindly contact Sr. Rachel:

If you have a spare hour or two, help is needed at the Sister's convent for yardwork. Tools for mowing and to weedwack will be provided. This is a wonderful opportunity of Stewardship for you and your family. You might even consider forming a group as a ministry to the church. Our parish rents the house a few blocks from the Church to provide housing and a convent for the Sisters and is responsible for the upkeep of the property. Hours and days are flexible.

NOVEMBER MONTH HIGHLIGHTS

Nov 1 / 2.....Hospitality Sunday at SC & SS
w/Birthday Blessings at all Masses
Nov 8/ 9..... 2nd Collection Archdiocese of Military
Nov 11.....Veteran's Day-Office Closed
Nov 15/16...2nd Coll.-Campaign for Human Develop
Nov 17 to 21.....Priest Convocation in Honolulu
Nov 22/23.....2nd Collection-Ohana in Christ
Nov 25... ..Feast of St. Catherine of Alexandria
Nov 27-28.....Thanksgiving- Office Closed 2 days
Nov 29/30.....2nd Collection-Parish R & M

OCTOBER MONTH OF ROSARY DEVOTION

FILIPINO CATHOLIC CLUB

SCHEDULE

at St. Catherine Church

Monday & Tuesday 5:00PM

Wednesday 4:30PM

**Thursday & Friday
5:00PM**



**Keep in prayer Fr. EJ on Monday,
Oct 27 to Nov 14 as he leads a group of the
faithful on a pilgrimage to Rome.
Let us pray for his safe travel from his
departure to his return to our parish.**



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

31
October



ST. SYLVESTER CHURCH

2390 Kolo Road
Kilauea, HI 96754

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
HOST A TRUNK-
CALL: RAINA BAUTISTA
(808)634-0156

TREATS BEGIN

7:00PM

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BINGO BEGINS

08:00PM

PARISH STAFF

Fax 822-3014

Diocesan Engaged Encounter required

Pastor: Rev. EJ Resinto

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.

Funeral

Arrangements to be confirmed with parish office first to confirm date and priest.

Adoration 5:30pm

St. Catherine Church on Wednesdays

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Every Thursday in St. Damian Room 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 11:00am-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.