

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, Nov 03 +Cleofe Ragasa

Tuesday, Nov 04 +Caroline Agbisit

Wednesday, Nov 05 +Benito Bisquera

Thursday, Nov 06 +Rosario Bisquera

Friday, Nov 07 +Luciana Bisquera

Saturday, Nov 08 +Sidro Sibal

Sunday, Nov 09

7:30am +Maria Sibal, +Emelia Sanchez, +Alice Secor,

+Florentino Salvador Jr., +Romulo Tumacder

9:30am +Renee Thronas, +Wayne Rapozo, +Leroy

Newman, +Arsenio Manaytay, +John Corpuz Sr.

5:00pm +Leroy Newman

St. Sylvester Church

Wednesday, Nov 05

Sunday, Nov 09 +Basilio Raza Sr.,

+Nick, +Ellen, and +Paul Rapozo

St. William Church

Sunday, Nov 09 +Basilio Raza Sr.,

Dye Ohana (Healing and Thanksgiving)

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.

November 2, 2025 All Souls Day

Hospitality Sunday at SC and SS
Birthday Blessings at all Masses
R.E. Classes at SS and SC



11/05 Wednesday

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

11/07 Saturday

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

11/09 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection—Archdiocese of the Military
R.E. Classes at SS and SC

Starting November 2, 2025 and throughout the month of November, our Parish Books of Remembrance will be placed on the altars at

St. Catherine, Sr. William and St. Sylvester Churches
in memory of our deceased loved ones.

Names will be entered ONLY through the church office.

Envelopes are available at church entrances.

SECOND COLLECTION-OHANA IN CHRIST-November 22 and 23

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.

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 weed wack 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 convent and is responsible for the upkeep of the property. Hours and days are flexible.

Mahalo for YOUR Stewardship of Treasure:



QR code for Online Giving

Week of October 26
2025

Sunday Offertory

\$ 6989.46

On-Line Offertory

\$ 2305.00

In-Office Offering

\$ 1537.00

RE & Youth Ministry

\$ 30.00

World Mission Sunday

\$ 3136.46

Repair & Maintenance

\$ 299.00

Donation

\$ 1140.00

Parish Reserve

\$ 178.00

All Souls

\$ 430.00

Ohana in Christ

\$ 30.00

Repair & Maintenance (Roof)

\$ 2000.00



Our Lord told St. Gertrude the Great that the following prayer would release 1000 souls from purgatory each time it is said. **Eternal Father, I offer Thee the most precious blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family - Amen**

(Approval and Recommendation by Cardinal Pahiarcia, Lisbon, Portugal, March 4, 1936)

November – A Month of Saints and a Call to Sanctity

November invites us to walk with the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us. From the solemnity of All Saints on the first of the month—a feast instituted to honor “all the saints, known and unknown”—to the many local commemorations listed in the martyrology, the Church presents a liturgical tapestry that reminds us of who we are called to become: members of the Body of Christ, sharing in the virtues of the holy ones. The Catechism teaches that by keeping the memorials of the saints we “show that she is united with the liturgy of heaven”, and the Directory on Popular Piety stresses that the feasts of the saints “proclaim the marvels of Christ in his servants”. As we enter this holy month, let us open our hearts to the example of our parish patroness, **St Catherine of Alexandria**, and allow her story to shape our own journey toward holiness.

St Catherine of Alexandria – Life, Martyrdom, and Patronage



A Brilliant Young Scholar - Catherine was born into a noble Alexandrian family and received an education that made her “**learned in the sciences**”. At the age of eighteen she heard of Emperor Maximinus’ persecution of Christians and, moved by compassion, presented herself before the ruler. With boldness and reason she rebuked his cruelty and challenged the emperor to a debate, confident that the truth of the Gospel would triumph.

The Triumph of Faithful Reason - Maximinus summoned the best philosophers of the empire to refute her, but Catherine’s eloquence won many of them to the faith; they were subsequently martyred for their conversion. Even the empress and a senior officer, drawn by Catherine’s witness, embraced Christianity and were slain. When the emperor ordered her to be tortured on the **spiked breaking wheel**, the instrument miraculously shattered at her touch, sparing her that death. She was then beheaded, and “a white milk-like liquid flowed from her severed veins”.

Patronage for the Modern World - St Catherine’s patronage continues to shape the prayer life, spiritual imagination, and everyday practices of Catholics today. Her example as a learned virgin who defended the faith with reason makes her a natural intercessor for anyone who seeks truth through study, writing, or skilled work, and the Church’s liturgical and popular devotions reflect that reality.

Academic and scholarly devotion – Because she “was famed for her intellectual debates with bishops, proving the Christian faith through reason,” the Catholic Encyclopedia records that she is the patron of scholars, philosophers, students, teachers, and professors. In modern Catholic universities and schools, chapels and study groups frequently celebrate her feast, ask for her protection before examinations, and invoke her in prayers for clear thinking and eloquent expression. Pope John Paul II’s 2003 apostolic blessing to a leading scholar of St Catherine highlighted her role as a “Doctor of the Church” who inspires “intellectual and spiritual energies for the glory of the Lord”.

Writers, scribes, and librarians – The patronage list for scribes explicitly names St Catherine as the patron of writers and philosophers, noting that “scribes invoke her for guidance in their work, as she symbolizes clarity of thought, eloquence in writing, and the pursuit of knowledge and truth”. Likewise, librarians look to her as a protector of the preservation and organization of knowledge. Contemporary Catholic publishing houses, parish newsletters, and devotional blogs often begin a writing project with a prayer to St Catherine, asking that “her wisdom may illumine our pens.”

Artisans and mechanics – The spiked wheel of her martyrdom has given her a special connection to wheelwrights and mechanics. The patronage of wheelwrights emphasizes that “the wheel...represents both the physical craft of wheel-making and the metaphorical journey of faith and perseverance.” Today, trade guilds, carpenters, and even modern engineers sometimes invoke her when beginning a new project or seeking safety and excellence in their craft.

Popular piety and devotional cycles – While the novena is a widely practiced form of private devotion, the Directory on Popular Piety notes that preparatory novenas or triduo may be organized before a saint’s feast to deepen the faithful’s encounter with the holy person. Parishes frequently hold a nine-day novena to St Catherine in the weeks leading up to her feast, asking for her intercession in studies, professional decisions, and moral courage.

Cultural expressions – Churches, schools, and societies named after St Catherine often celebrate her feast with special liturgies, processions, and the blessing of books or tools. These public acts keep her patronage alive in the communal memory, encouraging believers to model her blend of faith and intellect in everyday life.

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Liturgical remembrance – The Proper of Saints supplies a specific Collect for St Catherine on **November 25, asking God to “strengthen us in faith and constancy” through her intercession.** By placing this prayer at the heart of the Mass, the Church invites the whole assembly to invoke her as a model of intellectual fidelity to Christ.

What This Means for Our Parish

As we read the names of the saints throughout November, we are invited to imitate their virtues. St Catherine’s life challenges us to:

- **Seek truth with intellect and charity** – study the faith, engage the world’s arguments, and bear witness with love.
- **Stand firm in the face of oppression** – pray for the courage to defend the Gospel in our families, workplaces, and public life.
- **Offer our talents to God** – whether we are teachers, artisans, writers, or any other profession, we are called to work “with dedication and a commitment to excellence”.

Let us pray for the intercession of St Catherine, that she may guide us to become “the saints we are called to be”, and that the whole month of November may be a season of renewed devotion to the communion of saints.

**Join us for the first annual celebration of the
Feast of St. Catherine of Alexandria!!!!**

**Tuesday November 25, 2025~Solemn Mass at 6pm
followed by Pot-Luck Dinner and Celebration**

Please note that THERE WILL BE NO 7AM MASS ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 25.

**Keep in prayer Fr. EJ on Monday,
Oct 27 to Nov 14 as he joins 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.**

Liturgy of the Day:

Jesus told his disciples , “Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.” Today we mourn all those who died, especially those we love, those who are close to us. But we indeed are comforted: by our memories of them, by sharing our grief with our loved ones, and by our faith, which tells us that death is not the end. Their souls are in the arms of God, forever comforted from the suffering and hardships they faced in life. Our faith in the Resurrection allows us to be pilgrims of hope in this life, placing our trust in God’s love and mercy.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

Over thousands of years, God’s word has given comfort and hope to those who mourn. May our faith in a loving and merciful God, whom we hear portrayed in today’s readings, dispel our doubts and calm our fears of death. May our faith in the Resurrection and in the redemption Jesus won for us assure us of the promise of eternal life in the kingdom. May the faith we share and the act of sharing it with each other console us in our grief.

Reflection:

We are all members of the communion of saints, joined by all those who have died in the faith and await that ultimate unity with God, along with the saints who are already with God. That communion not only spans space and time, it also spans life and death itself. Our parish community and all who have ever belonged to it are an example of that communion. We are joined with an ever-growing communion of saints. May that console us as we remember those we have lost, for they live in our communion as we all await our heavenly reward.



Our parish Women Apostles for Catechesis (WAC) Ministry welcomed its new members on Friday, October 24th. Fr. EJ accepted their promissory commitment to live faithfully by the rules and guidance of the WAC ministry and its catechetical instructions.

Pictured at center are new members:
Kathleen Refamonte, Cherrie Berg, and Iyanah Stein.
Take a moment to congratulate them.

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.

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
Dev. Nov 16 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

WE pray for the recently deceased



Name: Theresa Sanberg

Funeral: November 15, 2025, St. Catherine Church

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:
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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
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.