

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 8:00am Wed 5:30pm

St. Sylvester: Saturday 4:00pm

St. William: Upon Request

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Mass Intentions

St. Catherine of Alexandria

Monday, Dec 01 +Josefina Iloreta

Tuesday, Dec 02 +Casey Woodward

Wednesday, Dec 03
+Simeon & Ambrosia Baranda

Thursday, Dec 04 +Mike Mansfield (Bday)

Friday, Dec 05 +Rosamillia Sagmaquen

Saturday, Dec 06 +Margarita Cuaresma

Sunday, Dec 07
7:30am +Emerito Venida, +Emelia Sanchez,
+Delphin Labuguen, +Antonio Sanchez Sr,
+Clemente Agas
9:30am +Leroy Newman, +Kekoa Blevins, +Renee
Thronas, +Mansueta Cabradilla, Delia Ibia (Healing)
5:00pm +Dr. Patrick Aiu, +Florence Rapozo Oyamot

St. Sylvester Church

Wednesday, Dec 03 +Florence Rapozo Oyamot

Sunday, Dec 07 +Michelle Dick

St. William Church

Sunday, Dec 07

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.

Light the Advent Candle One... Now the Waiting Has Begun!

November 30, 2025

Advent is my favorite liturgical season. Why? Because this season reminds us of a joyful hope—something so many of us need, or need to be reminded that we need. Advent gently invites us to lift our eyes, steady our hearts, and remember that God is not distant. He is coming. He always comes.

The Church teaches that Advent has a three-fold purpose, and understanding this helps us enter the season with deeper meaning.

First, Advent prepares us for Christmas, when we remember the historical coming of Jesus—born in a manger in Bethlehem. The Eternal Word becomes flesh, entering our world in humility and simplicity. This fills us with thanksgiving and joy, because God comes close to us—close enough to touch, close enough to save.

Second, Advent points us toward the future, when Christ will come again in glory as judge and king. This is why, for the first three Sundays of Advent, we do not yet hear in the Gospel about shepherds, angels, or the infant Jesus. Instead, the Scriptures speak of watchfulness, readiness, and the final coming of the Lord at the end of time. We prepare our souls, examine our lives, and renew our desire to meet Him with confidence and faith.

Third, Advent awakens us to the ways Christ comes to us right now—in the mystery of the Sacraments, in the Word proclaimed, and in the quiet movements of grace in our daily lives. Christ is not only a memory of the past or a promise for the future—He is present today.

And in all of this, Advent teaches us to wait:

- Wait in joy
- Wait in peace
- Wait in hope
- Wait in love

The Season of Advent reminds us that we are loved by a God who becomes one of us, to love us as we are. ***Advent is simple: wait, prepare, reflect, love.***

This Sunday we also begin a new liturgical year—Year A, in which we will listen primarily to the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel is often called the Gospel of fulfillment, because again and again Matthew shows how Jesus completes the promises made to Israel. He writes to a people longing for the Messiah—people waiting, searching, hoping. In that way, Matthew is the perfect Gospel for Advent hearts.

Matthew reveals Jesus as:

- Emmanuel — God-with-us, dwelling among His people
- the New Moses, who teaches with divine authority
- the Son of David, the long-awaited King
- the Light in the darkness, guiding all nations to salvation

Matthew encourages us to wait in anticipation for the Messiah who comes:

- in history — born in Bethlehem, rooted in a genealogy of real people
- in mystery — present in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist
- in majesty — returning in glory, a theme that shapes the early Advent readings

Throughout the year, ***Matthew will remind us that discipleship is not passive waiting, it is active, faithful living.*** His Gospel calls us to build our lives on rock, to forgive seventy times seven, to recognize Jesus in the poor, and to trust that Christ remains with His Church until the end of the age.

As we light the first candle of the Advent wreath, may Matthew teach us how to wait—not with fear, but with readiness; not with anxiety, but with hope; not in darkness, but in the light of Christ who comes

Reflection Question for the Week:

How is Christ inviting me to wait differently this Advent—more patiently, more prayerfully, or more hopefully?

Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus.

November 30, 2025 First Sunday of Advent

2nd Collection—Parish Repair & Maintenance
NO R.E. Classes at SS and SC

12/03 Wednesday

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

12/05 Friday

8:00am First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart

12/06 Saturday

8:00am-9:00am Reconciliation at St. Catherine

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

12/07 Second Sunday of Advent

Hospitality Sunday at SS and SC
R.E. Classes at SS and SC

NOVEMBER 30TH – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent is a season of preparation for Christmas in the Catholic Church, observed during the four weeks leading up to December 24th. It is a time of prayer and reflection, focusing on the "comings" of Christ: his birth at Christmas, his presence in the Church, and his eventual second coming. Key practices include lighting an Advent wreath, wearing purple vestments to signify both penitence and royalty, and observing specific readings and liturgical themes of hope, peace, joy, and love.



What Advent is about

•**Hope and anticipation:** The season is a time to reflect on the hope for the Savior's coming, both to celebrate his birth and to prepare for his second coming.

•**The "comings" of Christ:** It acknowledges Jesus's past arrival at Christmas, his ongoing presence in the Church, and his future return.

•**Spiritual preparation:** Catholics focus on prayer, reflection, and a spirit of penitence, similar to Lent, to prepare their hearts for Christmas.

•**The colors of Advent have symbolic meanings:** purple represents penance, preparation, and royalty; pink (or rose) signifies joy, and is used on the third Sunday (Gaudete Sunday); and white re-presents purity, hope, and the celebration of Christ. In some traditions, a blue candle is used for hope, and a green or gold candle can symbolize faith or love, respectively.

Mahalo for YOUR Stewardship of Treasure:



QR code for Online Giving

Week of November 23
2025

Sunday Offertory

\$5558.00

On-Line Offertory	\$2701.00
Offertory-direct giving	\$1635.00
Catholic Campaign	\$ 45.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 184.00
Parish Reserve	\$ 43.00
Ohana in Christ	\$2907.00
Military Service	\$ 21.00
Youth Ministry and RE	\$ 5.00
Parish Food Pantry	\$ 100.00

This weekend we take up a **SECOND COLLECTION for the Parish Repair & Maintenance** for our three churches. Your continued support helps address on-going maintenance not only of our three churches but also the former school buildings and campus as well. Unforeseen plumbing & electrical work and simple carpentry repairs frequently occurs and needs immediate attention to keep our properties safe for the general public and prevent further deterioration as our buildings age.

(Note: If you would like to volunteer in any capacity, please contact the church office.)

Young Apostles of Christ (YAC)

Sr. Luci is inviting all students in Grades K-5 for an hour of scripture-based activities and games.

Bring a friend or family member to the portable building across Coyle Hall every Monday at 2:30 to 3:30PM. Parents are invited to accompany their children



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

December 8th -Monday

Holy Day of Obligation

St. Sylvester CH-6 PM

St. Catherine CH- 7 AM & 6 PM (hospitality to follow)

Parish- Wide Advent Reconciliation



Tuesday, December 9th

St. Catherine CH- 6 PM

RECONCILIATION in the Catholic Church, also known as confession or penance, is a sacrament of healing through which a baptized person receives forgiveness for sins committed after baptism. It involves three elements: confession of sins to a priest, who acts as God's representative, absolution by the priest and the performance of a penance assigned by the priest. Through this sacrament, an individual is reconciled with God and the Church.

VICARIATE ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE 6:00 PM AT ALL CHURCHES

DEC 1.....ST. THERESA - KEKAHA

DEC 2.....HOLY CROSS - KALAHEO

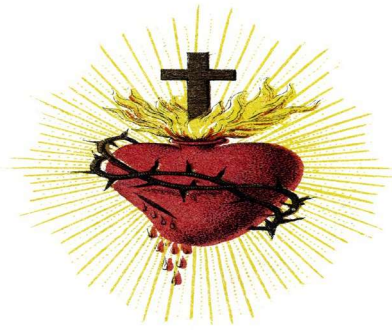
DEC 3.....ST. RAPHAEL - POIPU

DEC 4.....IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – LIHUE

DEC 9.....ST. CATHERINE CHURCH - KAPAA



In unity with their fellow Sisters in their congregation world-wide, our own Sr. Lucy and Sr. Rachel will renew their vows on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at St. Catherine Church on December 8th at the 6PM Mass. Join them after the Mass for a small reception to congratulate and thank them for their service.



First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart Begins December 5, 2025

Our parish will begin observing the First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday, December 5, with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from after the 7:00 AM Mass until 12:00 Noon. All are invited to come, pray, and rest in the Lord's merciful love. ***A sign-up sheet will be available for those who wish to volunteer for a time of adoration to ensure that the Lord is never left unattended.***

The First Friday Devotion is a simple, yet meaningful spiritual practice rooted in Jesus' revelations to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, in which He asked the faithful to receive Holy Communion on nine consecutive First Fridays in reparation for sins and in honor of His loving Heart. The Church has embraced this devotion for centuries as a way of drawing the faithful more deeply into Christ's compassion, mercy, and Eucharistic presence.

The Sacred Heart reminds us that Jesus loves us with a human and divine heart, pierced for our salvation. By participating in the First Fridays, we respond to His love with gratitude, conversion, and renewed faith—especially in a world often marked by indifference and spiritual weariness.

As we begin this monthly time of prayer and reparation, may our parish grow in trust, healing, and hope through the Heart of Jesus who says, "Behold this Heart which has so loved."

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.



New Confession times beginning Saturday, December 6, 2025 no evening Confessions at St. Catherine

St. Catherine: 8:00am-9:00am

St. Sylvester: 4:00pm-4:30pm

Monthly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Fridays: beginning Friday, December 5, 2025 Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be done after the 7am Mass with benediction at 12 noon.





Mahalo to all who participated in and supported our St. Catherine of Alexandria Feast Day celebration. Your presence and joyful spirit made the evening truly a meaningful event. To all volunteers, organizers, choir members, liturgical ministers, and everyone who offered their time and talents-thank you for your dedication. Your hard work allowed us to come together as one Ohana in faith, honoring our patron saint with reverence and joy.

Liturgy of the Day: During this season of anticipation, we are reminded that Jesus didn't come into the world only once, as a newborn baby over two thousand years ago, but also comes into the world-and our heart-throughout our lives. Furthermore, as we hear in today's Gospel, he will return to the world without warning on the day of judgment. Therefore, over the Advent season, we have a great incentive to prepare our hearts for his coming. May Jesus' words to his disciples resonate with us today:

"You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

Jesus paints a scary picture of his second coming in today's Gospel, warning his disciples to be ready always. We too must prepare ourselves, not only for his return at any time, but also for his coming into our hearts in a deeper way at a time we least expect. The words of the prophet Isaiah and the apostle Paul can help. "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ," Paul says, or, as Isaiah put it, "Let us walk in the light of Lord." May God's word inspire us to prepare our hearts so that we may all "go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."

Reflection: The message of this Sunday's readings is simple: Wake Up! The grind of life can dull our senses and our minds as we stumble from one thing to the next. The days turn to weeks and before we know it the seasons have changed and another year is gone. The challenge is to "wake up" and pay attention to each day, each moment. They are precious gifts. We don't need to do more, but less. Slow down and discover the beauty and wonder of the day. Make Advent a time to count your blessings. *Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain, that he may instruct us in his way, and we may walk in his paths.*

All children are invited to join the St. Catherine's Children's Choir! We would love to have your children be a part of the Christmas Vigil 5:00pm service. Practices will be held the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month after the Sunday evening 5pm mass. Spread the word! This is a great way to get your children involved in this very special ministry! For more information, contact Sister Rachel or Mary Lardizabal.

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 Pahiarca, Lisbon, Portugal, March 4, 1936)

DECEMBER MONTH HIGHLIGHTS

- Dec 5 ...8:00am First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart and Adoration with Benediction at 12noon
- Dec 6.....8:00am-9:00am Reconciliation at SC
- Dec 6/7.....Hospitality Sunday at SC & SS
- December Birthday Blessings at all Masses
- Dec 8.....Feast of Immaculate Conception
- Holy Day of Obligation-See Bulletin
- Dec 9.....Parish Advent Reconciliation- SC 6pm
- Dec 13/14.....2nd Collection: Religious Retirement
- Dec 16-24.....5AM- Misa de Gallo Novena of Masses
- Dec 20/21.....Youth /R.E. Collection
- Dec 22.....7PM-SC-Christmas Concert
- Dec 25.....See future bulletins for Mass Times
- Dec 27/28.....2nd Collection-Ohana in Christ



New Gift Shop items! Come shop on December 7th, Hospitality

Sunday. St. Carlo Acutis books, prayer cards, and icon. St. Marianne Cope statue and rosaries. New books for children and



adults. Prayer bracelets, new medals and more!



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.