

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 8am-9am Wed 5:30pm

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

St. William: Upon Request

PARISH OFFICE

5021-A Kawaihau Rd. Kapaa, Hawaii 96746

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30am-2:00pm

Sunday 8:00am to Noon

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Mass Intentions

St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish

Monday, Dec 22 +Ernesto Pabustan(5AM Misa)

Tuesday, Dec 23 +Josephine Tsukamoto(Misa)

Wednesday, Dec 24 +Isidra Aqui (5AM Misa) **5:00PM**

+Robert Francis Noguchi, +Buddy and +Marian Lizama,
+Vincent & +Lizama, +Joseph & +Evangline Rodriques,
+Vicente & +Julia Lizama

Midnight: +Renee & +Henry Thronas, +Patrick Aiu,
+Delphine Labuguen, +Leroy Newman, Chris Ray Gilleres

Thursday, Dec 25

7:30AM: +Emelia & +Antonio Sanchez, +Clemente Agas,
+Kekoa Blevins, +Raymon Aiu, +Taka Sokei
+Harold Aiu, +Juliet Aiu,

9:30AM Dye Ohana, Mansfield Ohana, Chris Ray
Guilleres, +Gloria Curameng,
+Rosie & +Benoi Hacosolin

Friday, Dec 26 +Leroy Newman

Saturday, Dec 27 +Leroy Newman

Sunday, Dec 28-Holy Family

7:30am +Antonio Sanchez Sr., +Emelia Sanchez,
+Clemente Agas, +Kekoa Blevins, +Tootie Aiu **9:30am**
+Harold Aiu, +Juliet Aiu, +William Gog-gins, Ashley
Medeiros (Bday)

5:00pm: Dye Ohana (Ints)

St. Sylvester Church-Kilauea

Dec. 25: Midnight- +Toribio Pascua, +Antonio Sanchez

Dec. 28: 7AM

+Editha Jimenez, +Rapoza & +Perreira Ohana

No Intentions listed at St. Williams Church-Hanalei

December 21, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Advent

2nd Collection: Youth/R.E. Collection

R.E. Classes at SS and SC

6:00PM - SC Children's Choir



12/24 Wednesday: Christmas Eve—see bulletin

12/25 Thursday: Nativity of the Lord—see bulletin/posters

12/27 Saturday

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

12/28 Holy Family-

2nd Collection—Ohana in Christ

NO R.E. Classes at SS and SC



7pm-8:30pm Monday, 22 December, 2025

St. Catherine Church at 5021 A Kawaihau Rd in Kapaa

Performance by St. Catherine's Sunday 9:30am Choir

With Cello, Bassoon, Trombone & Guitar

Public Event, All Welcome, Aloha Attire

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.

Mahalo for YOUR

Stewardship of Treasure:



QR code for Online Giving

**Week of December 14
2025**

Sunday Offertory

\$ 8176.30

On-Line Offertory \$ 1950.00

Raise da Roof Collection \$ 10,020.00

Religious Retirement Fund \$ 3510.00

Ohana in Christ \$ 100.00

Feast of Immaculate Conception \$ 4085.00

Repair & Maintenance \$ 93.00

DECEMBER MONTH HIGHLIGHTS

Dec 16-24.....5AM- Misa de Gallo Novena of Masses

Dec 20/21 Youth /R.E. Collection

Dec 22 7PM-SC-Christmas Concert

Dec 27/28 2nd Collection-Ohana in Christ

JANUARY MONTH HIGHLIGHTS

Jan 3 & 4.....Hospitality Sunday at SS & SC

Birthday Blessings at each Mass

Jan 3 & 4.....2nd Coll-Parish R&M-Roof

Jan 10-18.....FCC Rosary Novena- St. Joseph

Jan 16Youth-Life Teem in Coyle Hall

Jan 19Martin Luther King-Ofc closed

Jan 24 Pancake Sale (WAC)

Jan 24 & 25...2nd Coll-Blk/Indian/Latin America

Jan 31Respect Life: Baby Shower

WE welcome the recently baptized.....

Name: **Audrey Wellington**

Child of : Mckenzie & Austin Wellington

WE pray for the recently deceased

Name: **Willie Ornellas**

Church: St. Catherine Church-Jan 3, 2026

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



A Gift of Love

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025

Isaiah 7:10–14

Romans 1:1–7

Matthew 1:18–24

As we enter the final days of Advent, many of us are feeling the pressure and busyness that often come with preparing for Christmas. Today's readings invite us to pause, take a breath, and reflect on gifts—not only the ones we exchange this week, but the deeper gifts that truly matter.

When we think of Christmas gifts, it's easy to think first of material things: something new, something useful, maybe a gadget, a bag, or something for the house. ***And let's be honest—cash is always nice! (Especially when you're trying to fix a few roofs around here.)*** There is usually something we want or something that would make life a little easier.

But as we grow older, we begin to realize that it's not so much the gift itself that matters, but who the gift comes from, and the time and love that come with it. More than anything, many of us long for spiritual gifts—peace, patience, stronger faith, healing, or simply the gift of being present to one another. **At the heart of every gift is love, because every human person desires to love and to be loved.**

In the first reading, the Prophet Isaiah invites King Ahaz to receive a sign from God. Ahaz refuses, choosing fear and self-reliance over trust. Yet God does not withdraw His love. Instead, He offers the greatest sign imaginable: "The virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." God is with us—always.

St. Paul reminds us that this Emmanuel brings not only love, but peace—peace that comes from being restored to right relationship with God. Through the Incarnation, God enters our world in a deeply personal way. Through Jesus' death and resurrection, we are offered forgiveness, hope, and eternal life—gifts no one else can give.

In the Gospel, St. Joseph shows us how to respond. **A righteous and compassionate man, Joseph receives God's message with humility and faith, and he responds with action.** He accepts Mary into his home and gives his life in love and service to Mary and Jesus. Joseph reminds us that love is not proven by words, but by faithful, self-giving action.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, we are invited to receive the greatest gift—Jesus Christ—and to respond by offering God our lives in return. **The most meaningful gifts we can give have no price tag: the gift of time, the gift of presence, and the gift of love.**

This Christmas, I thank God especially for the gift of being home—for family, for parish, and for celebrating the birth of Christ together. May this final week of Advent open our hearts to receive God's love more deeply and to share that love generously with one another.

Reflection Question

What does it mean for you to receive the gift of Emmanuel—God with us—in your home, your family, and your parish this Christmas?

Parish Financial Results for July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

The Finance Council for the St. Catherine parish consists of five parishioners who regularly review financial results along with our pastor, providing him with their financial advice. The members of the Finance Council are Chris Geis, Janet Kass, Sam Knepper, Jowen Perius, and Mel Ventura. This report from the Finance Council covers the actual financial results of our church and school for the fiscal year ended on June 30, 2025.

Income Statement for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year

In past years, we've reported separately on church and school financial operations. This year was the first fiscal year with no school operations, so all revenues and expenses are shown on a single income statement. The unoccupied school buildings contributed about \$80,000 to parish expenses -- primarily insurance, maintenance, and utilities.

We budgeted church revenues to be about the same as they were in the prior fiscal year. Actual offertory collections and other regular income came in quite close to budget. However, special gifts to the church were \$100,000 lower than budget. Our parish did not sponsor a carnival last year. That resulted in another \$100,000 less in revenues than budget.

Expenses were about equal to budget, with one major exception. We had budgeted to start roof repairs last year, but that didn't happen. That is why Repairs and Maintenance is \$541,000 less than budget.

Net Ordinary Income was a loss of \$14,011. We recognized as "other" income and then used \$118,783 of restricted funds that had been collected in prior fiscal years. As a result, Net Income for 2024-2025 was a positive \$104,772.

Parish Debt

In prior years, the Diocese of Honolulu loaned our school money, to keep it operating. As of June 30, 2024, our parish still owed \$189,538 to the Diocese. We are paying this off with revenue we receive from leasing one of our buildings to Kamehameha Schools for use as a preschool. All the lease payments the church receives from Kamehameha for the next four years will be used to pay down this loan. Hence, none of that money will be available to fund the church's own expenses.

St. Catherine Church
Income Statement for July 2024 - June 2025

	Actual	Budget	Actual Over/(Under) Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
40000 • OFFERTORY COLLECTION	622,874	624,000	(1,126)
42000 • OTHER REGULAR INCOME	114,526	108,792	5,734
45000 • REVENUE SUBJECT TO GET	26,268	128,000	101,73
47000 • UNUSUAL (NONSCHEDULED) INCOME	184,491	283,560	99,069
49100 • NET ASSETS REL RESTRICT-OPS	4,031		4,031
49150 • UNREAL GAIN/(LOSS)-INVESTMENTS	3,299		3,299
Total Income	955,489	1,144,352	(188,863)
Expense			
50000 • EMPLOYMENT COSTS	358,593	329,321	29,272
51000 • PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	36,560	33,446	3,114
51500 • INSURANCES	125,282	148,609	(23,327)
51700 • LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	27,497	24,330	3,167
52000 • SUPPLIES & OTHER SERVICES	164,553	147,600	16,953
52900 • FUNDRAISING EXPENSE	6,343	59,000	(52,657)
53000 • REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	38,910	580,000	
54000 • UTILITIES	76,156	77,000	(844)
55000 • CONTRIBUTIONS & ASSESSMENTS	110,941	92,347	18,594
56000 • INTEREST EXPENSE	10,155	10,771	(616)
57000 • TAX	2,958	10,371	(7,413)
58000 • DEPRECIATION	11,553	1,635	9,918
Total Expense	969,500	1,514,430	(544,930)
Net Ordinary Income	(14,011)	(370,078)	356,067
Other Income/Expense			
70000 • TEMP. RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	118,783	70,078	48,705
Net Income	\$ 104,775	{300,000!	404,772

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day:

As we approach the festive day on which we may receive gifts and guests into our homes, we take a moment to recall that during this season of Advent we are called to prepare to receive Jesus into our hearts. Yes, we receive him in a most special way at Christmas, the day we celebrate the world receiving him in the flesh, but we also have the opportunity to receive him each and every day. Let us humbly ask God to prepare our hearts to receive him in the Eucharist here today.

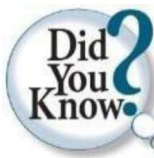
Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

Twice today we hear the words Isaiah proclaimed hundreds of years before Christ's birth: "the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel." This Hebrew name means "God is with us," and when Joseph, a devout and righteous man, is visited by an angel in his dream, he recalls Isaiah's prophecy. We know that God is also with us as we gather here to listen to God's word, and so at this time we allow ourselves to be immersed in God's presence as we actively listen to today's readings.

Reflection:

The Scriptures often speak of signs from God and it is easy to think such things are just tales from a bygone era. But God continues to send us signs everyday. The problem is that we have forgotten how to spot them. We are so busy with our own thoughts and plans we don't even think about God's plan. From the golden rays of the morning sun promising a new day to the gentle colors of the sunset blessing the day and calling us to rest, there are signs for those who see. Look for the signs and pray for the grace to see and understand them.

The Lord's are the earth and its fullness; The world and all who dwell in it. -psalm- 24:1



... that parishioners are able to rent

Coyle Hall for private parties? Call the church office to inquire about holding your birthday or graduation parties, family reunions, weddings or any gatherings in our parish hall.

Conveniently located and lots of parking.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

The women of our parish WAC Ministry (Women Apostles for Catechesis) will be having a breakfast pancake sale on Saturday, January 24th in Coyle Hall. Funds raised will help members bring their ministry to fruition.

Our parish Respect for Life Ministry will be hosting a BABY SHOWER for new mothers and mothers-to-be on Saturday, January 31st in St. Damien Room in the parish portables. Contact Kathleen Refamonte or the church office to submit names for invitations to this most wonderful event to welcome another of God's gifts to our families and parish.

MISA DE GALLO NOVENA

DECEMBER 16-24, 2025
5:00 AM • ST. CATHERINE, KAPA'A
Fellowship in Coyle Hall after Mass

Join us for this beautiful Filipino tradition of preparing for the birth of Christ – as we walk to Bethlehem with Mary in quiet joy of the early morning dawn.

Please note:
There will be no 7:00 AM daily Mass during the novena.

Maligayang Pasko!

The poster has a purple-to-orange gradient background. At the top, there are two colorful, star-shaped decorations with tassels. At the bottom, there is a silhouette of a rooster standing on a dark ground. The text is in white and yellow, with some parts in bold.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Everyone is invited

*Misa de Gallo - St. Catherine Church- 5AM Novena- Dec. 16-24- NO 7AM Mass
With Hospitality Breakfast after each Mass in Coyle Hall*

Wednesday- Christmas Eve- December 24

St. Catherine CH..... 5PM &
Midnight

St. Sylvester CH.....Midnight

St. William CH..... NONE

Thursday – Christmas Day – December 25

St. Catherine CH..... 7:30 AM

. 9:30 AM

St. Sylvester CH.....NONE

St. William CH..... 9AM



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

OCIC: Sr. Luci 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. Luci 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.