

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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Parish website: www.kauaistcatherine.church

Mass Intentions

St. Catherine of Alexandria

Monday, Dec 29 +Mary Kathryn Johnson

Tuesday, Dec 30 +Romeo Ofamin

Wednesday, Dec 31 +Leonora Valvieja

Thursday, Jan 01 +Federico Venida

Friday, Jan 02 +Leroy Newman

Saturday, Jan 03 Dye Ohana (Intentions)

Sunday, Jan 04: Epiphany of the Lord

7:30am +Antonio Sanchez Sr., +Emelia Sanchez,

+Clemente Agas, +Kekoa Blevins, +Tootie Aiu

9:30am +Harold Aiu, +Juliet Aiu, +Taka Sokei,

+Fausto Bunao, +Gregorio Bunao

5:00pm Monica Labuguen (Bday)

St. Sylvester Church

Wednesday, Dec 31

Sunday, Jan 04 +Editha Jimenez

St. William Church

Sunday, Jan 04 Dye Ohana (Intentions)

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. Mass Intention will be published in bulletin. Deadline for publication will be noon on each Wednesday.

December 28, 2025 Holy Family

2nd Collection: Ohana in Christ (Last Collection)

NO R.E. Classes at SS and SC

6:00PM - SC Children's Choir

12/31 Wednesday

St Sylvester Feast Day. Rosary at 4:30PM followed by Mass at 5:00PM and Potluck Dinner

St Catherine: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

NO Reconciliation

01/01 Thursday: New Years Day Mass and Solemnity of

Mary Mother of God at 9am at St. Catherine Church

01/03 Saturday

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

01/04 Epiphany of the Lord

Hospitality Sunday at St. Catherine & St. Sylvester

Birthday Blessings at all Masses

2nd Collection—Parish Repair & Maintenance

NO R.E. Classes at SS and SC



Mahalo for YOUR

Stewardship of Treasure:



QR code for Online Giving

**Week of December 21
2025**

Sunday Offertory

\$ 7,813.06

On-Line Offertory

\$ 1,432.22

Raise da Roof Collection

\$ 22,707.00

Misa de Gallo

\$ 6,882.84

Youth / R.E. Collection

\$ 2,702.00

Food Pantry

\$ 503.00

Religious Retirement Fund

\$ 143.00

Ohana in Christ

\$ 30.00

**Parish Offices will be closed on December 25 & 26,
2025 in observance of Christmas and on January 1
and 2, 2026 in observance of New Year's Day.**

JANUARY MONTH HIGHLIGHTS

Jan 3 & 4Hospitality Sunday at SS & SC

Birthday Blessings at each Mass

Jan 3 & 42nd Collection-Parish R&M

Jan 10-18FCC Rosary Novena- St. Joseph

Jan 16.....Youth-Life Team in Coyle Hall

Jan 19.....Martin Luther King-Ofc closed

Jan 24.....Pancake Sale (WAC)

Jan 24 & 252nd Collection-Blk/Indian/Latin

Jan 31.....Respect Life: Baby Shower

WE pray for the recently deceased

Name: **Willie Ornellas**

Funeral: January 3, 2026

Church: St. Catherine Church

Name: **Jen Kimura**

Funeral: January 24, 2026

Church: St. Sylvester Church

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

**First Friday Mass January 2, 2026 at 7am
followed by Sacred Heart Devotions and
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until
12noon. *We need sponsors to keep watch
with our Lord throughout the morning.***

**Sign up sheet at the entrance of
St. Catherine Church**

**The women of our parish WAC Ministry
(Women Apostles for Catechesis) will be having
a pancake sale on Saturday, January 24th in
Coyle Hall. Funds will be used to bring to
fruition the many works of their ministry.**

**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.**

Feast of the Holy Family – Sunday, December 28



The crèche at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, adorned with wheat grass—a Portuguese Christmas tradition symbolizing the Eucharist, the Bread of Life, and God's promise of blessing and new life.

Every year, the Sunday after Christmas is dedicated to the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—the holiest family that ever was and ever will be. As we continue to rejoice in the birth of our Savior, this feast invites us to pause and reflect on our own families and how we are called to grow in love, faith, and unity by imitating the Holy Family.

Christmas is a beautiful time to strengthen family bonds, especially through the sharing of family traditions. Many of us come from rich and diverse cultural backgrounds, and during this season those traditions come alive—special foods prepared, familiar songs sung, dances shared, stories retold. These practices do more than bring joy; they pass on identity. Perhaps one of the most important things we can do as families is to share why we do what we do, so that the next generation understands not just the tradition, but the faith behind it.

In my Christmas homilies, I invited everyone to spend time in prayer at our manger scenes here at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, St. Sylvester Church in Kīlauea, and St. William Church in Hanalei, reflecting on the great mystery of the Incarnation—God made flesh for us. *You may have noticed something a little different in our mangers this year: the wheat grass placed around them. This carries special meaning for me and comes from a Portuguese Christmas tradition.*

In many Portuguese homes, wheat grass is planted and placed near the manger, or *presépio*, which is the focal point of the home during Christmastime. *The wheat grass symbolizes the Eucharist—wheat that becomes bread, and Christ who becomes for us the Bread of Life. It also points to the bread and wine offered at every Mass.* Another tradition holds that as Mary and Joseph fled with the Child Jesus into Egypt, they hid among the wheat fields to escape danger. *Growing up, I was also told that how tall and full your wheat grass grows is a sign of how prosperous the coming New Year will be. May it grow tall and full for the success of our roof project!*

My family has practiced this tradition for many generations. In fact, many friends—many not Portuguese and some not even Catholic—look forward each year to receiving wheat grass from my mother and her cousins, who continue the tradition passed down from my great-grandmother, Elsie Correa Texeira. It brings me great joy to share this tradition with our parish ‘ohana.

I am grateful to our faithful Christmas Decorating Ministry for allowing the wheat grass to grace our mangers, and I thank you for allowing me to share a small piece of my family’s story with you. May the Holy Family bless all our families—at St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Sylvester, and St. William—with faith, love, good health, and hope as we enter the New Year.

Mele Kalikimaka a me ka Hau‘oli Makahiki Hou! Feliz Nata! Maligayan Pasko! Merry Christmas to all.

Love, Fr. EJ



Mahalo to all who have helped
decorate our 3 churches for
Christmas. You make pick up your
Poinsettia after the
last mass on December 28.

*From ~ Fr. EJ,
Fr. Francisco,
Dcn. Andy,
Sr. Rachel, Sr. Luci,
& the staff of
St. Catherine
of Alexandria Parish*

*May this
Christmas fill
your hearts with*

*ALOHA,
PEACE,
& JOY*

*that carry throughout the
New Year.*

Mr. & Mrs. Eugenio Belmonte

Mr. & Mrs. Melecio Belmonte

Mr. & Mrs. Lope Deang

Leina & Zena Somera

Mr. & Mrs. Juan Bolibol

Mr. & Mrs. Monico Corda

Mr. & Mrs. Trazona Leighton

Mr. & Mrs. Loreto Arellano

Senorino Lahip

Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Lahip

Cipriano Bolibol

Estefania Bolibol

Benoi Hacosolin

Rosie Hacosolin

Cynthia Duarte

Richard & Jean Hoppe

Richard & Kay Hoppe



Hanako Lapilio	Clinton Nakagoshi	LeRoi Bethel, Jr
Carlito Natalio	Phyllis corz	Alfred K Aki, Sr
Frances Madrid	Isabel Leyva	Tina Aki Sobolesky
Felix Constantino	Beernard Leyva	Alfred & Ruth Fernandes
Remato Manulatac	Raymond Yadao	Jimmy, Alan, & Al Fernandes
Feliciano Quiazon	Ralph Kanei	MaryAnn Matsushige
Marina Quiazon	Mary Napoleon	Takato Sokei
Adele Castro	Francisco "Sox" Alejo	Yvonne Malecke
Encar San Diego	Me. & Mrs. Ernesto Baltazar	Joseph & Helen Malecke
Federico Nacu	Carmelina Reyes	Ryoju & Uto Sokei
Rosa Nacu	Jennis Christian	Fallon Lopez
Pedro Adriano	Ambrose Worthington	Patrick Lopez Sr
Maria Adriano	Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Pacheco	Margaret Bernardes
Margie Ponce	Mrs. Soto Kimura	Vincent Lopez Jr
Mr. & Mrs. Richard A Lapilio	Takayaki Kimura	Zaedwn Cadawas-Kaui
Stanford D Boro	Maggie Pacheco	Iva Jean Gerardo
William Freitas	Edward Fournier	Takayuki Kimura
Joseph Freitas	Hortense McKenney	Jan Kimura
Alberto & Beatriz Nidea	Cres Ramos, Jr	Mr. & Mrs. Teodorico Abara
Primo & Maria Ramos	Aaliyah Rose	Mr. & Mrs. Marcelo Domingo
Rochelle Barretto	Dave Rushenberg	James H Quinones
Joe Barretto	John Blaine, Sr	Robert & Francis Noguchi
Dorothy Malaia Texiera	Lucio Valmoja	Buddy & Marian Lizama
Ofeila Mangubut Resinto	Inocencia Valmoja	Vincente & Julia C Lizama
Elsie Correa Texeira	Mike Lorusso	Vincent & Julio Lizama
Maria Pimental Malaia	Cirillo & Julie Dellatan	Joseph & Evangeline Rodrigues

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day:

On the Sunday after Christmas, we honor the Holy Family and hold them up as a model for our own families. From the start, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph had to deal with hardships, uncertainty, and even danger. But together they placed their trust in God and grew ever stronger in their bond with each other. We, too, are called to trust in the Lord as we face the trials and difficulties in our own lives. As we continue our Christmas celebration, may our families be consecrated in the love of the Holy Family.

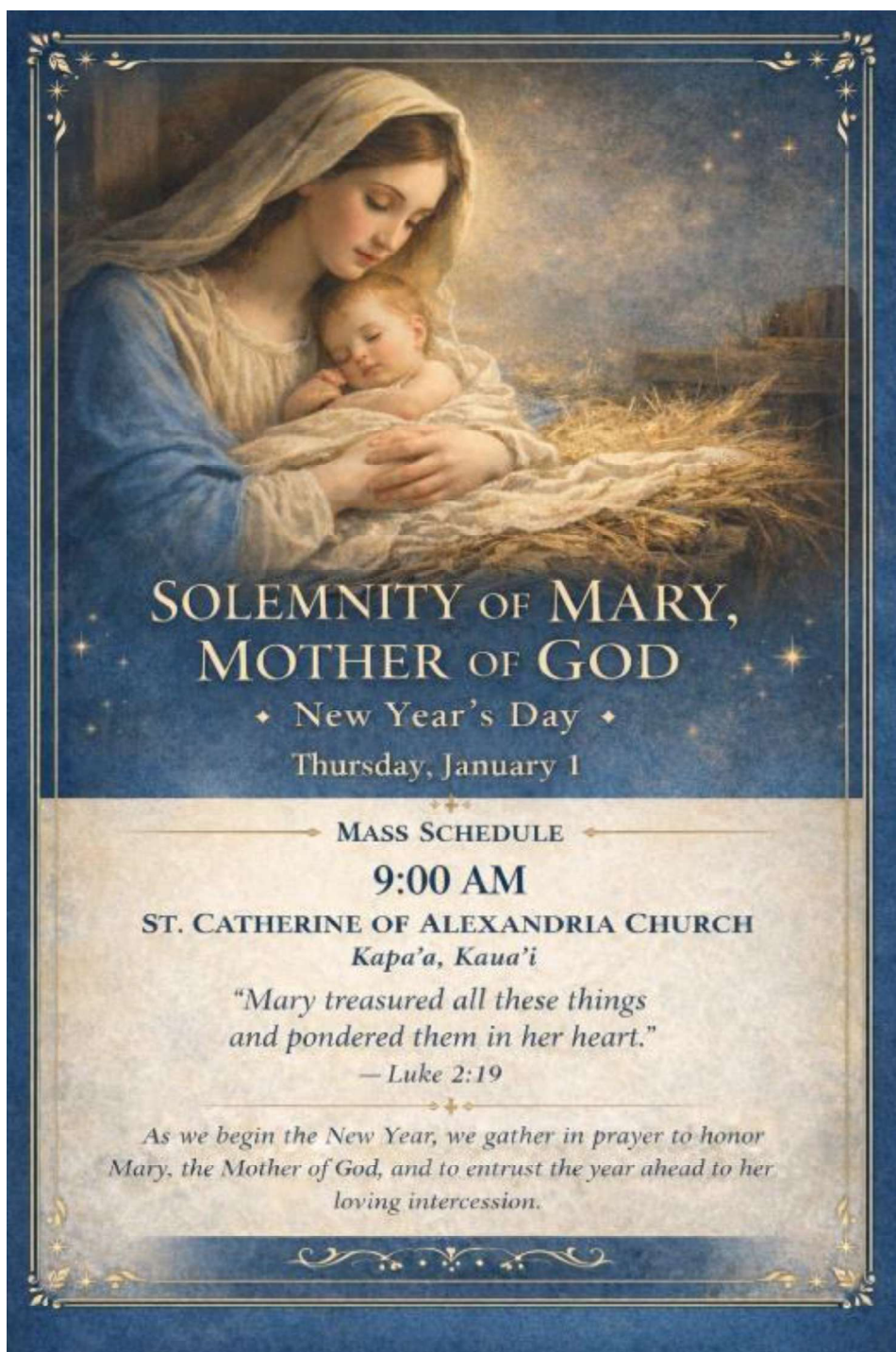
Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

Today's readings offer a number of lessons about family life. Ben Sira shares his wisdom about children's responsibilities to their parents, particularly as their parents age. Saint Paul's advice to the Colossians about how to treat each other teaches us well how to treat members of our own families. The Holy Family places their trust in the Lord as they fear for their safety in dangerous situations. May today's readings encourage us as we seek God's blessing upon families of every kind.

Reflection:

The feast of the Epiphany marks the end of the Christmas season. It seems fitting that the Gospel recounts the story of the Magi who followed a star to find a new born king. We have also journeyed through Advent to come and rediscover the gift of God's Son. Like the Magi, we cannot stay at the stable in Bethlehem. We must go back to our world and spread the Good News of God's great love for us. How will you spread this good news in the year ahead.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY at St. Catherine Church is such an awesome time for the parish to gather to talk story over a cup of coffee, to "catch up" with the latest in our families and all this while some Onolicious foods are being served. But help is needed to set-up and clean-up after each Mass. Parishioners continue to be generous with bringing in foods but it's becoming noticeable that fewer hands are available to help make the coffee, set up the food table and throw out the trash. Let's change the mind set that we do gather as a faith family. Like at home, we clear our dining table, put away foods in the fridge, wash the dishes and thank MOM for the cooking. Hope to see you there lending a hand.



**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD**

♦ New Year's Day ♦
Thursday, January 1

MASS SCHEDULE
9:00 AM

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA CHURCH
Kapa'a, Kaua'i

*"Mary treasured all these things
and pondered them in her heart."
— Luke 2:19*

*As we begin the New Year, we gather in prayer to honor
Mary, the Mother of God, and to entrust the year ahead to her
loving intercession.*

Feast Day of St. Sylvester

Wednesday, December 31, 2025

Mass - 5:00pm

Dinner & Festivities to follow.

**Food, Fellowship,
Bingo, Karaoke...**

**Bring your
families and join
us as we
celebrate our
Patron Saint,
close out 2025
and usher in
2026.**



Questions call Raina
(808) 634-0756

PARISH STAFF

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