

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

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Mass Intentions

St. Catherine of Alexandria Church

Monday, Jan 12 +Alfonso Garcia Sr,
Tuesday, Jan 13 Sr. Rachel (Bday)
Wednesday, Jan 14 +Damien D Victorino Sr.
Thursday, Jan 15 +Felix Iloreta
Friday, Jan 16 +Elizabeth Victorino
Saturday, Jan 17 Aliyah Lum (Bday)
Sunday, Jan 18-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am +Antonio Sanchez Sr., +Emelia Sanchez,
+Clemente Agas, +Kekoa Blevins, +Delpidio Labuguen
9:30am +William Fernandes, +Cathy Agoot,
+Fausto Bunao, +Gregorio Bunao, +Anastacia
Villanueva
5:00pm Dye Ohana (Intentions)

St. Sylvester Church

Wednesday, Jan 14 Kwiatkowski Ohana (Ints)
Sunday, Jan 18 +Editha Jimenez, +Debra Cummings

St. William Church

Sunday, Jan 18 +Gladys Troshynski

Personal Mass intentions will be accepted for all daily and Sunday Masses at all three Churches. Saturday 5pm Mass has been designated as Missa propopulo and no Mass intentions will be accepted at that particular Mass.

Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord January 11, 2026

The date was September 12, 1987. I was just about two weeks old when my parents brought me to St. Raphael's Church in Koloa, to be baptized by Fr. Felix Vandebroek. Like many of you, the day of my baptism is not even a memory. In fact, it wasn't until I left for seminary that I even learned the date.

Still, the day of our baptism, whether we were two weeks old or eighty-two years old is the most important day of our lives. It is the day we were cleansed of sin, incorporated into the life of Jesus Christ, raised to the dignity of being beloved sons and daughters of God, and made members of His one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

Today we close the Christmas season and enter Ordinary Time by focusing on the first sacrament of our faith Baptism, as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Baptism has its roots in the ritual cleansing practices of our Jewish ancestors. **These purifications symbolized repentance and spiritual renewal and helped prepare people to enter into worship.** When John the Baptist came preaching repentance — “Prepare the way of the Lord!” — he called people to acknowledge their sins and turn their hearts toward the coming Messiah. In the baptism of Jesus, this ritual cleansing is transformed. It becomes the definitive beginning of the Christian life and our journey of discipleship.

So we ask the question: **Did Jesus need to be baptized?** He is the sinless Son of God, so the answer is no. But the Church Fathers teach that Jesus chose to be baptized in order to identify Himself with us, with sinners who long for mercy and conversion.

Jesus' baptism also marks the beginning of His mission as the suffering servant. It foreshadows His death on the Cross and His rising for the salvation of all. He enters the waters not because He needs cleansing — but to sanctify the waters for us. Out of love, He stands with sinners so that we who are baptized into Him might share in His life and rise with Him to eternal life.

This is the mystery of the Incarnation and the meaning of Christmas: **God becomes one of us, so that we who are baptized into Him may become like Him.** Today we are reminded that in baptism we receive both **our identity** and **our mission** as beloved sons and daughters of God. We now share in the very life and mission of Christ.

One concrete reminder of this dignity happens every time we enter the church and bless ourselves with holy water. Whenever we make the sign of the cross, we should recall:

- 1. I am a child of God.**
- 2. I have been redeemed by the Cross of Christ.**
- 3. I belong to God's Church — His family.**

This is who we are.

But then comes the next question: **How do we live this identity?** When Jesus comes up from the water, the Father's voice is heard: “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” **Our mission is to live in such a way, in thought, word, and action that our Heavenly Father may say of us: “You are my beloved son...you are my beloved daughter...in whom I am well pleased.”**

Because we are baptized in Christ, we are called to holiness. To not to desecrate our bodies or souls with impurity, injustice, intolerance, jealousy, or hatred, but to grow in virtue, charity, and integrity of life. Through prayer, Scripture, and the sacraments, we deepen our intimacy with Christ.

Finally, baptism calls us to share in Christ's mission, to help build up God's Kingdom on earth with compassion, justice, mercy, and love. We are sent to be light for the world, because Christ, who stood in the waters of the Jordan, has made us holy, claimed us as His own, and named us His beloved.

May we never forget who we are and whose we are.

Reflection Question:

When I bless myself with holy water and recall my baptism, do I truly live each day as God's beloved son or daughter — and what might God be inviting me to renew in my life so that He may be "well pleased" in me?

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of my baptism and for calling me Your beloved. Renew in me the grace of the Holy Spirit, that I may live with faith, compassion, and courage as a disciple of Your Son. Help me to reflect Your love in my thoughts, words, and actions each day. Amen.

January 11, 2026 Baptism of the Lord

R.E. Classes at St. Catherine & St. Sylvester
6:00PM St. Catherine Children's Choir

01/14 Wednesday: 5:30 PM

St Catherine: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
NO Reconciliation

01/15 Thursday: St. William Food Distribution

01/17 Saturday

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

01/18 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

NO R.E. Classes at St. Catherine & St. Sylvester

There will be no Confessions available on Wednesday evenings for the entire month of January.
We apologize for this inconvenience. Wednesday Confessions will start again in February.

Mahalo for YOUR Stewardship of Treasure:



QR code for Online Giving

**Week of January 4
2026**

Sunday Offertory

\$ 7,867.00

On-Line Offertory

\$ 2,531.00

Offertory-direct giving

\$ 773.00

Christmas (3 ch)

\$ 255.00

Ohana in Christ

\$ 30.00

Repair & Maintenance

\$ 3833.00

Parish Reserve

\$ 628.00

Parish Food Pantry

\$ 1150.00

If you contributed \$250.00 or more to St. Catherine Parish in 2025, a tax statement will be sent to you by January 31, 2026. If you do not receive a tax statement, one can be sent to you by calling the church office.



JANUARY MONTH HIGHLIGHTS

Jan 10-18.....FCC Rosary Novena- Santo Nino

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

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

Jan 25... ..Pancake Sale-Mini Rummage

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

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

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.

WE pray for the recently deceased

Name: Jan Kimura Funeral: January 24, 2026

Church: St. Sylvester Church



happy
new
year!

**Feast of St. Sylvester
December 31, 2025**



Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day:

On this final day of the Christmas season, we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We hear in dramatic fashion of Jesus rising from the waters of the River Jordan, the heavens opening before Him, the Holy spirit descending like a dove, and a voice from the heavens proclaiming, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Though not as visibly, we too have risen from the waters of baptism and received the Holy Spirit. As beloved children of God, we pray that God is also well pleased with us.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

Isaiah's words may be echoing in your heads now, as we have heard them nearly every Sunday throughout Advent and Christmas. Isaiah foresaw the Messiah, God's chosen one, who, filled with God's spirit, would open the eyes of the blind, rescue those imprisoned in darkness, and establish justice on the earth. Peter attests that Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and power, and Matthew tells of how the Holy Spirit appeared as a dove descending from the heavens when Jesus was baptized. Filled with the Holy Spirit in baptism, let us allow the words of scripture to move us with their power.

Reflection:

Just because someone doesn't belong to our Church does not mean they are not a good person. Whether they are Muslims, Jews or even atheists, they are still God's children and their actions are far more important than what group they may belong to. Do you sometimes pass judgment on others because of their religion, race or nationality? Have you even considered they are also loved by God? How might this insight affect your attitudes and behavior? God shows no partiality. *The man of any nation who fears God And acts uprightly is acceptable to Him.* - Acts 10: 34-35

SECOND COLLECTION- Jan 10 and 11

The Diocese of Honolulu has revamped its annual appeal, renaming it the **Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal: Sharing God's Gifts (CMAA)**. This replaces the former "Ohana in Christ" campaign and aims to clarify that the funds directly support various ministries across the diocese's 65 parishes, serving over 124,000 Catholics and the wider communities.

Several specific ministries have been recently formed or expanded and supported by **CMAA**:

HOPE for Mental Health Community: Launched in 2019 at the Resurrection of the Lord parish, this ministry provides support and resources for those affected by mental illness.

Catholic Recovery Ministry: Formed at St. Theresa Catholic Church, this ministry integrates Catholic spirituality with the 12-step program for individuals struggling with alcoholism.

Young Catholic Professionals (YCP): A new program supporting young Catholic professionals in the workplace, an offshoot of the EPIC Ministry.

The Huakai Project: A new initiative for young adult Catholics focused on fostering relationships and inspiring through small groups.

Hawaii Apostleship of the Sea Ministry: Launched in the late 2024 out of Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, this ministry provides pastoral care and support for seafarers.

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.

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

PARISH STAFF

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