

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

**Sunday 8:00am to Noon**

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## **Mass Intentions**

### ***St. Catherine of Alexandria***

**Monday, Jan 26** +Alejandrino Ragasa  
**Tuesday, Jan 27** +Alfred Agbisit  
**Wednesday, Jan 28** +William Fernandes  
**Thursday, Jan 29** +William Fernandes  
**Friday, Jan 30** Carmen Nakasone (Bday)  
**Saturday, Jan 31** +Maura Valdez  
**Sunday, Feb 1- Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**7:30am:** +Quirino Domingo +William Fernandes,  
+Cathy Agoot, +Debra Cummings, +Emelia Sanchez  
**9:30am:** +George Fujimoto, +Antonio Sanchez Sr.,  
+Evelyn Branco, +Mable Branco, Bill Salado (Bday)  
**5:00pm** Dye Ohana (Intentions)

### ***St. Sylvester Church***

**Wednesday, Jan 28** Ciechonowski Ohana (Ints)  
**Sunday, Feb 01** +Editha Jimenez,  
+Nick Rapozo, +Ellen Rapozo, +Paul Rapozo,  
David Carmichael

### ***St. William Church***

**Sunday, Feb 01** James & Margie Semmes (Ints)

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.

# The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation

## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A



“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?” — Psalm 27

This Sunday’s Responsorial Psalm gives voice to a deep and enduring act of faith. Psalm 27 is not a prayer spoken from comfort or certainty, but from the midst of fear, opposition, and uncertainty. The psalmist does not deny the presence of darkness; instead, he proclaims trust in the One who overcomes it. To call the Lord “my light” is to acknowledge God as

the source of guidance and truth when the way forward is unclear. To name the Lord as “my salvation” is to place one’s safety, future, and hope entirely in God’s hands.

This prayer resonates powerfully with the First Reading from the Prophet Isaiah, who announces that “the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.” Isaiah speaks to a people burdened by suffering, instability, and loss of direction. The promised light is not merely relief from hardship, but the restoration of hope and meaning. Psalm 27 becomes the faithful response to that promise: a decision to trust God’s presence even before the darkness fully lifts.

The Gospel deepens this theme. In Matthew’s account, Jesus begins His public ministry in Galilee, fulfilling Isaiah’s prophecy of light dawning in darkness. He proclaims the nearness of God’s Kingdom and calls fishermen to follow Him. Their response is immediate—they leave their nets behind. This is not impulsive enthusiasm, but courageous trust. Stepping into the light means letting go of what is familiar, comfortable, or seemingly secure in order to follow the One who is Light itself.

Taken together, Isaiah, Psalm 27, and the Gospel reveal a single movement of faith. God promises light. The psalm teaches us how to trust that promise. The Gospel shows us what it looks like to act on that trust. In every age, discipleship requires a choice: whether fear or faith will shape our decisions.

In a world marked by anxiety, division, and uncertainty, Psalm 27 speaks with renewed urgency. It reminds us that light is not something we create for ourselves; it is a gift we receive by placing our confidence in God. To follow Christ is to walk out of darkness and into His saving presence—one faithful step at a time.

**Reflection Question: Where am I allowing fear or darkness to shape my decisions instead of trusting in God’s light?**

**JESUS I TRUST IN YOU**



**January 25, 2026 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 2nd Collection: Latin American / Black & Indian Nations  
 R.E. Classes at St. Catherine & St. Sylvester  
 WAC Mini-Bazaar & Pancake Sale  
 6:00PM St. Catherine Children's Choir

**01/28 Wednesday**  
 St Catherine: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 NO Reconciliation

**01/29 Thursday:** St. William Food Distribution

**01/31 Saturday**  
 Respect for Life Baby Shower POSTPONED

**02/01 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Hospitality Sunday at St. Catherine & St. Sylvester  
 Birthday Blessing at all Masses  
 2nd Collection-Parish Repair and Maintenance

**There will be no Confessions available on Wednesday evenings for the entire month of January.**  
**We apologize for this inconvenience. Wednesday Confessions will start on February 4<sup>th</sup>.**

St. Catherine's Parish warmly welcomes Seminarian **Deepak Bobbarala**, who joins us this weekend for a time of



Pastoral Immersion. Deepak arrived in Hawai'i on Thanksgiving Day 2024 from India. He has spent the past year in pastoral formation at St. John Vianney Parish on Oahu immersing himself in the life of the Catholic Church and adapting to life in the United States. *During this time, he has served as a catechist in faith formation programs, ministered compassionately through bereavement ministry, and been a steady presence in the parish office, learning the many aspects of parish and school administration.* He also completed three months of Clinical Pastoral Education at Queen's Hospital. We are grateful for his generous spirit and look forward to supporting him as he continues his journey of formation and discernment for the Priesthood with the Diocese of Honolulu.

## Mahalo for YOUR Stewardship of Treasure:



QR code for Online Giving

**Week of January 18  
2026**

Sunday Offertory

**\$ 8494.00**

On-Line Offertory	\$ 1968.22
Offertory-direct giving	\$ 207.00
Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal	\$ 63.00
In-office donations	\$ 502.80
Ohana in Christ	\$ 25.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 10.00
Parish Reserve	\$ 140.55
Youth / R.E.	\$ 10800.00

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 25...** .....Mini Bazaar & Pancake Sale (WAC)

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

**Jan 31.....**Respect Life: Baby Shower-POSTPONED

**Our parish Respect for Life Ministry  
has postponed their Baby Shower scheduled  
for January 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**The new date will be announced  
and published in future bulletins.**

**Thank you for your understanding.**

**WE pray for the recently deceased .....**

Name: **+Xane Aguinaldo** Funeral: January 28, 2026

Church: St. Sylvester Church

**WE pray for the recently deceased .....**

Name: **+Andrew Alesna** Funeral: January 31, 2026

Church: St. Catherine Church

**WE pray for the recently deceased .....**

Name: **+Glenn Carvalho** Funeral: February 7, 2026

Church: St. Catherine Church





# Mahalo!

**We rejoice and give thanks!**

Through your incredible generosity, we raised  
just over **\$200,000**—double  
what we originally asked for!

Because of this, Phase One of our *Raise Da Roof* project  
will now begin and is fully funded.

This is truly something to celebrate!

As we celebrate, plans are already underway as we  
journey toward completing **Phase Two**, with  
**\$200,000** still needed  
to reach our final goal.

**RAISE DA ROOF!**

**St. Catherine &  
St. Sylvester Church**



**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day:** In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus call his first disciples. "Come after me," he calls out to the first two. "Follow me," he says to two more. We are the ones Jesus calls out to now. Today in the Sunday of the Word of God, the day Pope Francis chose to dedicate to the proclamation, the study, and the celebration of the scriptures. The call of the first disciples also reminds us of Jesus' own words. His words invite us to a deeper commitment, to one like Peter and Andrew and James and John made with him. May the word of God inspire us to enter our discipleship more deeply.

**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:** As we begin this final week of January, it does our hearts good to hear that a great light has shone through the darkness and gloom. We realize, though, that Isaiah is speaking of the Lord, especially after Matthew writes in the Gospel that Jesus fulfills this passage. He is the light of the world, shining throughout Galilee, preaching repentance, calling disciples, proclaiming the gospel, and healing the sick. We also hear Paul urge the Corinthians to unity. In Christ, we have enlightenment, unity and salvation. On this Sunday of the Word of God, may God's word light our way.

**Reflection:** Have you ever noticed that sometimes the most difficult people to get along with are other members of your own faith community? Fortunately, most of the time these divisions are small but they can become serious problems when they involve major changes such as building a new church or financial appeals. One would think such contentious divisions would not happen in a faith community, but they do. It is so easy for us to believe that we are right and the other person is at best misguided or at worst just trying to tear everything apart. We all need to take a step back and remember that we all want what is best for the community. No one has the perfect solution; but, by combining the various suggestions, we can find the best course to take. However, we have to listen to each other and find where there is agreement and where compromise is needed. It takes great humility and respect for each other; but, if we are truly a Christian community, it is what we are called to do.

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.  
-Isaiah 9:2*

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST & MINI BAZAAR



**Sunday – January 25**

The ladies of our parish WAC Ministry (Women Apostles for Catechesis) will be holding a pancake breakfast and a mini-bazaar on Sunday, January 25th in Coyle Hall from 8AM to 12 NOON. \$5 tickets will be sold at door. There will also be a mini-bazaar with an assortment of household items.

Anyone wishing to donate, contact the church office.



A few young-at-heart men of our parish cleaned the fans, changed the Stations of the Cross gallery lights.



*Thank you!  
You make a difference.*

and long over due.... changed the burnt out spot lights in the high peak of SC Church ceiling.

Take a moment to thank these handsome braddahs!



## PARISH STAFF

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Pastor: Rev. EJ Resinto ext 225  
Rev. Francisco Sanchez ext 224  
Deacon Andy Ragasa 645-1710  
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EM& Lector: Bronwyn Farias 635-2339  
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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.**