

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

Monday, Feb 23 Carmen Salboro (Healing)

Tuesday, Feb 24 +Julianne Cross

Wednesday, Feb 25 +Julianne Cross **Thursday, Feb 26** +Julianne Cross

Friday, Feb 27 +Benjamin Acosta

Saturday, Feb 28 +Moises Cortado **Sunday,**

March 01-Second Sunday of Lent

7:30am +Cathy Agoot, +Debra Cummings, +Emelia Sanchez, +Antonio Sanchez Sr., +Margaret Bernardes

9:30am +Sabina Iloreta, Emilia Rupisan (Bday)

5:00pm Dye Ohana (Ints)

St. Sylvester Church

Wednesday, Feb 25

Sunday, March 01-+Paul Rapozo, +Steven Vicente

St. William Church

Sunday, March 01

9AM- +Patricia Ann Greff, +Rev. Patrick J. Coyle

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.



Into the Desert with Christ

Prayer • Fasting • Almsgiving

1st Sunday of Lent – Matthew 4:1–11

Each year on this First Sunday of Lent, the Church leads us into the desert with Jesus. In the Gospel, Jesus is led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil (Matthew 4:1–11). After forty days of fasting, weakened in body but strong in spirit, Jesus is confronted with three temptations: to turn stones into bread, to test God by throwing Himself from the temple, to grasp power and glory without the Cross.

In each temptation, Jesus responds with the **Word of God**, remaining faithful to the Father. He shows us that temptation is not a sign of failure, it is a moment of decision: **Will we rely on ourselves, or will we cling to God?**

The Desert of Lent

Lent is our desert. It is not meant to be easy. We may begin with good intentions, but we will grow tired, distracted, or discouraged. We may even fail in our commitments. But **this is precisely where grace is found**. Because Lent is not about perfection, it is about **conversion of heart**. In moments of temptation, weakness, or even failure, we do what Jesus did: **we cling to the Father and His Word**.

The Three Pillars of Lent

The Church gives us three concrete ways to journey through the desert:

PRAYER: Staying Close to the Father

When we pray, we return to God again and again.

To help us be intentional in prayer this Lent, consider:

- Make a **daily joy list** and thank God for each moment
 - Pray **one decade of the Rosary each day**
 - Sit in **one minute of silence** daily
 - Pray the **Surrender Prayer**
 - Pray for those who have **no one to pray for them**

Prayer keeps us rooted when temptation comes.

FASTING: Learning True Freedom

Fasting teaches us that **we do not live on bread alone**.

Fasting this Lent might include:

- Giving up endless **scrolling on social media**
 - Saying **no when you mean no**
 - Avoiding **inessential spending**
- Letting go of constant noise, music or podcasts and rather, **listen to Chant or Religious Music only**

- Offering up something small, like **an afternoon coffee**

Fasting is not punishment. It is **freedom of the heart** to allow God to fill us with his love with what we give up.

ALMSGIVING : Loving Our Neighbor

Almsgiving turns us outward towards others in love.

Concrete ways to practice almsgiving:

- Tell someone you live with **one thing you love about them each week**

- Donate **\$1 a day** to a cause you support

- Send a **gift card or note** to someone struggling

- Keep **blessing bags in your car** for those in need

- Volunteer at a **local food bank or at our Parish Food Pantry Ministry**

Almsgiving makes room for Christ in others.

Clinging to Christ in Our Weakness

There will be moments this Lent when we fall short. Do not be discouraged.

Instead:

- Return to prayer

- Begin again fasting

- Choose generosity once more

Every time we turn back to Christ, our hearts are being **reshaped and renewed.**

Toward Easter

The desert leads us somewhere. It leads us to the Cross...and through the Cross to the **Empty Tomb**. If we walk with Christ this Lent, even imperfectly, we will arrive at Easter **renewed in faith, hope, and love.**

Reflection Question

Where do I experience temptation or weakness this Lent, and how is Christ inviting me to cling more closely to Him through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving?

Mahalo for YOUR

Stewardship of Treasure:



QR code for Online Giving

Week of

February 15 2026

Sunday Offertory.....	\$ 7763.00
On-Line Offertory.....	\$ 2478.22
Direct Offertory.....	\$ 1038.00
Hawaii Catholic Ministries.....	\$ 2896.00
Augustine Educational Fund.....	\$ 95.00
Donations	\$ 500.00
Repair & Maintenance.....	\$ 143.00
“Raise dah Roof”	\$ 42100.00
Church in Latin America.....	\$ 30.00

March / April MONTH HIGHLIGHTS

March 18.....Lenten Mission-Lit Ministers

Mar 19.....Lenten Mission- All Parishioners

Mar 26.....Prince Kuhio Day- Ofc closed

Mar 26.....Chrism Mass at ICC

Mar 29.....Palm Sunday

April 2-3-4.....Holy Triduum

April 5.....Easter Sunday

February 22, 2026 First Sunday of Lent

Religious Education Classes at SC and SS
6PM-SC Children's Choir Practice

02/25 Wednesday

St Catherine: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Reconciliation during Adoration

02/26 Thursday - St. William Food Distribution Preparation

02/27 Friday - Stations of the Cross- 6PM at SC

02/28 Saturday - 10:30AM to 12PM
SC Food Distribution in play field

03/01 Second Sunday of Lent

2nd Collection-Parish Repair & Maintenance

Religious Education Classes at SC and SS
Hospitality Sunday at SS and SC
Birthday Blessings at all Masses



Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day:

During the forty-day journey through the desert that we make each Lent, again and again we will find ourselves tempted to do the wrong thing, to overindulge, to lie, to take the easy way out. Fortunately, the Holy Spirit accompanies us to guide us along the right path and lead us back after we lose our way. Recall that filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was able to resist temptation on his journey, even when the devil offered him the whole world. May we be strengthened regularly by his Body and Blood while on our holy pilgrimage.

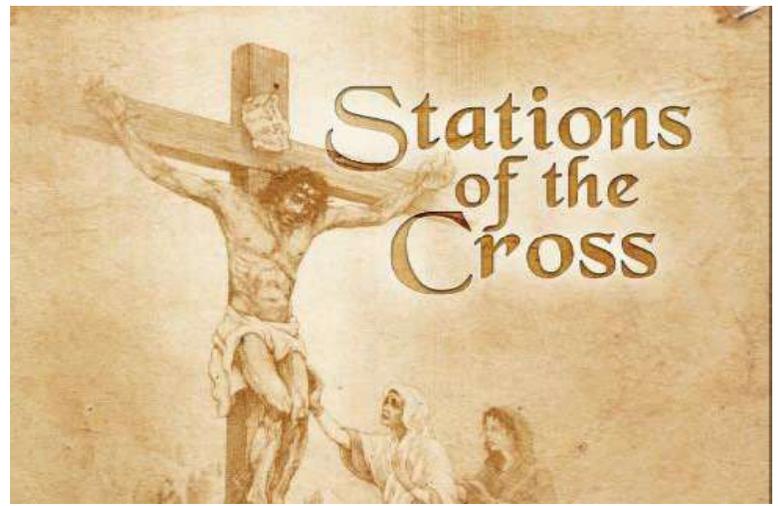
Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

On the first Sunday of Lent, we are reminded how easy it is to succumb to temptation. We are faced with it every day and it seems magnified during Lent. Today, we hear how Adam and Eve gave in to temptation while Jesus resisted it. Jesus found strength in the Word of God, which he used effectively to outduel the devil in the desert. Let us listen how to God's powerful word, aware that Jesus' use of it to resist temptation enables us to share in his righteousness.

Reflection:

We all struggle with temptation – even Jesus was tempted in the desert! There is no sin in being tempted. It is the giving into temptation that is the problem. Every time we pray the Lord's Prayer, we say "Lead us not into temptation." Do you ever stop to think about your own responsibility to avoid temptation. Some temptations are just part of life and we have to learn to deal with them. However, there are others that we open ourselves to and then bemoan our failure. Just as a reformed alcoholic knows they cannot hang out in a bar, we need to know our weaknesses and avoid temptations when we can.

Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me. -psalm 51:2



Every Friday during Lent

St. William Church-none

St. Sylvester Church-none

St. Catherine Church-6:00PM

The Stations of the Cross invites us to accompany Jesus on His journey to Calvary, with meditation on each of the key moments of His Passion. Through this prayer, we not only remember Christ's sacrifice but also unite ourselves to His suffering and find inspiration to carry our own daily crosses.



EPIC MINISTRY IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE
THIRD SEASON (MARCH TO MAY 2026) OF
THE HUAKAI' I PROJECT, A 12-WEEK SMALL
GROUP JOURNEY DESIGNED TO HELP YOUNG
ADULTS GROW IN FAITH, BUILD COMMUNITY,
AND SERVE OTHERS.

WE ENCOURAGE YOUNG ADULTS
(FROM AGES 18-39) WITHIN YOUR PARISH IN
JOINING A SMALL GROUP. IF YOU ARE A
YOUNG ADULT, AND IS LOOKING FOR A FAITH
COMMUNITY TO GROW CLOSER WITH GOD,

FEEL FREE TO EMAIL US AT
INFO@EPICMINISTRY.NET



—THE HUAKAI' I PROJECT—

Update on Second Collections

As part of our ongoing efforts to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us and to simplify our parish giving, we are updating our schedule of second collections. Beginning this month, we will now have two regular second collections each month:

1st Sunday of the Month – for our Parish Building & Maintenance Fund, including our ongoing “Raise Da Roof” repairs and projects.

3rd Sunday of the Month – for the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), supporting vital ministries of our Diocese of Honolulu.

For all other required diocesan collections (such as Retired Priests, Retired Religious, and the African and Indian Missions), we will donate 10% of that Sunday’s regular offertory collection to support these important causes.

Mahalo for your continued generosity and for your faithful stewardship in caring for our parish and supporting the mission of the Church here in Hawai’i and beyond.

Holy Week and Triduum Services

As we approach the most sacred days of our liturgical year, our parish will celebrate one unified Holy Week Triduum this year, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil all at St. Catherine Church in Kapa’a.

The Church teaches that the Sacred Triduum is one single celebration of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord, unfolding over three days. For this reason, the liturgical norms of the Church encourage that these celebrations be held in one principal church where the parish community can gather in its fullness and where the rites may be celebrated with proper solemnity and care.

The Roman Missal notes that these celebrations should take place in churches that are able to provide for the full and noble celebration of the rites (cf. Roman Missal, Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil rubrics), and the Church’s directives for Holy Week further emphasize the importance of one coherent celebration of the Paschal Mystery for the whole community (cf. Paschale Solemnitatis, nos. 41–43).

For this reason, there will be no Triduum liturgies at St. Sylvester (Kīlauea) or St. William (Hanalei) this year. All are warmly invited to gather as one parish ‘ohana at St. Catherine Church for these most sacred celebrations.

More details on times will be announced soon.

Mahalo for your understanding and for your desire to enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ’s saving

Prayer of Surrender

Lord Jesus, I place my life in Your hands.

Take my worries, my plans, and my fears,
and replace them with Your peace and purpose.

I surrender my heart, my mind, and my will to You.

Guide my steps, strengthen my faith,
and teach me to trust in Your perfect timing.

May Your will be done in me,

today and always. Amen.

ETERNAL REST

THE ART OF DYING WELL

We all have very real questions about death.
What happens when we die? What does Scripture teach about death? How do we prepare for the life to come?

Join us Mondays during Lent from 6-8pm

at St. Theresa Church, Kekaha

for a four-part film series by Augustine Institute exploring the mystery of death and the promise of everlasting life.

...March 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2026...

Please register with Betsy Jones at 907.347.6618 to reserve a \$14 Study Guide, while supplies last.

PARISH STAFF

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 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.