

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

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Mass Intentions

St. Catherine of Alexandria

Monday, March 02 +Abelardo Iloreta

Tuesday, March 03 +Sabina Iloreta

Wednesday, March 04 Stan Pajdak (Bday)

Thursday, March 05 +Florencio Ballesteros

Friday, March 06 +Jose Beltran Jr (Bday)

Saturday, March 07 +Harold & +Juliet Aiu

Sunday, March 08: Third Sunday of Lent

7:30am: +Raymond Aiu, +Debra Cummings, +Reynil Mariquit, +Margaret Bernardes, Norma Adrian (Bday)

9:30am: +Harold Aiu, +Juliet Aiu, +Tootie Aiu,

5:00pm:

St. Sylvester Church

Wednesday, March 04

Sunday, March 08

St. William Church

Sunday, March 08

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.

Second Sunday of Lent - --- Matthew 17: 1-9



The Mountain still speaks

Many years ago one of the school teacher shared a moving experience after teaching the same decade of lessons correcting the same mistakes and facing the same struggles with students. She once felt deeply tired and discouraged. One evening after a particularly difficult day she sat quietly in the empty classroom. As the sun set light a light came through the dusty windows and gently illuminated the dusts the blackboard and the one floor she later said nothing in that classroom had changed but I suddenly realized that this ordinary place had shaped lives. Healed wounds and planted hope. I went home renewed. What changed was not the classroom but the way she saw it that is exactly what the gospel of the transfiguration teaches us today.

The second Sunday of lent invites us to a change of vision because true conversion always beckons with learning to see differently. From the gospel of Matthew Jesus takes Peter, James and John up to a high mountain. This journey upward is already significant. Mountains in the Bible is not tourist spots but it is a place of encounter. God lifts the veil at the same time they also require an effort. Leaving behind comfort and familiarity. The disciples had walked with Jesus, eaten with Him and listened to Him yet on the mountain they see Him as He truly is. His face shining, His clothes dazzling white. Why now because the shadow of the Cross is approaching. Before Jesus asked them to follow Him from down into suffering, misunderstanding and failure. He gives them a glimpse of glory. So that when darkness comes, they will remember this is not the end.

Lent is our mountain it is a journey upward. It asks us to step away from distractions, routines and surface level faith so that God can speak to us more deeply without silence, prayer and intentional listening. We remain at the foot of the mountain unable to perceive what God wants to reveal. On the mountain Jesus transfigured before the disciples. Face shines His clothes became dazzling white this moment does not change who Jesus is. It changes how the disciples see Him. The same Jesus who walked on the dusty roads who would soon suffer and be crucified is revealed as the beloved Son filled with divine glory this is profoundly practical for our lives. God does not always remove our struggles. He wants to transform our understanding of them. When faith matures we begin to see pain not as meaningless. Transfiguration is not about changing circumstances it is about changing perceptions.

In our own lives, there are “Mountain-top” experiences moments of joy, clarity, peace, and strong faith. But there are also valleys times of confusion, suffering, disappointment, and struggle in our faith journey. The transfiguration reminds us that the same Jesus who is glorious on the mountain is the one who walks with us in the valley.

The transfiguration also shows us our destiny. Jesus did not become something He was not; He revealed who He truly is. In the same way, God’s grace does not change us into strangers it transforms us into who we are meant to be children of light.

Every time we pray, each time we receive the sacraments, every time we choose love over selfishness, a quiet transfiguration happens within us.

As we are in the season of grace, lent asks us today that am I rooted only emotional? Am I passionate or only comfortable in certain things?

Let us remember and share the light of Christ with others as baptized Christians.

Because beyond every Good Friday, there is Easter.

Beyond every valley, there is a mountain of glory.

And beyond every death, there is Resurrection.

March 01, 2026 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

03/04 Wednesday- St. Sylvester CH-5:30P-Communion Service
St Catherine CH: 5:30P-Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Reconciliation during Adoration

03/05 Thursday - 4:30P-St. William Food Distribution

03/06 Friday – Adoration at SC- 8AM to NOON
Stations of the Cross- 6PM at SC

03/07 Saturday - 10:30AM to 12PM
SC Food Distribution- parking & directions in SC play field

03/08 Third Sunday of Lent
Religious Education Classes at SC and SS
SC Children Choir Practice- 6PM

Mahalo for YOUR

Stewardship of Treasure:



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Week of

February 22 2026

Sunday Offertory

\$ 8613.96

On-Line Offertory\$ 1810.22

Direct Offertory in office.....\$ 683.00

“Raise da Roof”.....\$ 9803.00

Ash Wednesday \$ 638.00

Augustine Educational Fund.....\$ 15.00

Repair & Maintenance...\$ 186.00



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REPAIR & MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

*This weekend we take up a **SECOND COLLECTION** for the Parish Repair &*

***Maintenance** for our three churches. This is inclusive of our parish “**Raise da Roof**” project. Your continued support helps address on-going maintenance not only of our three churches but also the former school buildings and campus as well. Unforeseen plumbing & electrical work and simple carpentry repairs frequently occurs and needs immediate attention to keep our properties safe for the general public and prevent further deterioration as our buildings age. Recently we have started the campaign to raise funds to address roof repairs & replacement to St. Sylvester and St. Catherine Churches. (Note: If you would like to volunteer in any capacity, please contact the church office.*

March / April MONTH HIGHLIGHTS

- March 11-19..FCC Novena to St. Joseph
- March 14..... Women’s Retreat (Parish-wide)
- March 18.....Lenten Mission-Liturgical Ministers
- March 19.....Lenten Mission-Parish Wide
- March 23.....Lenten Reconciliation-6pm @ SC
- 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

WE pray for the recently deceased

Name: **Denis Baptiste**

Funeral: March 5, 2026- St. Catherine Church

Name: **Leonora Bunao**

Funeral: March 7, 2026 -St. Catherine Church



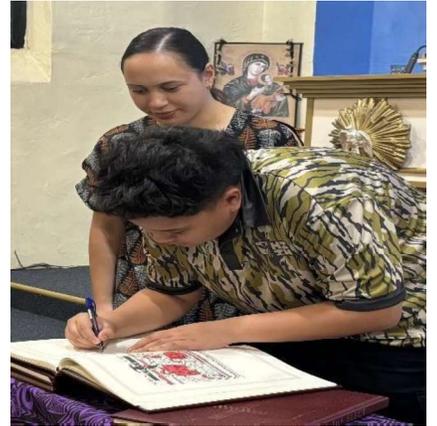
I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

WE welcome the recently baptized

Aria Dutapson Labrador

Child of
Natechanok & Tyler Labrador

The Rite of Election is a key liturgical step in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) and is usually celebrated on the first Sunday of Lent. Our parish catechumens gathered at Immaculate Conception Church with other catechumens of Kauai on Saturday, February 21st. There, acting in God’s name, the church formerly “elects” or chooses the unbaptized who are being prepared to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) at Easter Vigil (Saturday, April 4th).



Catechumens express their desire for the sacraments by inscribing their names into a “Book of Elect” or (Book of Life) as a pledge of fidelity. Sponsors are present to testify to their readiness . It marks the transition from the Period of the Catchumenate to the final, intense Period of Purification and Enlightenment.



St. Catherine of Alexandria 2026 Catechumens
 Pictured with Sr. Rachel (Parish DRE) and their sponsors are :
 Ryden Williams Takuyo Takahashi* Anuheha Berg*
 Mahinalani Berg*Jessica Sambrano*Treian Keoni Kaauwai & *Kale Sambrano.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day:

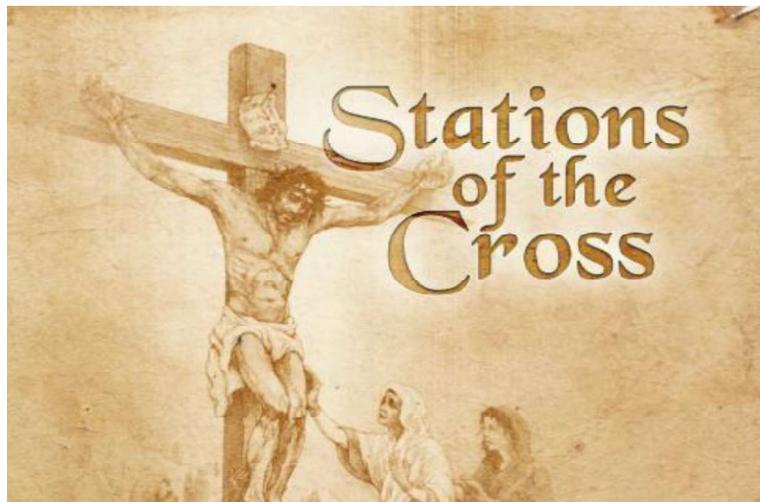
Today we hear the account of Jesus' transfiguration, when the Lord suddenly shone like the sun in front of his closest disciples, knocking them to the ground in awe. On this Second Sunday of Lent, we realize that we still have the opportunity to transform our lives, to become a different person, to shine like the sun and amaze those closest to us. May this celebration of the Eucharist strengthen us to transfigure our lives and make them more closely conform to our Lord's.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we hear in today's Gospel as Jesus is transfigured at the top of a high mountain. "Listen to him." Listening is important, so important that it is the Father's sole command to the three disciples who accompanied Jesus up the mountain. Let us now obey that command and listen to God's word-to Abraham, from Paul to Timothy, and Matthew's account of the Transfiguration- for we too are the Son's disciples, eager to grow in faith and understanding.

Reflection:

One often hears how those who follow Jesus will have not problems or worries and those who have problems must be doing something wrong. That is not what scripture tells us. Both Jesus and the apostles remind us that suffering, hardships, rejection and all manner of troubles are the lot of the faithful. The good news is that we are never alone and God's grace is with us to help and sustain us. What is God asking of you now? What holds you back from doing it? Ask the Spirit for the grace to hear and respond to God's call. *Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and our shield. -psalm -33:20*



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.

March 14-WOMEN'S RETREAT

Our Missionary Sisters of Mary Help of Christians (MSMHC) will be hosting a Women's Retreat on Saturday, March 14th in Coyle Hall. The retreat will begin at 10AM with Adoration in St. Catherine Church and will culminate with attendance at the Saturday 5PM Mass. All women young and the young-at-heart are invited to this first-ever retreat with Sr. Marykutty of Oahu facilitating a day of reflection on *Women, Bearers of the Holy Eucharist*. It's goal is to empower women to feel *they are the pillars of the world*. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Kindly call the church office to confirm your attendance for lunch head count. *WOMEN share this news with family & friends*



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

“Behold the Lamb: The Passion of Christ in the Four Gospels”

With Father EJ Resinto

This Lent, journey more deeply with Jesus as we walk step-by-step through **the Passion of Christ as told in all four Gospels**. Together we will explore the **historical setting, Old Testament fulfillment, and unique voice of each Evangelist**, and discover how each Passion account reveals a different facet of the love of Christ poured out for us.

Whether you are new to the Bible or have been reading Scripture for years, this study will help you **enter more fully into Holy Week and the mystery of the Cross** through prayer, reflection, and guided teaching.

Each session includes:

- Proclamation of Scripture
- Catholic exegesis and historical context
- Significances of each Gospel account
- Reflection and sharing
- Prayer with the Word

Come and encounter the depth of Christ’s mercy, sacrifice, and victory for you.

SCHEDULE

All sessions at 6:30pm (after Stations of the Cross) in St. Catherine’s Parish – Coyle Hall

- **March 13** – *The Passion according to Mark*
- **March 20** – *The Passion according to Luke*
- **March 27** – *The Passion according to Matthew* (Palm Sunday Gospel)
- **April 3 (Good Friday)** – *The Passion according to John* (time TBD)
- **April 10** – *The Resurrection Accounts: He is Risen!*

Bring your Bible, a notebook, and an open heart.

All are Welcome! No prior Scripture experience needed.



Together, we can make this happen!

GOAL!

"Raise da Roof"

800,000

720,000

640,000

560,000

480,000

400,000

320,000

240,000

160,000

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Christmas Appeal

Original Donors

Savings

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PARISH STAFF

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 Larry Rosa 651-5499
 OCIA: Raina Bautista 634-0756
 OCIC: Sr. Luci Salboro
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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.