

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, March 09 +Feliciano Pancho
Tuesday, March 10 Nora Adriano (Ints)
Wednesday, March 11 Adrian Nakasone (Bday)

Thursday, March 12 +James Bender

Friday, March 13 +Esteban Labuguen

Saturday, March 14 +Tootie Aiu

Sunday, March 15

7:30am +Debra Cummings, +Margaret Bernardes,
+Leonora Castro Bunao, Lilybeth Hisona (Ints)

9:30am +Yumi Yasutake, +Clare Bode, +Harold W.
Bode Sr., +Denis Baptiste

5:00pm: Philomena Bode (Bday)

St. Sylvester Church

Wednesday, March 11

Sunday, March 15

St. William Church

Sunday, March 15

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.

The Woman at the Well – A symbol of the Church

3rd Sunday of Lent and 1st Scrutiny

March 8, 2025



One of the beautiful things about our Catholic faith is that we have signs and symbols for everything. A sign/symbol is something tangible that points to the divine. The most common place that we have signs and symbols is in the celebration of the Sacraments.

Water used in baptism symbolizes the cleansing of one's sins. Oil is used to symbolize consecration and a strengthening of spirit when used in baptism, confirmation, ordination, and in the sacrament of the sick. Bread and wine are the form and matter used to be consecrated into the body and blood of Christ. Signs and symbols remind us of our participation in the life of Christ.

Today we read in our gospel the account of the Samaritan Woman at the Well and her encounter with Jesus and this like many of John's gospel passages are filled with signs and symbols. We will be reading from the Gospel of John for the next three weeks and should remind ourselves that this gospel was written to an early Christian community. Thus, these symbols point to living a faith-filled life that is devoted and dedicated to following Jesus. In the passage of the Woman at the Well there are three symbols that play an important role in knowing who we are as Church and in our call to discipleship.

First is the woman herself. She is a symbol of the Church and foreshadowing of who the Church would become. A Church of the Gentiles. She is a Samaritan, meaning a foreigner in the eyes of the Israelites. She was unclean and according to the text of the gospel passage, a sinner being married several times and currently living in a sinful relationship. In a sense, this woman is dead, until she encounters Jesus and, in their conversation, Jesus is slowly able to enter her heart and bring her back to life with "living water," something that the woman craves for.

Second, we have the well at which the woman and Jesus are standing by. In the Old Testament the well symbolizes marriage. Abraham sends his son to the well to find a wife. Jacob apparently also finds a wife by the well at which this scene takes place at, and Moses also meets his wife at a well too! If the Samaritan Woman who is a symbol of the Church which we know now as the "Bride of Christ" comes to this well to meet Jesus the Bridegroom, then this scene foreshadows the marital union between Christ and the Church. This union between Christ and his Church is consummated by this passion, death, and resurrection. It continues to be consummated whenever the Sacraments are celebrated.

Third is the water within the well. The water in the well symbolizes our sins. Day after day this woman goes to the well to satisfy her thirst. Many times we ourselves go to wells to satisfy our cravings but only for a moment. The water that we drink could be the water of gossip, the water of indulgences, the water of sexual immorality, the water of greed, and the water of pride. We can drink but at the end of the day, we will be thirsting for more. Jesus asking the woman for her water is him asking us for our sins. "Give me a drink," he says, and I will give you back something more. That "more" is divine love and divine life. This love and life will quench all thirsts and fulfill all our needs.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us be mindful of how much God loves us and wants to satisfy our thirsts. This week and subsequently for the next three weeks of Lent our brothers and sisters who are hoping to be baptized at the Easter Vigil will begin their final preparations. They will be scrutinized and prayed for in their search for living waters. They have been invited and challenged by Christ to drink of his water by being baptized and fully initiated into his Church and Bride. So, like them, let's also be scrutinized by looking into our wells. Like the Woman at the Well, what sins do we keep committing? Why are we not satisfied? The Lord asks us for a drink, let us give him our sins, our fears, our anxieties and in return let us receive from him living waters to refresh us and give us eternal life.

March 08, 2026 Third Sunday of Lent

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

03/11 Wednesday

SS - 5:30PM -OCIA, First Scrutiny
SC: 5:30PM: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Reconciliation during Adoration
Start of FCC 9-day St. Joseph Novena at SC

03/12 Thursday – 4PM-St. William Food Distribution

**03/13 Friday – 6PM- SC - Stations of the Cross
6:30PM Bible Study with Fr. EJ - Coyle Hall**

**03/14 Saturday - 10:30AM to 12PM
SC Food Distribution in play field
10AM Women’s RETREAT at SC**

03/15 Fourth Sunday of Lent

**2nd Collection-Hawaii Catholic Ministries
Catholic Relief Services Appeal Sunday-10%
NO Religious Education Classes at SC and SS
SC-9:30AM, OCIA, Second Scrutiny**

**Mahalo for YOUR
Stewardship of Treasure:**



QR code for Online Giving

**Week of
March 1, 2026**

Sunday Offertory	\$ 9764.00
On-Line Offertory	\$ 3968.22
Raise da Roof	\$ 4093.00
Catholic Ministries	\$ 45.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 365.00
Offertory-direct giving	\$ 1562.00
Repair and Maintenance	\$ 4059.00
Parish Reserve	\$ 10.00
Parish Food Pantry	\$ 250.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 35.00
Augustine Edu Fund	\$ 15.00

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
APPEAL**

Next weekend, March 14 and 15, our parish will be sending 10% of our Sunday Collection to The Catholic Relief Services. Your contribution will help provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees and bring Christ’s love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Prayerfully consider increasing your Sunday offering and help reveal Christ’s love to those most in need.

March / April MONTH HIGHLIGHTS

- March 18**....Lenten Mission-Liturgical Ministers
- March 19**.....Lenten Mission-Parish Wide
- March 23**.....Lenten Reconciliation
- 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

**St. Catherine Parish
Holy Triduum and
Easter Mass Schedule**

St. Catherine Church

April 2, Holy Thursday
7:00pm, Adoration to follow

April 3, Good Friday
3:00pm Veneration

April 4, Saturday Vigil 7:30pm

Easter Sunday

St. Catherine

7:30AM & 9:30AM

St. Sylvester 7:00AM

St. William 9:00AM



The church office is now accepting \$10 to reserve Easter Lilies in the name of their beloved ones. Deadline March 27th.



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.



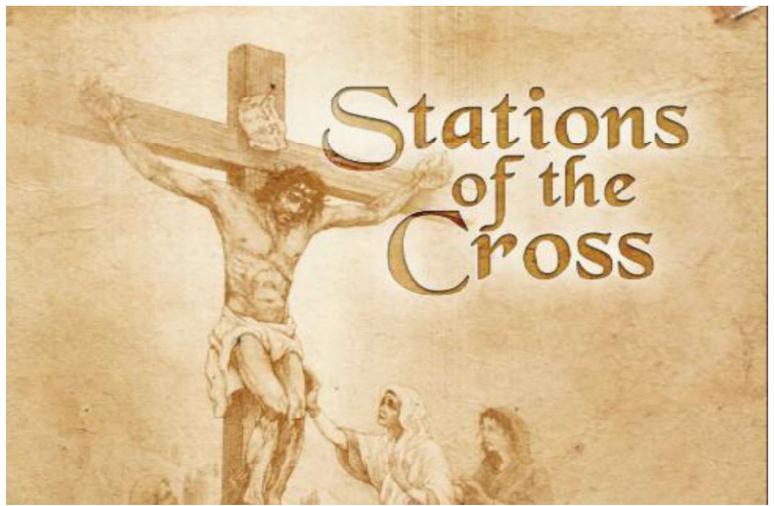
Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day:

Water plays a pivotal role in today's liturgy. In the Liturgy of the Word, we hear Moses bring forth water in the desert when the Chosen People feared dying of thirst. In the Gospel, Jesus reveals himself as the source of living water, telling the woman at the well that whoever drinks of this water will never thirst again. Today we also celebrate the first scrutiny rite with those who are preparing for baptism, where they will receive the water of new life. Whether we have been baptized for many years or are preparing for baptism in just a few weeks, we thirst for the life-giving water that only our Lord, "the one called the Christ," can provide.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

"Is the LORD in our midst or not?" This question is posed at the end of the first reading, but it could be asked in all three. First, we hear the Israelites complain to Moses about the lack of water in the desert. Paul proclaims to the Romans that our hearts are filled with the love of God, though we may not realize it. In the Gospel, Jesus reveals to the woman at the well that he is the Messiah, the Christ, the one who she and her people had been waiting for. The Lord is indeed in our midst, as for the Chosen People in the desert, as in the early church in Rome, as with the woman at the well.

Reflection: Today's Gospel recounts the story of the Samaritan woman at the well. It offers us an opportunity to enter into a very powerful meditation. Find a quiet place and clear your mind. Envision a scene where you see Jesus sitting there and inviting you to come and talk with him. Listen to what he has to say to you. How does it make you feel when he tells you some of your deepest secrets--- things you would not want anyone to know? See the love in his eyes. Do you believe that his love for you is real even though he knows your secrets? Can you accept his love? Pray for the grace to accept and believe in God's unconditional love. Make this request part of your daily prayer and you will discover the transforming power of God's love. Whoever drinks the water I give him will never be thirsty. -John 4:14



Every Friday during Lent

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.

**Outdoor Stations of the Cross on
Good Friday 9:00AM at St. Catherine**

SATURDAY -March 14th

Our Women Apostles for Catechesis (WAC), will be hosting a Women's Retreat on Saturday, March 14th in Coyle Hall. The retreat will begin at 10AM with Rosary and Adoration in St. Catherine Church. 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 -especially for a lunch head count. WOMEN share this news with family & friends.



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.