

# 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 16** +Apolonio Venida

**Tuesday, March 17** +Delpidio Labuguen

**Wednesday, March 18** +John Mendoza

**Thursday, March 19** +Jose Beltran Sr

**Friday, March 20** +Jojo Tsukamoto

**Saturday, March 21** +Brian Lagubuen

**Sunday, March 22**

7:30am +Debra Cummings, +Emelia Sanchez,

+Leonora Castro Cummings, +Antonio Sanchez

9:30am +Jojo Tsukamoto, +Yumi Yasutake, +Clare

Bode, +Harold W. Bode Sr., +Denis Baptiste

5:00pm +Gloria Riopta

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

**Wednesday, March 18**

**Sunday, March 22**

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

**Sunday, March 22**

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.

# **Faith is the light that allows us to see what our eyes alone cannot**

## **4th Sunday of Lent - Jn 9: 1-41**

In today's Gospel Jesus gives sight to a man who had been born blind. Jesus spat on the ground, made mud with His saliva and smeared the man's eyes with the mud. He then told him to wash in the pool of Siloam. After the man had washed his eyes, he was able to see.



The pharisees who are part of this episode in the Gospel looked at Jesus and saw only a troublemaker who was overturning their customs. He was guilty in their judgment, of violating the sabbath rest. They objected him and His actions even though He did only good and never evil. By contrast, the man who had been given his sight looked at Jesus and saw His savior.

Jesus' miracle in today's Gospel is a symbol of the faith which comes to us when we are washed in the water of Baptism. We were chosen like David in the first reading, and after our Baptism we were anointed like him to share in the kingship of Christ. We are extraordinary people. "There was a time," St. Paul reminds us in the second reading of this Sunday, "When we were in darkness, but now we are light in the world". This light in the world is the gift of faith which is given to us through the sacrament of Baptism and strengthened in confirmation.

Those without faith look at a fellow human being and see only a rational animal. Those with faith see a child of God. Those without faith pick up a Bible and find only a book and the words. Those with faith discover the word of God. Those without faith look at the Eucharist see only bread and wine. Those with faith experience the reality of the Lord's Body given up for us and His Blood poured out for us. Those without faith look at suffering and see only tragedy. Those with faith believe that suffering is a sharing in the Cross of Christ. Those without faith look at death and see separation and oblivion. Those with faith accept death as a step which leads to a new, fuller life through the Resurrection of Christ.

Lent is a time to prepare for Baptism or to renew its meaning. Baptism gives us a new life which makes us children of God and members of His family here on earth, the church. Like newly born babies, members of this family open their eyes in the birth of baptism upon a new world. They can see the beauty of God's wonders because of the gift of faith.

This is a powerful message for every one of us during lent. How often do we become spiritually blind by clinging to our own views, our own rules, our own comfort zones, or our own pride? How often do we refuse to see the truth of God's presence in our lives because it challenges our preconceptions? Lent is a time for us to allow the light of Christ to shine in our lives, to heal our blindness, and to see the world with new eyes- the eyes of faith. This transformation challenges us to ask: Do we see Christ in our daily lives? Do we recognize His presence in the sacraments, in our prayer, and in the people around us? Jesus came to open our eyes, to give us a deeper vision of reality. But we must be willing to let Him heal us. We must be open to the light of His truth, even when it challenges us.

Let us pray for the grace to see clearly especially ask God to heal the blindness of our hearts, that we might recognize His presence in our lives and respond to His call with faith. Like the man born blind, may we come to see Jesus as the light of the world, the one who opens our eyes and leads us from darkness to light.

**March 15, 2026 Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**2nd Collection-Hawaii Catholic Ministries**  
**Catholic Relief Services Appeal-10%**  
**NO Religious Education Classes at SC and SS**  
**9:00AM St. William Church 2nd Scrutiny OCIA**

**03/18 Wednesday**  
 St Catherine: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 Reconciliation during Adoration  
 SC, 6:30PM-Lenten Mission for Liturgical Ministers

**03/19 Thursday - St. William Food Distribution**  
**SC, 6:30PM-Parish Wide Lenten Mission**

**03/20 Friday - SC, Stations of the Cross, 6:00PM**  
 6:30PM Bible Study with Fr. EJ, Coyle Hall

**03/21 Saturday - 10:30AM to 12PM**  
 SC Food Distribution in play field

**03/22 Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**9:30AM, St. Catherine Church-3rd Scrutiny OCIA**  
 Religious Education Classes at SC and SS  
 6:00PM St. Catherine Children's Choir Practice

**Mahalo for YOUR**  
**Stewardship of Treasure:**



**QR code for Online Giving**

**Week of**  
**March 8 2026**

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| Sunday Offertory        | \$ 9158.01 |
| On-Line Offertory       | \$ 3182.22 |
| Raise da Roof           | \$ 5752.76 |
| Repair & Maintenance    | \$ 75.00   |
| Offertory-direct giving | \$ 152.00  |
| Parish Food Pantry      | \$ 2759.00 |
| Ash Wednesday           | \$ 25.00   |
| Catholic Ministries     | \$ 20.00   |

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

**APPEAL** *This weekend (March 14 and 15),* prayerfully consider increasing your Sunday offering. Our parish will be sending 10% of our Sunday Collection to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to help **reveal Christ's love** to our brothers and sisters in need. CRS makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world.

**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

**Egg Hunt at St. Catherine and St. Sylvester**

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



**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**



**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day:** In the Gospel today, we hear Jesus declare that he is the light of the world. Later, Saint Paul writes that we should live as children of light. How appropriate on the second scrutiny Sunday, when we are called to take an honest look at ourselves to see our weaknesses and sinful tendencies, that we are reminded how important it is to shine a light on our character and expose it to the light of day. "Live as children of light," Paul writes, "for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth." Let us ask God for forgiveness and guidance so that we can go forth shining with the light of Christ.

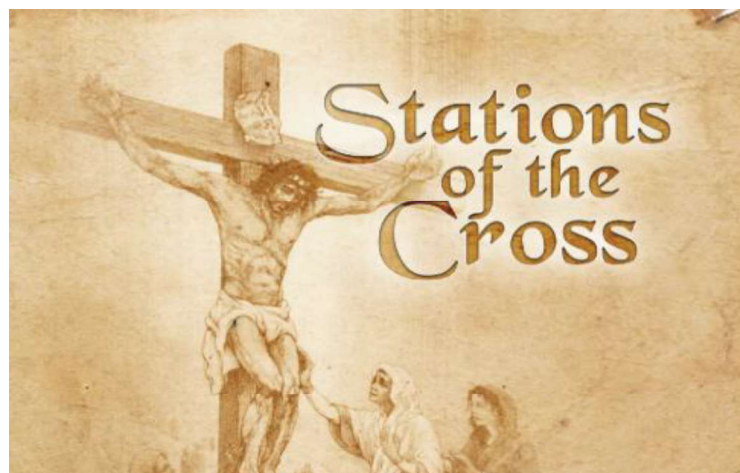
**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:** Two overlooked people play starring roles in today's readings. First, we hear the LORD choose David—the youngest of Jesse's sons, who was left tending the sheep while his brothers were paraded before Samuel – to be king. Then, after Jesus heals a blind man on the sabbath, the man is questioned repeatedly as to how this happened. By the end of the Gospel, it becomes obvious who truly has eyes of faith. As we listen to today's readings, may we remember not to overlook those who seem less capable or remarkable.

**Reflection:** It is so easy to judge others. We tend to do it without even realizing it. We ignore some people because we deem them unworthy of our attention. We shake our heads disapprovingly at those we feel are improperly attired. We ascribe malicious motives to those who disagree with us. Yet, we have been told many times that we are to allow God to judge others. God sees more clearly than we do. Have you noticed that whenever you judge someone, you become upset even crabby? What would happen if you could learn to be more accepting and less judgmental? Perhaps, we would find our life less stressful and our spirit would become more peaceful. *Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life. -psalm 23:5*

### **WE pray for the recently deceased**

Name: *Czanaiah Leia Casela*, Child of Glezy Guerrero

Funeral: St. Catherine Church, March 21



### **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**

## **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.

# ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA PARISH

— St. Sylvester Mission • St. William Mission —

## One Mystery, Three Days, Infinite Love

Guest Speaker:

**FR. ALFRED GUERRERO**



Thursday,  
March 19, 2026



St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, Kapa'a  
6:30 PM – Parish Recollection Talk

*Enter more deeply into the Passion, Death,  
and Resurrection of Jesus Christ as we  
prepare for Holy Week.*



All parishioners of  
St. Catherine • St. Sylvester • St. William

Renewed in faith, hope, and love  
through the power of the Resurrection

**PARISH STAFF**

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 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.**