

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 23 +Harold Aiu
Tuesday, March 24 +Juliet Aiu
Wednesday, March 25 +Rev. Patrick J. Coyle S.M.
Thursday, March 26 +Gloria Riopta
Friday, March 27 +Tootie Aiu
Saturday, March 28 +Shirley Lapean
Sunday, March 29
 7:30am +Debra Cummings, +Harold Aiu,
 +Leonora Castro Bunao, +Juliet Aiu,
 +Tootie Aiu
 9:30am +Yumi Yasutake, +Clare Bode, +Harold
 Bode, +Denis Baptiste, +Gloria Riopta
 5:00pm +Gloria Riopta

St. Sylvester Church

Wednesday, March 25
Sunday, March 29

St. William Church

Sunday, March 29

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 Chrism Mass: A Celebration of Unity, Mission, and Grace

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each year during the sacred season of Lent, the Church gathers for one of the most beautiful and meaningful liturgies of the entire year: the **Chrism Mass**. This special Mass is a powerful sign of our unity as the People of God, gathered around our bishop, and rooted in the mission of Christ.



For our Kaua'i Vicariate, the Chrism Mass will be celebrated on:
Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Immaculate Conception Church, Līhu'e
Celebrant: Bishop Larry Silva

All are warmly invited and encouraged to attend.

What is the Chrism Mass?

The Chrism Mass is traditionally celebrated during Holy Week and brings together priests, deacons, and faithful from across the island. It is a profound expression of the unity of the Church with the bishop, who is the shepherd of the local diocese.

During this Mass, the bishop blesses the holy oils that will be used throughout the year in every parish. These oils are not merely symbolic, they are instruments of God's grace in the sacraments.

The Blessing of the Holy Oils

At the Chrism Mass, three sacred oils are blessed and consecrated:

- **The Oil of the Sick:** used in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick *"Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the Church..."* (James 5:14)
- **The Oil of Catechumens:** used in preparation for Baptism *"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them..."* (Matthew 28:19)
- **Sacred Chrism:** used in Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, and the dedication of churches and altars *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me..."* (Luke 4:18)

These oils connect every sacrament we celebrate in our parish to the bishop and to the wider Church. When you witness the oils being blessed, you are witnessing the very source of sacramental life that will touch countless lives in the year ahead.

Renewal of Priestly Promises

Another deeply moving moment of the Chrism Mass is when priests renew the promises they made on the day of their ordination.

They recommit themselves to:

- Serve God's people faithfully
 - Proclaim the Gospel with integrity
 - Celebrate the sacraments with devotion
- Live lives of holiness and sacrifice

This is a powerful reminder that your priests do not serve alone, they serve with your prayers, your support, and your encouragement.

Your presence at the Chrism Mass is a beautiful way to stand with your priests, to pray for them, and to strengthen them in their ministry. As Scripture reminds us:

"I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God..." (2 Timothy 1:6)

Why Should You Attend?

The Chrism Mass is not just for clergy, it is for all the faithful. By attending, you will:

- Experience the richness and beauty of the Church’s liturgy
- Deepen your understanding of the sacraments
- Witness the unity of the Church on Kaua’i
- Pray for your priests and bishop

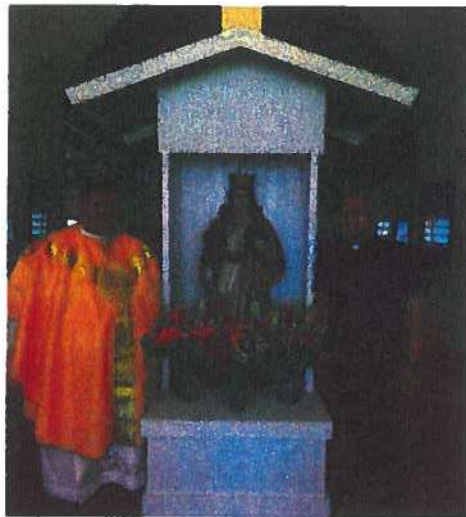
Be renewed in your own baptismal call
This Mass reminds us that we are all anointed, chosen and sent on mission.

Bring your family. Invite a friend. Come and witness the grace that sustains our Church.

“You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation...” (1 Peter 2:9)

We hope to see you there!

If you are unable to attend the Chrism Mass, please say a prayer for Father EJ and Father Francisco for their health and protection in their ministry.



Mahalo for YOUR Stewardship of Treasure:



QR code for Online Giving

Week of
March 15 2026

<i>Sunday Offertory.....</i>	<i>\$ 7488.25</i>
<i>On-line Offertory.....</i>	<i>\$ 2639.22</i>
<i>Catholic Ministries.....</i>	<i>\$ 3252.00</i>
<i>Repair & Maintenance....</i>	<i>\$ 148.00</i>
<i>Raise da Roof.....</i>	<i>\$ 50.00</i>

The church office is accepting \$10 donation for the purchase of Easter Lilies in the name of your beloved ones. Deadline is March 27th. Names to be published in Easter Bulletin.



March / April MONTH HIGHLIGHTS

- 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
- April 6.....Easter Monday, Office Closed

WE pray for the recently deceased
Name: Gloria Riopta Funeral: April 24th
Church: St. Catherine Church

March 22, 2026 Fifth Sunday of Lent

NO Religious Education Classes at SC and SS
9:30AM St. Catherine Church 3rd Scrutiny
6:00PM St. Catherine Children’s Choir Practice

03/23 Monday - Parish Wide Lenten Reconciliation
St. Catherine Church 6:00PM

03/25 Wednesday
St Catherine: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Reconciliation during Adoration

03/36 Thursday - St. William Food Distribution
Prince Kuhio Day, Office Closed
6:00PM Chrism Mass at Immaculate Conception

03/27 Friday - SC, Stations of the Cross, 6:00PM
6:30PM Bible Study with Fr. EJ, Coyle Hall

03/28 Saturday - 10:30AM to 12PM
SC Food Distribution in play field

03/29 Palm Sunday
Religious Education Classes at SC and SS

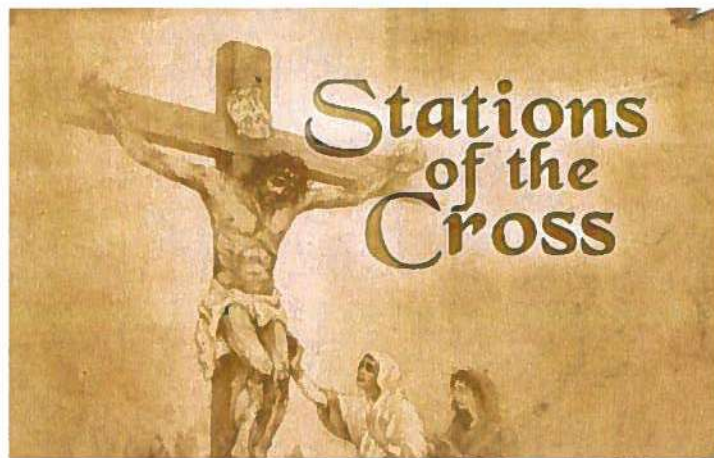
Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day:

As we approach Holy Week and the final days of Lent, we hear the well-known story of Lazarus, the brother of Martha and Mary, whom Jesus raises from the dead. John's account of this miracle is one of the most dramatic accounts in any of the Gospels, save Jesus' own passion, death and resurrection. We can only imagine the emotions coursing through Martha and Mary and their loved ones when Jesus stands at the tomb and dramatically cries: "Lazarus, come out!" On this final scrutiny Sunday, may we hear Jesus calling out to us as well, to come out of our tombs of sin and death and embrace new life in the resurrection.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

From the first reading to the Gospel, new life is promised for those who believe. Through Ezekiel, God promises the Israelites that one day they will rise from their graves and have God's spirit put in them. Saint Paul proclaims that God will give life to our mortal bodies through the Holy Spirit dwelling in us. Jesus calls Lazarus forth from the tomb, giving new life to his friend after he had been dead for four days. May God's word affirm and strengthen our faith in the Lord's power to give new life.

Reflection: There are many passages in Scripture that lead us to believe that the "flesh" is somehow "evil" and we should disdain our bodies and inclinations of the flesh. But, if God created us in the "flesh" how can that be "evil" or something we should despise? Perhaps, we have misunderstood the message. It is not that our bodies are evil—they are a gift from God for us to care for and use wisely. The inclinations of the flesh are not "bad". The body craves food and requires it in order to function properly. The problem is not the desire to eat; but, eating more than we need. What we are called to do is to learn some discipline. To temper our desires with the wisdom of the Spirit. It is in developing a sense of discipline that will allow us to focus on doing God's will rather than giving into our own whims.



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.

"Forgive As You Are Forgiven"

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

St. Catherine Church

Monday, March 23

6:00PM

*"Confession is the sacrament of the tenderness
of God, his way of embracing us."*

- Pope Francis

As promised, Sr. MaryKutty of the Missionary Sisters of Mary Help of Christians (MSMHC) led a Women's Retreat on Saturday, March 14th. Reflections on the important role women has played and continues to play in the history and current life of our CHURCH permeated throughout the day. Amidst some laughter and serious thoughts, she shared her own life's experiences and how she has witnessed how powerful women can be in church life. She stressed the important of prayer in the spiritual growth and the development of an authentic connection between women. Mahalo to our parish's Women Apostles for Catechesis (WAC) ministry for hosting this event. Plans are underway for future women's retreats.



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

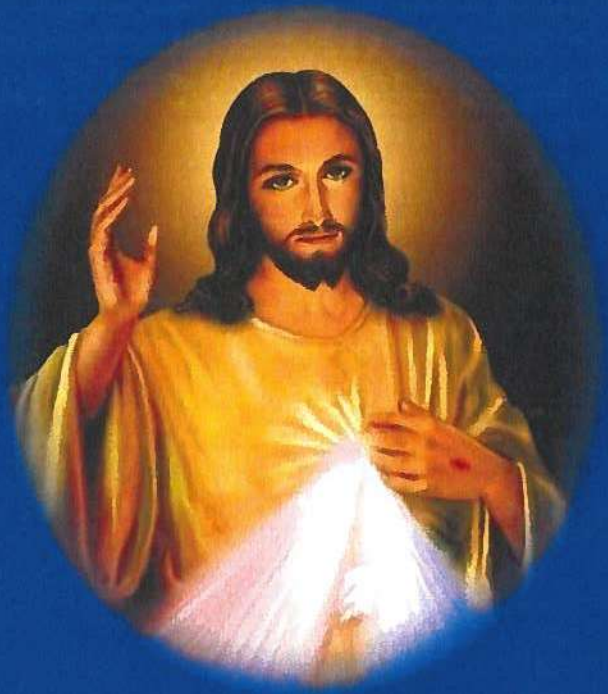


The Divine Mercy Novena of Chaplets starts on Good Friday (April 3rd)

The Chaplet can be said anytime, but the Lord specifically asked that it be recited as a novena. He promised, "By this Novena (of Chaplets), I will grant every possible grace to souls."

For each of the nine days, our Lord gave Saint Faustina a different intention:

All mankind, especially sinners; the souls of priests and religious; all devout and faithful souls; those who do not believe in God and those who do not yet know Jesus; the souls who have separated themselves from the Church; the meek and humble souls and the souls of little children; the souls who especially venerate and glorify His mercy; the souls detained in purgatory; and souls who have become lukewarm. "I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw therefrom strength and refreshment



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The first Sunday after Easter

THE HISTORY

Jesus began appearing to St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, in 1931. The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on her published diary recording the revelations she received from Jesus. St. Faustina died in 1938, at 33 years old, and was canonized by St. John Paul II in 2000.

THE PROMISE

Our Lord Jesus said, "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates throughout which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy."

— Saint Faustina, Diary, 699

THE CHAPLET

"Pray unceasingly the Chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation."

and whatever grace they have need of in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death" (Diary, 1209).

Registrations are now being accepted for the April 17-19, 2026 Retreat!

Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreats



**Healing the Pain of Abortion...
One Weekend at a Time.**

If you or a friend are hurting from a past abortion and are searching for a confidential, non-judgmental, safe place of healing and support to express and reconcile painful emotions and begin the healing process, look no further, and come join us!

Both women and men are impacted by abortion and greatly benefit from the retreats. Singles, couples and family members of aborted children have come to Rachel's Vineyard for peace and inner healing. You are not alone.

Retreats are held at a private retreat center for 3 days and 2 nights. A retreat fee of \$200.00 covers materials, accommodations, and daily meals/snacks. Space is limited. Need-based scholarships are available. Calls us today for personalized assistance!

Upcoming Retreat: April 17-19, 2026

(Arrive on Friday at 5:30pm; Depart on Sunday at 5:00pm)

To Register, call Lisa Shorba at: (808) 490-4702 or (808) 469-5470

or E-mail: RvinHawaii@gmail.com

Registrations are Strictly Confidential.

Visit the national website at: www.rachelsvineyard.org

Rachel's Vineyard is the World's Largest Ministry for Healing After Abortion.

A Ministry of the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii's Respect Life Office.

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Music Director: Sean Texeira 651-0454

Larry Rosa 651-5499

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.