

# 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, April 13** +Charlene Jane Ragasa

**Tuesday, April 14** +Lamberto Aqui Jr.

**Wednesday, April 15** Cres Labuguen (Ints)

**Thursday, April 16** +Gloria Riopta

**Friday, April 17** +Tootie Aiu

**Saturday, April 18** +Delpidio Labuguen

**Sunday, April 19**

7:30am +Marcelino Bunao, +Annabel Bunao-Ragasa,  
+Debra Cummings, +Inocencia Valmoja, +Francisco  
Iloreta

9:30am +Yumi Yasutake, +Gloria Riopta, +Caira  
Nakasone, +Catbagan Ohana, +Venegas Ohana

5:00pm +Ed Pickop

#### *St. Sylvester Church*

**Wednesday April 15**

**Sunday, April 19** +William Labogen

#### *St. William Church*

**Sunday, April 19**

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.

## Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

### The Church in ACTION, April 12, 2026



During the Easter Season, the Church invites us to journey through one of the most important books of the New Testament: The Acts of the Apostles. Unlike the Gospel accounts, which proclaim the Resurrection, Acts shows us what happens because of the Resurrection. It is, in many ways, the continuation of the Gospel of Luke's Gospel, written by the same author, and addressed to the same mission: to reveal how the risen Christ continues His work now through His Church.

#### **A Living History of the Early Church**

The Acts of the Apostles is not merely a historical record; it is a theological narrative. It traces the explosive growth of the early Christian community beginning in Jerusalem and extending outward to the ends of the known world. From the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, to the preaching of Peter the Apostle and the missionary journeys of Paul the Apostle, Acts reveals a Church set on fire with faith.

What stands out most is not simply what the Apostles say, but how they live. They form a community marked by:

- **Unity – “They were of one heart and mind” (Acts 4:32)**
- **Worship – devoted to the breaking of the bread (the Eucharist)**
- **Charity – caring for the needs of all**
- **Bold witness – proclaiming Christ even in the face of persecution**

This is not an idealized community, it is a Spirit-filled one.

#### **An Exegetical Insight: Resurrection Made Visible**

The readings from Acts during the Easter Season and especially on this Divine Mercy Sunday (Acts 5:12–16), highlight the tangible effects of the Resurrection. The Apostles perform signs and wonders, the sick are healed, and even Peter's shadow brings hope to the suffering.

Why? Because the Resurrection is not just an event to be believed, it is a reality that transforms. The early Church understood something essential, If Christ is truly risen, then everything must change. **The Resurrection becomes visible in, their courage in fear, their generosity in a world of scarcity, and their mercy in a culture of judgment.** In other words, the Resurrection is not confined to the empty tomb—it is embodied in the life of the Church.

#### **A Parish in ACTION: Our Pastoral Challenge**

This leads us to an important question for our own parish community, how are we witnessing the Resurrection in ACTION? It is easy to celebrate Easter as a moment. But Acts challenges us to live Easter as a mission. Like the early Christians, we are called to:

- Be visible signs of hope in a world burdened by fear Practice radical charity in our families and community.
- Extend Divine Mercy, especially to those who feel forgotten or unworthy.
- Live with bold faith, even when it is inconvenient or difficult.

The same Holy Spirit given at Pentecost is alive and active today, in you, in me, and in our parish.

#### **Divine Mercy and the Mission of the Church**

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we are reminded that the heart of the Resurrection is mercy. The Risen Jesus returns not with condemnation, but with peace, He says, “Peace be with you.” The Church in Acts lives this mercy outwardly, and so must we. The Book of Acts is often called “the Gospel of the Holy Spirit.” But in truth, it is also our story. The final chapter has not yet been written. The question is, **what will our chapter look like?**

**April 12, 2026 Divine Mercy Sunday**

Conclusion of Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena  
Hospitality Sunday at St. Sylvester and St. Catherine  
April month Birthday Blessings at all Masses  
After SC 9:30 Mass-Seven Sundays of Easter Prayer  
No Religious Education Classes at SC and SS  
6:00PM St. Catherine Children's Choir Practice

**04/15 Wednesday**

5:30 PM SC: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Reconciliation during Adoration

**04/16 Thursday**

St. William Food Distribution 3:30PM to 5:00PM

**04/17 Saturday**

10:30AM to 12PM SC Food Distribution in  
former School Admin Bldg.-seek directions

**04/19 Third Sunday of Easter**

After SC 9:30 Mass-Seven Sundays of Easter Prayer  
**2nd Collection: Hawaii Catholic Ministries**  
Religious Education Classes at SC and SS

**Mahalo for YOUR**

**Stewardship of Treasure:**



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**Week of  
Easter 2026**

Holy Thursday	\$ 2,218.00
Good Friday (Holy Land)	\$ 2,946.00
Easter Sunday Offertory	\$17,639.00
Raise da Roof	\$ 9,825.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 3,397.00
Offertory Direct giving	\$ 450.00
Parish Food Pantry	\$10,150.00
Donation To General Funds	\$ 5,000.00
Ohana in Christ	\$ 20.00

**We welcome those recently baptized at Easter Vigil and who also received the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Eucharist.**

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| Ryden Williams       | Joseph Guy     |
| Takuyo Takahashi     | Jayce Marumaru |
| Anuheia Berg         | Asher Labuguen |
| Mahinalani Berg      | Anuheia Berg   |
| Jessica Sambrano     | Kale Sambrano  |
| Treian Keoni Kaauwai |                |

**We congratulate those recently Confirmed on Easter Sunday:**

- Kristy Nagahisa  
Elizabeth Bernardo  
Rosalyn Mitsuyoshi



**WE congratulate the recently Married  
Evan Eddie Neptune & Mary Patricia Neptune**

**WE welcome the recently baptized  
Tiaree Rose Kau**

Child of: Tiffany Kau and Dathan Yim



**WE pray for the recently deceased**

Name: **Josephine Brede**

Funeral: April 18th : St. Catherine Church

Name: **Delia Ibia**

Funeral: April 20th : St. Catherine Church

Name: **Gloria Riopta**

Funeral: April 24th : St. Catherine Church

Name: **George Viado**

Funeral: May 9th : St. Catherine Church

Name: **Jerold Saturnino** Funeral: TBA

Name: **Ed Pickop** Funeral: TBA



Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper  
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Good Friday  
Outdoor Stations of the Cross  
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Veneration of the Cross



Holy Week: A Journey of Faith, Humility, and Renewal



From the humble act of the washing of the feet to the solemn prayers of the Stations of the Cross, we walk with Christ in love and sacrifice. We bow in reverence during the Veneration of the Cross, honoring His ultimate gift, and rejoice in new life through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.

A sacred story of service, sacrifice, and salvation—lived, remembered, and renewed in our hearts.



**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day:** Today we hear the well-known story of Saint Thomas, the apostle who doubted that Jesus had truly risen, refusing to believe until he touched the nail marks in the Lord's hands. Out of mercy for the single apostle who had missed his first appearance after rising from the dead, Jesus returned to invite Thomas to probe his wounds. Thomas, with the faith we hope to emulate, immediately exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!" On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we ask God to strengthen our faith to overcome our doubts so that we too may see the risen Lord in our midst.

**Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:** Today's readings capture the wonder and joy of the early church as they celebrate the new life they have found in the risen Lord. In the first reading, the disciples come together to listen to the teaching of the apostles, to pray, and to break bread, much as we are doing right now. The first letter of Peter extols the gift of salvation, which animates a "living hope" in us. The risen Lord gifts the apostles with the Holy Spirit and the power to forgive sins in his name. Let us listen and imagine ourselves alongside the earliest members of the infant church.

**Reflection:** The early Christian communities shared everything in common and dividing things according to each one's need. That sounds like such an ideal way to live. But they did have problems – when humans are involved there are always problems. However there are things we can learn from these early communities about how to live a Christian live. They studied their faith, prayed and shared in the Eucharist. This formed a foundation for their lives. They shared what they had and took care of each other's needs. Filled with God's Spirit and love, they could not help but share it with each other. Consider your life. Do you take time to study the faith – readd good books, reflect on Scripture, etc.? Do you take time to pray everyday? Do you gather with other believers to celebrate the Eucharist? Do you share what you have and look to others needs? What kind of Christian are you?

**April MONTH HIGHLIGHTS**

- April 12 to May 24.....After St. Catherine 9:30 Mass  
.....Seven Sundays of Easter Prayer
- April 12 .....Hospitality Sunday at SC and SS
- April 19.....2nd Collection-Hawaii Ministries
- April 21.....WAC Monthly Session
- April 25.....FCC Spaghetti Dinner
- April 26.....10% Appeal-Diocesan Priest Retirement



**Holy Ghost Feast Returns After 40 Years!**

**The Seven Sundays of Easter – The Domingos**

Beginning April 12, we will gather each Sunday after the 9:30am Mass for the Seven Sundays of Easter, traditionally known as the *Domingos*. Each week includes prayers and a reflection on the gifts of the Holy Spirit to prepare our hearts for Pentecost.

**Pentecost Sunday Feast – May 24, 2026**

**Our celebration will culminate on Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026, with:**

- Solemn Mass at 9:30am
- Procession with the Holy Ghost Crown
- Prayers and Fellowship to follow



# Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12

## What is Mercy Sunday and How to Celebrate it?

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter.

Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

Nevertheless, Divine Mercy Sunday is NOT a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina — nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter. The title "**Divine Mercy Sunday**" does, however, highlight the meaning of the day.

## Extraordinary Graces

In her *Diary*, St. Faustina records a special promise given to her by Jesus. He told her to communicate it to the whole world:

**My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy (699).**

In three places in her *Diary*, St. Faustina records our Lord's promises of specific, extraordinary graces:

**I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy (1109).**

**Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (300).**

**The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (699).**

To receive these graces, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the Vigil celebration) by making a good Confession beforehand and being in the state of grace and trusting in His Divine Mercy.

To fittingly observe Divine Mercy Sunday in a solemn way, we should:

1. **Celebrate** the Feast on the Sunday after Easter;
  2. Sincerely **repent** of all our sins;
  3. Place our **complete trust** in Jesus;
  4. Go to **Confession**, preferably before that Sunday;
  5. Receive **Holy Communion** on the day of the Feast;
6. **Venerate the Image** of The Divine Mercy (To venerate a sacred image or statue simply means to perform some act or make some gesture of deep religious respect toward it because of the person whom it represents, in this case, our Most Merciful Savior);
7. **Be merciful** to others, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf;

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651-0454

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346-1350

Youth Ministry

St. Catherine: Sundays at 8:15am

Shanlee Gusman, Jonah Stein, &amp; Iyanah Wiltshire-Stein

St. Sylvester: Kierstyn &amp; Jimmy Guerrero. 8:15am Sundays

St. Mary's Convent

808-320-3445

Sacristans

St. Catherine: Sr. Luci Salboro MSMHC

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 : Required Diocesan Engaged Enctr.**

Contact Priest 6 months before the wedding.

**Funeral**

Arrangements to be confirmed with parish office first to confirm date and priest.

**Adoration and Reconciliation 5:30pm**

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 Chaplet

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** Richard Martocci (808)561-7090

and Mark Wolfendale (808)720-8761

St. Williams every Thursday 3:30pm-5:00pm

St. Catherine every Saturday 10:30am-12 noon at School Administration Office

**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

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St William &amp; St. Sylvester: Raina Bautista

634-0756

**Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group****Kauai Family of God**

~1st Tuesday, Intercessory Prayer at Viado Home

~2nd &amp; 4th Tuesday, St. Catherine Church @ 6:00pm

Brenda Viado

808-346-1436.

**Text for Prayer Line and more information.**