

# 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 20** +Caira Nakasone  
**Tuesday, April 21** +Brian Labuguen  
**Wednesday, April 22** +Czanaiah Leia Casela

**Thursday, April 23** +Taka Sokei

**Friday, April 24** +Gloria Riopta

**Saturday, April 25** +Gloria Riopta

**Sunday, April 26**

7:30am +Marcelino Bunao, +Annabel Bunao-Ragasa,  
+Debra Cummings, +Emelia Sanchez, +Antonio  
Sanchez Sr.

9:30am +Yumi Yasutake, +Ed Pickop, +Benjamin San  
Miguel, +Jerold Saturnino, +Kenneth Nunes

5:00pm

### *St. Sylvester Church*

**Wednesday April 22**

**Sunday, April 26** +Nick Rapozo, +Ellen  
Rapozo, +Paul Rapozo, +William Labogen

### *St. William Church*

**Sunday, April 26**

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



## Come Holy Spirit: A journey to Pentecost



### ***Rediscovering the Holy Ghost Feast at St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish***

My dear brothers and sisters,

In the coming weeks, as we journey toward Pentecost, I would like to invite you into a deeper reflection on the Holy Spirit and the rich tradition of the Holy Ghost Feast, something that has been part of our parish history and is now being restored among us.

For many, this devotion may be familiar. For others, it may be something new. But for all of us, it is an opportunity to grow in our awareness of the Holy Spirit—God’s presence alive and at work in our lives.

Through this short series, we will reflect on Scripture, the life of the Church, and the traditions handed down to us, especially through the Portuguese community, whose faith has helped shape our local Church here in Hawai‘i.

***My hope is simple: that as we prepare to celebrate the Holy Ghost Feast on Pentecost, our hearts may be more open to the Holy Spirit, who continues to guide, strengthen, and renew us today.***

### **The Holy Spirit: Our Companion on the Journey**

On this Third Sunday of Easter, the Gospel gives us the familiar story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13–35). They are walking away from Jerusalem, we are told feeling confused, discouraged, and heartbroken. Yet, without realizing it, Jesus walks with them.

It is only later that they say: ***“Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way?”*** What caused their hearts to burn? It was the quiet but powerful presence of the Holy Spirit.

From the very beginning, the Holy Spirit has been at work in salvation history. In Sacred Scripture, the Spirit is described as:

- \* The breath of God (Genesis 1:2)
- \* The Advocate and Teacher (John 14:26)
- \* The giver of life (Ezekiel 37:1–14)
- \* The One who leads us into truth (John 16:13)

The Catechism teaches that the Holy Spirit is the ***“interior Master of Christian prayer” and the One who transforms our hearts to recognize Christ (CCC 2672).***

In the story of Emmaus, the Spirit opens the Scriptures, warms the hearts of the disciples, and finally allows them to recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread. What they could not see with their eyes, they began to understand through the movement of grace within them.

The same is true for us. So often, like those disciples, we walk through life discouraged, confused, or uncertain. We may not always recognize the Lord walking beside us. Yet the Holy Spirit is constantly at work, quietly stirring, guiding, and revealing.

The devotion to the Holy Spirit, so dear to the Portuguese people is rooted in this deep truth: we are never alone.

As we prepare for the return of our Holy Ghost Feast on Pentecost Sunday, May 24, we are invited to become more aware of the Spirit's presence in our lives:

- In the Word of God
- In the Sacraments
- In moments of prayer
- In the quiet movements of our hearts

Like the disciples at Emmaus, may we come to recognize Him and allow our hearts to burn again.

**Join us as we prepare for Pentecost and the  
return of our Holy Ghost Feast Sunday May 24,  
2026, 9:30a.m.**

**Mass with Procession and Fellowship!**

**April 19, 2026 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

**04/22 Wednesday**  
 5:30 PM SC: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 Reconciliation during Adoration

**04/23 Thursday**  
 St. William Food Distribution 3:30PM to 5:00PM

**04/25 Saturday**  
 10:30AM to 12PM SC Food Distribution in  
 former School Admin -

**04/26 Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
*After SC 9:30 Mass-Seven Sundays of Easter Prayer*  
**10% Appeal for Diocesan Priest Retirement**  
 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  
April 12**

Sunday Offertory	\$ 8,703.70
On-Line Offertory	\$ 1830.22
Rice Bowl	\$ 1082.90
Raise da Roof	\$ 1280.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 720.00
Offertory Direct giving	\$ 392.00
Parish Food Pantry	\$ 54.49
Donation	\$1,000.00
Catholic Ministries	\$ 71.00
Holy Land	\$ 115.00

**We congratulate the recently  
married**

**Kira (Boro) & Tyrus Ceria-Lux**

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**WE pray for the recently deceased**

Name: **Delia Ibia** Funeral: April 20th  
 Church: St. Catherine Church

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Name: **Gloria Riopta** Funeral: April 24th  
 Church: St. Catherine Church

**WE pray for the recently deceased**

Name: **George Viado** Funeral: May 9th  
 Church: St. Catherine Church

**WE pray for the recently deceased**

Name: **Jerold Saturnino** Funeral: TBA

**WE pray for the recently deceased**

Name: **Ed Pickop** Funeral: TBA

3rd Sunday of Easter Luke 24: 13-35

Today, as we celebrate the third Sunday of the Easter season, the Gospel invites us into the beautiful and deeply meaningful story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus.

Emmaus lies to the west, while Jerusalem is to the east-the place where the sun rises. Symbolically, as the sun sets in the west, these two disciples are walking away from Jerusalem, away from hope, into the darkness of disappointment, sadness, fear, and anxiety.

In the midst of their sorrow and confusion, Jesus comes to them. They do not recognize Him at first, yet He walks with them. He listens to their pain. He gently opens the scriptures to them, helping them understand that their suffering is not meaningless. In doing so, He opens the eyes of their faith.

And then, at the table, in the breaking of the bread, their eyes are fully opened-they recognize Him. But at that very moment, He vanishes from their sight. Why? Because now they no longer need to see Him with their physical eyes; they can recognize Him in faith-in the word and in the breaking of the bread.

My dear brothers and sisters, this is also our story.

In our lives, we too walk through moments of disappointment, struggles, hardships, and brokenness. At times we feel lost, afraid and uncertain. But the Risen Lord comes to us just as He came to the disciples. He walks with us, even when we do not recognize Him.

He speaks to us through His word. He nourishes us with His Body and Blood. He strengthens us, renews us, and opens the eyes of our faith.

May we all like the disciples, recognize Him in our journey-especially in the scriptures and in the Eucharist- and find the courage to rise again, filled with hope, and return to share the Good news with others.

When have I experienced moments of disappointment, sadness, or confusion like the disciples on the road to Emmaus?

In those difficult moments, am I aware that Jesus is walking with me, even if I do not recognize Him?



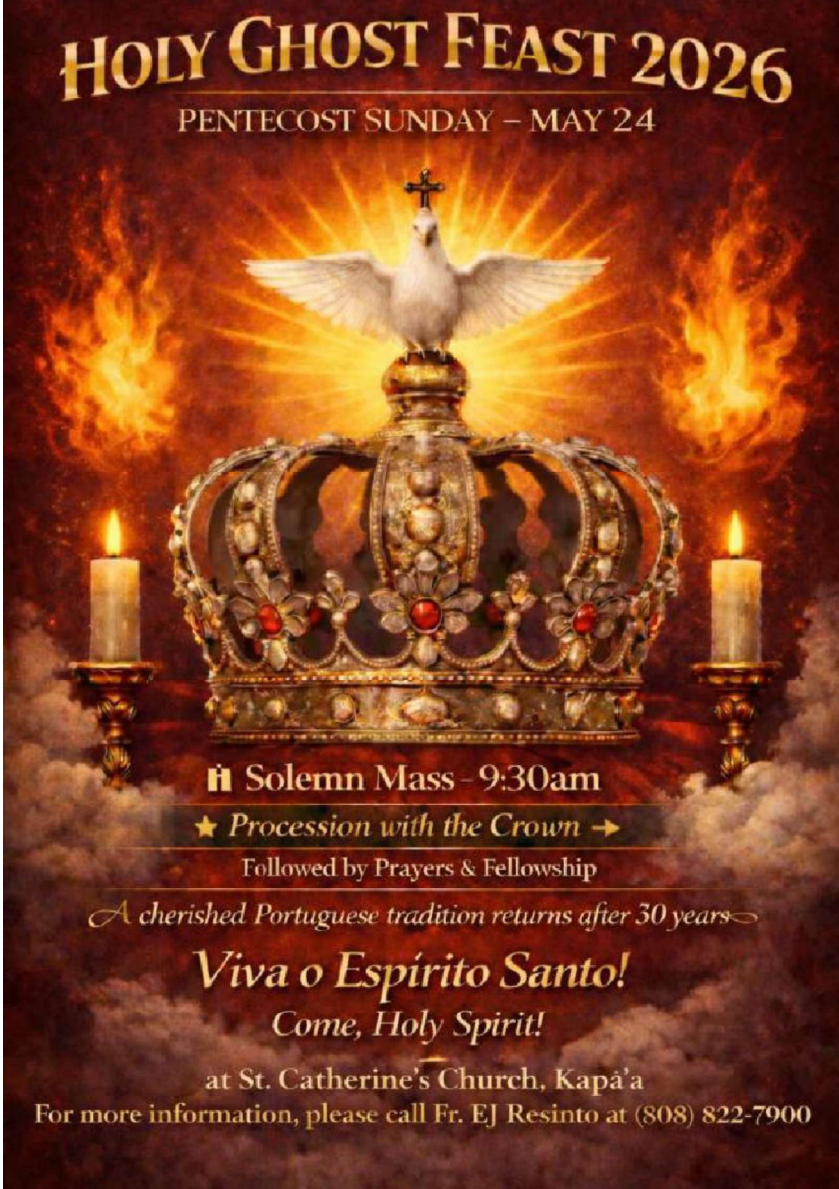
What are the “roads” in my life that are leading me away from hope or from God?




**Seven Sundays of Easter**  
*(Sete Domingos)*  
Beginning April 12 | After 9:30am Mass

Wisdom	<b>Fear</b> -OF THE- <b>Lord</b>	Fortitude
Understanding		Knowledge
Counsel		Piety

St. Catherine of Alexandria Church  
Kapa'a, Kaua'i, Hawai'i  
*Viva o Divino Espirito Santo! Come Holy Spirit!*



**HOLY GHOST FEAST 2026**  
PENTECOST SUNDAY – MAY 24



☩ Solemn Mass – 9:30am  
★ *Procession with the Crown* →  
Followed by Prayers & Fellowship  
*A cherished Portuguese tradition returns after 30 years*

**Viva o Espírito Santo!**  
*Come, Holy Spirit!*  
at St. Catherine's Church, Kapa'a  
For more information, please call Fr. EJ Resinto at (808) 822-7900

### Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day:

Today, on the third Sunday of Easter, we hear the story of the two disciples who encounter the risen Lord as they walk the road to Emmaus. They listen to this stranger as he opens the scriptures to them, explaining that the Christ had to suffer and die before rising in glory. After inviting him into their home, they recognize him when he breaks bread with them at their table. Every Sunday we live out this experience. We listen to the risen Lord speak to us through God's word. Then we receive him in the Eucharist. May we, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, invite him into our midst

### Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

As we listen to God's word today, let us imagine the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, who were able to hear God's word directly from the risen Lord. Their hearts burned as he spoke to them of the Hebrew scriptures. May our hearts burn with joy as we realize Christ's presence in the proclamation of God's word.

#### Reflection:

In a way we are like the disciples journeying to Emmaus. We question our experiences and the meaning of things in our lives. We are uncertain about what we should do and often fearful of what the future may hold. However, the Lord is walking with us even when we don't recognize him. If we allow him to speak, he will teach us and help us understand our lives and what we are being called to do. It is in the "breaking of the bread" — the Eucharist — that we realize who our guide is and that should bring us both comfort and joy. Are you allowing the Lord to speak to you?

**I bless the Lord who counsels me; Even in the night my hearts exhorts me. -psalm 16:7**



**GIVE US A HI 5** The Hawaii Deposit Beverage Container (DBC), also known as the Hi-5 program, was established in 2002 and went into effect in 2005 to encourage recycling. Consumers receive the 5-cent back upon redemption. You can help by dropping off your empty water, soda, juice, tea, coffee containers. A Hi-5 container is located in front of Coyle Hall. Kindly remove plastic bottle caps and empty all liquids. *Make note: only Hi-5 redeemable containers are being accepted...NOT RECYCLABLES!*

### April MONTH HIGHLIGHTS

- April 19.....2nd Collection-Hawaii Ministries
- April 21.....WAC Monthly Session
- April 25.....FCC Spaghetti Dinner
- April 26.....10% Appeal-Diocesan Priest Retirement



Our parish Missionary Sisters of Mary Help of Christians (**MSMHC**) Sisters Rachel, Luci and Roselyn, cordially invites all women of our parish to meet their **Mother General**, Sr. Christine

Mynsong, who will be visiting them from India. Mother General will be arriving Kauai on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and leaves on May 5<sup>th</sup> to visit other MSMHC's congregations. Our parish **Women Apostles for Catechesis (WAC)** will be hosting a Meet & Greet on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at **11:30PM in Coyle Hall for a POTLUCK lunch**. For those interested, Sr. Christine will also be speaking at a Women's Conference on Oahu on Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Elizabeth Church on Oahu. More information can be obtained at the church office.

### WOMEN APOSTLES FOR CATECHESIS (WAC)

Our parish congregation of Missionary Sisters of Christians (MSMHC) cordially invite the women of the parish to join WAC. This group collaborates with the MSMHC in its endeavor to carry out the mission of the Church. The Spirituality of WAC is based on the life and teaching of Jesus Christ. The members of WAC are called to follow Jesus faithfully and to share in HIS mission. Are you interested in developing a deeper relationship with Jesus? Join the MSMHC as a lay apostle. Contact Sr. Rachel listed in the back of the bulletin. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21st. in St. Damien Room. See you there !!

**PARISH STAFF**

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Deacon Andy Ragasa 645-1710

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Music Ministry

Music Director: Sean Texeira 651-0454

Larry Rosa 651-5499

OCIA: Raina Bautista 634-0756

OCIC: Sr. Luci Salboro

Young Adults: Clay Levinthol 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

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** 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

645-1710

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.**