

# 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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**Sunday 8:00am to Noon**

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## **Mass Intentions**

### ***St. Catherine of Alexandria***

**Monday, April 27** +Harold Aiu

**Tuesday, April 28** +Juliet Aiu

**Wednesday, April 29** +Rosie Hacosolin

**Thursday, April 30** +Abelina Salado

**Friday, May 1** +Tootie Aiu

**Saturday, May 2** Calah Nakasone (Bday)

**Sunday, May 3**

7:30am +Debra Cummings, +James Bender, +Clarita

Manaytay, +Antonio Briatico, +Santa Briatico

9:30am +Kenneth Nunes, +Benjamin San Miguel,

+Tootie Aiu, +Harold Aiu

5:00pm +Robert Kirchner

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

**Wednesday April 29**

**Sunday, May 03** +William Labogen,

+Antonne & +Virginia Perreira

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

**Sunday, May 03**

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 Holy Spirit Through the Ages: A Living Devotion



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

Devotion to the Holy Spirit is not something new; it is as ancient as the Church itself. On the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1–11), the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles as tongues of fire, transforming fearful disciples into bold witnesses of the Gospel. From that moment, the Church has always understood that her life and mission depend entirely on the Spirit.

Throughout history, this devotion has taken many forms. In the early Church, Christians prayed constantly for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The great Church Fathers wrote about the Spirit as the source of unity, holiness, and truth. As St. Augustine of Hippo beautifully taught:

***“What the soul is to the body, the Holy Spirit is to the Body of Christ, which is the Church.”*** In other words, just as the soul gives life to the body, so too the Holy Spirit gives life to the Church, animating, guiding, and sustaining her in every age.

In the Middle Ages, devotion to the Holy Spirit grew in a more visible and communal way. The faithful began to celebrate novenas leading up to Pentecost, asking for the outpouring of the Spirit’s gifts. This tradition continues even today as the original “first novena” prayed by the Apostles and Mary in the Upper Room.

For the Portuguese people, this devotion took on a unique and beautiful expression through the Holy Ghost Feast bringing together prayer, charity, and community life. Through the merits and charitable works of Queen Isabella who reigned in Portugal during the 13-14 centuries. We will hear about her in next week’s article!

Why is this devotion still important today? Because we need the Holy Spirit now more than ever. In a world marked by uncertainty, division, and anxiety, the Holy Spirit gives wisdom in confusion, brings peace in turmoil, strengthens us in weakness, and calls us to unity and mission. The Church is not sustained by human effort alone. It is the Holy Spirit who renews, guides, and empowers us.



As we prepare for Pentecost, we are reminded that the Holy Spirit is not just a figure of the past. He is alive and active today and He is still being poured out upon all who are open to receive Him.

**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 26, 2026

**Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd)**

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

**04/29 Wednesday**

5:30 PM SC: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Reconciliation during Adoration

**04/30 Thursday**

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

**05/01 Friday**

First Friday Adoration, SC after 7:00AM Mass-Noon

**05/02 Saturday**

10:30AM to 12PM SC Food Distribution in former

School Admin

**5:00PM, 1st Communion/Confirmation with Bishop Larry**

**05/03 Fifth Sunday of Easter**

After SC 9:30 Mass-Seven Sundays of Easter Prayer **2nd**

**Collection: Parish Repair & Maintenance** Hospitality

Sunday at SS and SC Churches

Birthday Blessings at all Masses

After the 9:30am Mass - Meet and Greet Mother

General (MSMHC)

Religious Education Classes at SC and SS

**Mahalo for YOUR**

**Stewardship of Treasure:**



QR code for Online Giving

**Week of**

**April 19**

Sunday Offertory

\$ 7,610.24

On-Line Offertory

\$ 2012.22

Raise da Roof

\$ 495.00

Repair & Maintenance

\$ 93.00

Offertory Direct giving

\$ 372.00

Rice Bowl

\$ 14.31

Catholic Ministries

\$ 2893.24

**Good Shepherd Sunday – April 26th**

Retired priests might not be as visible as their active counterparts, but they are still vital members of the Diocese of Honolulu.

And just like retirees in other vocations, they need support as they age.

Our parish is committed to send 10% of this weekend's Sunday Collection that will go towards the Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund. Your donations help cover the costs of housing, medical and dental insurance, sustenance and other needs for retired diocesan priests. According to the Office for Clergy, there are about two dozen retired priests in the diocese. The official retirement age is 70, but some priests work beyond that age.

**WE pray for the recently deceased**

Name: George Binder Funeral: Private

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Name: George Viado Funeral: May 9th

Church: St. Catherine Church

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Name: Jerold Saturnino Funeral: Sept. 12

Church: St. Catherine Church

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Name: Ed Pickop Funeral: TBA

Church: St. Catherine Church

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Name: Sandra Wunschel Funeral: June 6

Church: St. Catherine Church

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

*Sober and soberly*

**☩ 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, Kapā'a  
 For more information, please call Fr. EJ Resinto at (808) 822-7900

### Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day:

Today we hear Jesus make a wonderful promise to us and all those who follow him. He promises that we “might have life and have it more abundantly.” This is why he came; he tells the crowds. Since we know now that Jesus came to bring salvation to the world, we realize he was speaking of eternal life with God as the more abundant life we can have. Let us listen for the call of the Good Shepherd, we might follow him to the verdant pastures of abundance.

### Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we hear Jesus call himself the gate to the sheepfold. He opens to lead the sheep to verdant pastures and closes to save them from danger. In the first reading, Peter reminds us that repentance acts as a gate as well. Repenting of our sins brings forgiveness and salvation. As we listen to God’s word, let us pray that we will recognize the voice of the Lord calling us to repentance and the blessings within

### Reflection:

Have you ever felt wronged by someone and want to “get justice” or revenge” Do you ever refused to help someone because of how they treated you in the past? We do tend to hold grudges and cloak our desire for revenge as seeking “justice.” However, we have been told that justice – judgment – belongs to God Jesus was most certainly treated unjustly and had never done anything to deserve crucifixion. Even his closest friends betrayed him. Consider his response. Forgiveness and a blessing of peace. If Christ is our model – the Light, the Truth, and the Way – what does this say to you about how you should behave toward your enemies and those who hurt you? Pray for the grace to be more like Christ in your dealings with others.

**Mary Lardizabal and Sr. Rachel are cordially inviting** children of all ages to join **Saint Catherine’s Children Choir**. Practice will be held

the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 6PM after the 5PM Mass starting, Sunday September 14th. Contact Sr. Rachel or Mary Lardizabal at rmaurius@rcchawaii.org. When you sing in church ... you’re praying twice.



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

**Mynsong**, after the 9:30 Mass at St. Catherine Church on Sunday, May 3rd. Sr. Christine will be visiting our parish sisters and leaves on May 5th to visit other MSMHC's congregations. For those interested, **Sr. Christine will also be speaking at a Women's Conference on Oahu on Saturday April 25th** at St. Elizabeth Church on Oahu. More information can be obtained at the church office.

### MAY MONTH HIGHLIGHTS

- May 1-9.....FCC Rosary-Novena for Mother Mary
- May 17..... ..2nd Collection-Catholic Ministries
- May 16 & 17.....10% Appeal-Catholic Communication
- May 18-19..... ..State-wide Annual Priest Retreat
- May 24..... ..Pentecost Celebration in Coyle Hall
- May 25..... ..Memorial Day-Office Closed

**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!*

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/Good Shepherd Sunday

April 26, 2026

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we are reminded of the call to follow Christ, our true Shepherd, who lays down His life for His sheep. Pope St. John Paul II once wrote: ***"The solicitude of every good shepherd is that all people may have life and have it to the full... Let us strive to live it. May it characterize our personality and be the foundation of our priestly identity."*** This is the heart of the priesthood: *to die to self, to set aside personal desires, and to strive each day to reflect the love and care of the Good Shepherd.*

Yet, your shepherds are also sheep; called, chosen, and entrusted with the care of souls despite our own limitations. So today, we humbly ask please pray for your priests. As your Shepherds here at St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish, I share a few simple reminders about your shepherds striving to be **"good shepherds"**:

- They love God and they love you deeply — **Be mindful.**
- They are limited human beings — **Be realistic.**
- They wish they were better preachers — **Stay awake.**
- They truly desire God's best for you and your family — **Be open-hearted.**
- Their work knows no time or boundaries — **Be patient.**
- They often hear more criticism than encouragement — **Be encouraging.**
- They have chosen a vocation in which few remain — **Be prayerful.**
- They are called to lead — **Be willing to be led.**
- They cannot meet every need, but they will walk with you — **Be understanding.**
- They are strengthened by your faith — **Be faithful.**
- At times, they will fall short — **Be forgiving.**
- They long to make the Gospel come alive for you — **Be hungry.**
- They are ordinary men called to an extraordinary mission — **Be real with us.**

With gratitude and humility,

Fr. EJ & Fr. Francisco

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*"The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want." (Psalm 23)*

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Franciscan: Trans of the Renewal



2026  
**WORLD DAY**  
 of PRAYER  
 for  
**VOCATIONS**



JUBILEE YEAR • 800 YEARS SINCE THE DEATH OF SAINT FRANCIS • 1226-2026

**Masthead photo:** A young friar prepares for *transitus*, the Franciscan tradition of celebrating the entrance of their patron saint into heaven. In 2026, the feast will take on special significance, as Pope Leo has declared a special jubilee year recognizing eight centuries of Francis of Assisi's profound influence on the Church.

CALLED BY NAME

**'THEY SAW SOMETHING IN ME THAT I COULDN'T SEE IN MYSELF'**

“When I first became Vocation Director, I discovered something remarkable,” said Fr. Jordan Dosch, a priest of the Diocese of Bismarck. “I was looking through our archives and discovered an old ‘Called by Name’ list from about fifteen years earlier.” The list was from a campaign during which the bishop asked people to suggest young men who might make good priests. “As I looked at this long list of hundreds of young men, I saw my own name.”

“What’s amazing to me is that when my name was submitted, I was in junior high, and wasn’t even thinking about the priesthood—I barely even understood what it was. But someone saw something in me that I couldn’t yet see in myself.”

As Fr. Dosch examined the list, he saw more names he recognized. “I checked closely, and almost all of our young priests were on that list,” he said. “And some names were on the list ten times, which is a pretty good clue!”

Fr. Dosch says lay people have an important role to play in calling forth priestly vocations. “Every young Catholic guy has to struggle at some point with whether God may be calling him,” he said. “So when you see a devout young man and ask, ‘Have you ever considered the priesthood?’ it might confirm something that is already stirring in his heart.”



Daughters of Mary of Nazareth

**The Romance of Religious Life**

Many women say, “I could never be a nun. I want a guy to sweep me off my feet. I want walks on the beach, candlelight dinners, and warm embraces.” And yet there are thousands of religious sisters who are head-over-heels in love with Jesus Christ, who relish being His bride, who will do anything to please Him, and who are too romantic to choose any other kind of life!



Fr. Jordan Dosch is currently studying canon law in Rome. He is pictured here with two deacons at their ordination in St. Peter's Basilica.



## AN INDISPENSABLE VOCATION WHY WE NEED BROTHERS



Dominican Friar of St. Joseph

With today's shortage of priests, one might assume that any man entering a religious community would naturally go on to be ordained. Historically, however, this has never been the case. Religious life—marked by the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience—has always been recognized as a vocation in its own right, distinct from Holy Orders.

Religious brothers play a unique and essential role in the Church. Free from the demands of sacramental ministry, they are often able to devote themselves fully to works requiring long-term presence and deep personal engagement. For example, the Brotherhood of Hope, a community of all brothers, focuses on campus ministry in secular universities.

In contemplative communities such as the Cistercians, monk-brothers live in seclusion and austerity, centered on prayer and labor. Through this hidden fidelity, they bear powerful witness that God alone deserves our complete devotion because, in the end, our common vocation is union with Him in heaven.

Religious brotherhood is a vocation that deserves renewed attention by the faithful and serious consideration from young men discerning God's call.

## A TRADITION FOR MOTHERS



At a priest's ordination, the bishop anoints his hands with sacred chrism and wipes them with a cloth that in older rites was called a *maniturgium*. Following an ancient and beautiful tradition, a priest may give this fragrant, oil-soaked cloth to his mother after his first Mass. She carefully preserves the cloth, then at her burial, her hands are tied together as in prayer by the *maniturgium* as a sign that she has offered her son to God and the Church.



## Vocation Summer Camps

Vocations-themed summer camps—often run by priests and seminarians—are a staple in dioceses across the country. They offer a mix of prayer, friendship, and fun... and, occasionally, a lifelong calling. When telling their vocation stories, quite a few priests will tell you: *it all started at camp!*

## PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

By Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your unfaithful and tepid priests; for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for Your tempted priests; for Your lonely and desolate priest; for Your young priests; for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your priests in Purgatory.

But above all, I recommend to You the priests dearest to me: the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way.

O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. *Amen*



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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. 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** 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 & 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.**