

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, May 04 Calah Nakasone (Bday)

Tuesday, May 05 Kalena Rodero (Bday)

Wednesday, May 06 +Julian Sabanau

Thursday, May 07 Briatico Ohana (Ints)

Friday, May 08 +Harold Aiu

Saturday, May 09 +Juliet Aiu

Sunday, May 10

7:30am +Debra Cummings, +Francisco Mendoza,

+Nita Bayne, +Benjamin San Miguel, +Juliet Aiu

9:30am +Caira Nakasone, +JoJo Tsukamoto,

+Abelina Salado, +Kenneth Nunes, Janice Beltran
(Bday)

5:00pm +Robert Kirchner

St. Sylvester Church

Wednesday May 06

Sunday, May 10 +William Labogen

St. William Church

Sunday, May 10

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.

Queen Isabella of Portugal – A Queen of Charity and Peace

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



The Holy Ghost Feast, so Portuguese people in Hawai'i, Alenquer in mainland Portugal Isabella of Portugal. Born in the late 1200s, Queen Isabella was known for her deep devotion to the Holy Spirit. The Feast, developed as a re-enactment of her thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit for saving her people from death and destruction. While sources differ as to whether it was famine or war that threatened the nation, all agree on one thing: **through her prayer and trust in God, her people were spared.**

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Several stories have been handed down through the centuries.

One tells of a great famine in Portugal. Moved with compassion, Queen Isabella promised the Holy Spirit that she would give away all her earthly possessions if her people were saved. Around that time, ships, blown off course by a storm, arrived unexpectedly at the port of Lisbon, filled with cattle and wheat. The Queen purchased these supplies and distributed them among the starving people. **From this tradition comes the custom of sharing blessed bread and meat during the Holy Ghost Feast, a sign of God's providence and generosity.**

Another beloved story recalls how the Queen, defying her husband's wishes, would secretly leave the castle dressed in plain clothes, carrying bread and meat hidden in her apron to feed the poor. When the king discovered her actions and confronted her in anger, she prayed to the Holy Spirit. When she opened her apron, instead of food, roses fell to the ground. **From this miracle comes the tradition of roses associated with the Feast, a reminder that acts of charity, inspired by the Spirit, bear unexpected and beautiful fruit.**

Still another account speaks of a time of conflict between her husband, King Denis, and their son, Prince Alfonso. As war threatened to divide the kingdom, Queen Isabella called upon the Holy Spirit for peace. Through her intercession, reconciliation was achieved between father and son. In a vision, **the Holy Spirit is said to have appeared to her, asking that a church be built in His honor, a lasting sign of peace and unity.**

Even though kings and nobles participated in these grand celebrations, the Holy Ghost Feast was always, at its heart, a festival of the common people, those who, as one account puts it, are *"always the chief losers by war and the chief gainers of peace."*

Through the centuries, this devotion has endured, not simply as a tradition, but as a way of life. It calls the faithful to care for the poor, share generously with others, and to pray for peace in families, communities, and nations. Perhaps this is where the story speaks most clearly to us today. We live in a world still marked by division, suffering, and uncertainty. There are still those who hunger not only for food, but for dignity, compassion, and hope. There are still conflicts that wound relationships, families, and nations.

The example of Queen Isabella reminds us that devotion to the Holy Spirit is never meant to remain private. It must take flesh in our lives. To honor the Holy Spirit is to feed the hungry, to care for those in need and to be instruments of peace.



As we prepare to celebrate the return of the Holy Ghost Feast here at St. Catherine's, may we not only remember her story... but live it. Because the same Holy Spirit who worked in her life is still at work in us today.

"Where the Holy Spirit is welcomed, charity becomes action... and peace becomes possible."

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!



Queen Isabella of Portugal portrayed distributing bread to the poor. Learn more about the Holy Ghost Crowns and the honor of the Holy Ghost Queens in next Sunday's bulletin!

May 3, 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter

2nd Collection: Parish Repair & Maintenance
 Hospitality Sunday at SS and SC Churches
 Birthday Blessings at all Masses
 After 9:30 Mass Meet and Greet Mother General
 Religious Education Classes at SC and SS

05/06 Wednesday

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

05/07 Thursday

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

05/09 Saturday

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

05/10 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day Blessings at all Masses
 6:00PM St. Catherine Children's Choir Practice

Mahalo for YOUR Stewardship of Treasure:



QR code for Online Giving

Week of April 26

Sunday Offertory	\$ 7,245.85
On-Line Offertory	\$ 3,233.22
Raise da Roof	\$ 345.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 326.00
Offertory Direct giving	\$ 547.00
Parish Food Pantry	\$30,200.00
Catholic Ministries	\$ 75.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 25.00
Good Friday	\$ 45.00

REPAIR & MAINTENANCE COLLECTION is **First Weekend each month** This weekend we take up a **SECOND COLLECTION** for the Parish Repair & Maintenance for our three churches. Your continued support helps address on-going maintenance not only of our three churches but also the former school buildings and campus as well. Unforeseen plumbing & electrical work and simple carpentry repairs frequently occurs and needs immediate attention to keep our properties safe for the general public and prevent further deterioration as our buildings age. Recently we have campaigned to raise funds to address roof repairs & replacement to St. Sylvester and St. Catherine Churches.

WE pray for the recently deceased

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

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Name: Sandra Wunschel Funeral: June 6th
 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

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day:

On the night before he died, Jesus assured his disciples that “in my Father’s house there are many dwelling places... I am going to prepare a place for you.” (John 14:2). Jesus knew that their faith would be severely tested and their hope would be dashed in the coming days. Our faith and hope waiver as well. May the words of our Lord in today’s Gospel reassure us through our doubts and despair about our future. God’s house has a place for each of us.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

A challenging issue we face today was also faced by the early church: not enough ministers to serve all the people. We hear in the first reading that the Twelve needed more disciples willing to bring food to the needy. Peter uses the image of the living stones to describe the spiritual house that is the growing church, with Christ as the cornerstone. Jesus tells his disciples of our lasting spiritual house in heaven with the Father. May the words we hear of our spiritual homes on earth and in heaven inspire us this Easter season.

Reflection:

No one can do everything. Even in early church it became apparent that some were called to preach while others were called to see to the daily needs of the community. Each of us has our own unique combination of abilities that we are called to use to help build up the community (not just our faith community, but the secular as well). Too often, we feel overwhelmed by the needs around us. We cannot feed and clothe all the poor or stop all the violence or make people be kinder to each other While all of that is true; it is also true that we are not called to so such vast things and we cannot allow them to be the reason for not doing the little things we can do. Donate clothing , help the soup kitchens, curb our tendency to respond with angry words or violence. Are you doing the little things you can?

He who believes in me will also do the works that I do. Psalm 14:12



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, after the 9:30AM mass on Sunday, May 3rd. Sr. Christine will be arriving Kauai on May 3rd and leaves on May 5th to visit other MSMHC's congregations.

YOU'RE INVITED!
All High School Seniors
Baccalaureate
MASS

SUNDAY
MAY 24, 2026

5:00PM MASS

AT
St. Catherine
of Alexandria Church

CELEBRATE YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS.
GIVE THANKS. SEEK GOD'S GUIDANCE.
STEP FORWARD IN FAITH.
We pray for you and your future!

"I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU, DECLARES THE LORD, PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE."
JEREMIAH 29:11

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

5th Sunday of Easter

John 14: 1-12

Without the way, there is no going. Without the truth, there is no knowing. Without the life, there is no living- Thomas A Kempis

Today's Gospel passage begins with very human words from Jesus: "Do not let your hearts be troubled".

On hearing these words, the disciples are anxious, because Jesus has spoken about leaving them. And in that moment, He does not give them a plan or a map, but He gives them Himself: "I am the way, the truth, and the life".

Not a path among many, but the Path.

Not a truth, but Truth itself.

Not just a giver of life, but Life.

And here is a beautiful insight from Thomas a Kempis helps us reflect more deeply:

"Without the Way, there is no going.

Without the Truth, there is no knowing.

Without the Life, there is no living".

Without Christ, we may walk, but we wander. We may learn many things from this world, but we do not truly understand. Without Him, we may exist, but we do not truly live. But with Him everything changes.

At Eucharist, Jesus becomes very real to us in this same way.

He is our great High Priest, which means He is the way to the Father. He does not simply show us how to worship-He leads us into worship by uniting us into Himself as members of His Body the Church. At the Eucharist, Jesus also speaks to us in the words of Sacred Scripture. He is the Truth of God, revealing Himself, He reveals the Father, for He and the Father are one. When we are with Christ at Eucharist, we can be sure that we are hearing the truth. And in the Eucharist, He becomes our life-giving Himself to us so that we may truly live in Him.

He is the way, who gives direction to our lives. Even when the road is uncertain, walking with Him leads us to the Father.

He is the Truth. In a world full of confusion, brokenness, and injustice-He reveals who God is and who we are.

He is the Life, who gives us life in abundance- a life of grace, love, and purpose.

So today, Jesus is not just teaching us something- He is offering us Himself.

When you feel lost, He is the Way.

When you feel confused, He is the Truth.

When you feel empty, He is the life.

So do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust Him. Walk with Him. Live in Him.



Congratulations to Our Seminarian Deepak Bobbarala!!!

On Saturday May 2, 2026, at our Confirmation and First Holy Communion Mass, we joyfully congratulate our seminarian, Deepak, who will be instituted as an Acolyte by Bishop Larry Silva.

The ministry of Acolyte is an important step in priestly formation. An instituted acolyte is officially entrusted by the Church to assist the priest and deacon in the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy, especially at the altar. His responsibilities include preparing the altar and sacred vessels, assisting during Mass, and, when necessary, serving as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. He may also help with the purification of the vessels and assist in other liturgical functions, particularly in the absence of a deacon.

For men preparing for the priesthood, this institution is one of the final major steps before ordination to the diaconate and, ultimately, the priesthood. It signifies a deeper configuration to Christ the Servant and a growing commitment to a life of prayer, service, and love for the Eucharist.

Please join us in praying for Deepak as he continues his journey toward the priesthood. May the Lord who has begun this good work in him bring it to fulfillment!

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. EJ Resinto Fax 822-3014 ext 225
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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 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.