

# 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

5021-A Kawaihau Rd. Kapaa, Hawaii 96746

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Sunday 8:00am to Noon

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Parish website: [www.kauaistcatherine.church](http://www.kauaistcatherine.church)

### Mass Intentions

#### *St. Catherine of Alexandria*

**Monday, May 11** +Domingo Fernandez

**Tuesday, May 12** Janice Beltran (Bday)

**Wednesday, May 13** +Benjamin San Miguel

**Thursday, May 14** +Julian Nicomedez

**Friday, May 15** +Adela Galvez

**Saturday, May 16** +Benjamin San Miguel

**Sunday, May 17**

7:30am + Debra Cummings, Marietta Carmichael (Ints) +Benjamin San Miguel, +Emelia Sanchez, +Antonio Sanchez Sr.

9:30am +Robert Kirchner, +Kenneth Nunes,+Jerald Saturnino, +George Viado, Briatico Family (Ints)

5:00pm

#### *St. Sylvester Church*

**Wednesday May 13**

**Sunday, May 17** +William Labogen

#### *St. William Church*

**Sunday, May 17**

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 Ghost Crown – A Sign of Faith, Family, and Community

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



### Holy Ghost Crowns dating back to the 1930s and was most likely used here at St. Catherine Parish Celebrations

At the center of the Holy Ghost Feast is a powerful and beloved symbol: the Holy Ghost Crown. This crown is not like the crowns of earthly kings and queens. It does not represent wealth, power, or status. Instead, it points to something far greater, the sovereignty of God and the presence of the Holy Spirit among His people.

Traditionally, the crown is adorned with a dove, the universal symbol of the Holy Spirit, recalling the Spirit descending upon Jesus at His baptism (Matthew 3:16). Accompanying the crown is often the Dove Scepter and Banner, sacred signs of the guidance and protection of the Holy Spirit over the faithful.

For the past several weeks and continuing as we journey toward Pentecost, we have been processing into the 9:30 a.m. Mass with two historic Holy Ghost crowns together with the Dove Scepter. Both crowns date back to at least the 1930s, from a time when the Portuguese community here on Kaua'i was much more active in preserving and celebrating this cherished devotion.

One crown, the silver metal crown, belongs to the Bettencourt family of Kapa'a. The other gold and red crown were rediscovered through the efforts of the Kaua'i Historical Society. We are especially grateful to our parishioners, Cherie Berg and Carol Franklin, for their dedicated research and work in helping uncover and preserve the history of these precious items.

**To see these crowns once again carried into our church is more than simply remembering the past. It is a visible reminder that the faith, sacrifices, and devotion of earlier generations still live among us today.**

Tradition tells us that for the six Sundays after Easter (the Domingas), the Holy Ghost Crown, Scepter, and Banner would be carried and displayed in the homes of families chosen by lot to host them for the week. In each home, prayers, promises, sacrifices, and offerings were made to the Holy Spirit for blessings and favors sought.



Then, on Saturday evenings, the host family would gather the community together for celebration and fellowship. There would be games, singing, wine, and sweetbread shared among family and friends before the crown was carried to the next home. Often, a daughter, symbolizing Queen Isabella, would carry the crown in procession to the next household accompanied by music, singing, and even fireworks.

Finally, on the seventh Sunday, the great Dominga, a Queen, would be chosen to carry the crown solemnly into the Church for Mass, blessing, and procession. Flower arches decorated the church and streets; bands played festive music, and flags from many nations were carried in procession, beautifully symbolizing the unity of peoples gathered under the Holy Spirit.

Afterward, the community would gather for prayer, ceremonies, and a shared meal open to all. In true Portuguese fanfare, there would often be live auctions featuring sweetbread, cattle, handcrafted items, and donated goods. The proceeds remained within the community to assist Portuguese families facing hardships and to support the mission of the Church. The celebration ended with dancing, singing, food, fellowship, and joy.

Perhaps this is what makes the Holy Ghost Feast so beautiful. It was never simply a festival. It was faith woven into the life of the people: ***Prayer in the home, Charity for the poor, Celebration with community, and trust in the Holy Spirit.***

As we restore this treasured tradition here at St. Catherine's, may we remember that these crowns are not museum pieces or relics of a forgotten past. ***They are signs of a living faith and through them, the Holy Spirit still calls us: to gather, to pray, to care for one another, and to rejoice together as one family in Christ.***

Viva o Divino Espírito Santo!

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!

### May 10, 2026 Sixth Sunday of Easter

#### Mother's Day Blessings at all Masses

6:00PM St. Catherine Children's Choir Practice  
Religious Education Classes at SC and SS



#### 05/13 Wednesday

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

#### 05/14 Thursday

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

#### 05/16 Saturday

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

#### 05/17 Ascension Sunday

**2nd Collection: Catholic Ministries**  
**10% Sunday Appeal: Catholic Communication**

## Mahalo for YOUR Stewardship of Treasure:



QR code for Online Giving

Week of  
May 03

Sunday Offertory	\$ 8,981.50
On-Line Offertory	\$ 1,561.22
Raise da Roof	\$ 3940.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 3016.00
Offertory Direct giving	\$ 689.12
Parish Food Pantry	\$ 475.00
Catholic Ministries	\$ 105.00
Religious Ed	\$ 171.24
Hospitality	\$ 50.00

**WE welcome the recently Baptized**  
Name: Spencer Willaim Lee  
Child of: Oliver & Julia Lee

**WE welcome the recently Baptized**  
Name: Xavier Rivera  
Child of: Manuel & Lindsey Rivera



## Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day:

At the Last Supper, knowing that he would soon be leaving the company of his disciples, Jesus assures them that the Father would send another Advocate to remain with them always. They would never be orphans, he promises them, because of this Advocate – the Holy Spirit – would remain with them and in them. For many of us, our mothers also advocate for us and remain in us, even if they have passed away. On this Mother's Day, as we celebrate our mothers and those who have been a mother to us over the years, let us pray that the Holy Spirit bless them now and always

## Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

Two weeks before we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles at Pentecost, we hear of the Spirit both before and after that blessed event. In the first reading, the people of Samaria receive the Holy Spirit after Peter and John come to lay hands on them. In the Gospel Jesus promises the disciples that the Holy Spirit will stay with them always. As we listen to God's word, may we realize the Holy Spirit's enduring presence is our lives.

## Reflection:

It is not enough to claim Jesus as our Savior or to faithfully obey the rules of the Church. We are called to live the Gospel – to follow the example Jesus gave us. We are to live in such a way that even our enemies will find no grounds to label us hypocrites. We are to be mirrors of God's love, showing respect, kindness and compassion to everyone regardless of their beliefs or station in life. We are to refrain from putting people down and calling them names simply because they disagree with us. WE are to be aware of what might scandalize others so that we can refrain from doing or saying things that could harm their faith. How well are you living the Gospel life?

*He obeys the commandments he has from me is the man who loves me. -John 14:21*



A vertical invitation card for a Baccalaureate Mass. At the top, a gold cross is flanked by olive branches. Below it, the text "YOU'RE INVITED!" is written in a bold, blue, serif font. Underneath, "All High School Seniors" is written in a gold, cursive font. The word "Baccalaureate" is written in a large, elegant, blue script font, followed by "MASS" in a smaller, blue, serif font, also flanked by olive branches. To the right of the text is a gold crucifix with a white candle in a gold holder. Below the crucifix is a blue graduation cap with a gold tassel, resting on a stack of blue books, one of which is labeled "HOLY BIBLE". At the bottom left, there are three circular icons: a calendar, a clock, and a church building. To the right of these icons, the text reads "SUNDAY MAY 24, 2026", "5:00PM MASS", and "AT St. Catherine of Alexandria Church". At the bottom, a dark blue banner contains a gold heart with a cross inside, and the text "CELEBRATE YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS. GIVE THANKS. SEEK GOD'S GUIDANCE. STEP FORWARD IN FAITH. We pray for you and your future!". Below the banner, a quote from Jeremiah 29:11 is written in small white text.

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All High School Seniors

Baccalaureate  
MASS

SUNDAY  
MAY 24, 2026

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AT  
St. Catherine  
of Alexandria Church

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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 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

## WOMEN APOSTLES FOR CATECHESIS (WAC) :

Sr. Rachel and Sr. Luci of the 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, May 19th in St. Damien Room. See you there !!**

# Updates of St. Sylvester's Roof repair project



The new metal lining along the edge of the roof is called flashing. It helps guide rainwater off the roof and protects the church from leaks and water damage.



The "cone" our iconic roof has been repaired and a second sealant of the roof will be put on this week.

**St. Sylvester's Church is excited to announce the progress on our roof repair project. We deeply appreciate your patience and understanding during this time of renovation and improvement. The repair work is progressing well, and we are hoping to reopen our beloved church for Mass on the weekend of May 16-17, 2026. This project is crucial to ensuring the safety and beauty of our sacred space for years to come. We look forward to welcoming you back to our community gatherings and services. Thank you for your continued support and faith in our efforts. Mahalo!**



**The floors of the church are also being redone due to water damages, including the sanctuary area. All carpet has been removed.**



We joyfully celebrate our First Communicants, Confirmandi, and the installation of a Seminarian Deepak as Acolyte by Bishop Larry Silva.



Congratulations to the First Communicant and Confirmandi: Andrian Atlas, Mia Bolitho, Olivia Catbagan-Teixeira, Emyleen George, Ayven Labuguen, Cooper Lee, Penelope Lee, Elijah

Resinto, Alessondra Rivera, Christian Rivera, Romon Rivera, Garexson Shimamoto, Precious Ypil, & Elizabeth Padre.



May the Holy Spirit continue to inspire and sustain you in your journey of faith.

We were honored by the visit of Mother General Christine Mynsong of the Missionary Sisters of Mary Help of Christians, who traveled from India to St. Catherine of Alexandria Church. During her visit, she met with the Women Apostle for Catechist (WAC) along with our Sisters Rachel, Luci and Roselyn. She shared an inspiring talk about the origins of their religious order, its founding mission, and its continued growth across many parts of the world.

Her message highlighted the spirit of service, faith, and dedication that defines their congregation, encouraging all present to deepen their commitment to Christian life and apostolic work. The WAC members were truly enriched by her presence, her testimony, and the stories of the many ministries carried out by the sisters in service to the Church and communities in need.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for her visit and the blessings she brought to our parish.



**PARISH STAFF**

Fax 822-3014

Diocesan Engaged Encounter required

Pastor: Rev. EJ Resinto

ext 225

**Funeral**

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

Rev. Francisco Sanchez

ext 224

Deacon Andy Ragasa

645-1710

**Adoration 5:15pm & Adult Faith Formation 6:30pm**

St. Catherine Church on Wednesdays

Administrative Assistant: Carmen Nakasone

822-7900

Stewardship Coordinator:

EM&amp; Lector: Bronwyn Farias

635-2339

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Every Thursday in Coyle Hall from 8:00am-11:00am.

More information call Patricia Saturnino 822-7900

Faith Formation Director: Sr. Rachel Marius

822-7900

**Miraculous Medal Devotion**

St. Catherine Church every Monday after Daily Mass

Music Ministry

Music Director: Sean Teixeira

651-0454

Larry Rosa

651-5499

**Divine Mercy Devotion**

St. Catherine Church every day after Daily Mass

OCIA: Raina Bautista

634-0756

**Rosary**

St. Catherine Church 6:30am, before Daily Mass

OCIC: Sr. Lucy Salboro

Young Adults: Clay Levinthol

346-1350

St. Sylvester on Wednesday at 5:00pm, before Mass

Youth Ministry

**Food Pantry** Richard Martocci (808)561-7090

and Mark Wolfendale (808)720-8761

St. Catherine: Sundays at 8:15am

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

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

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

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

St. Mary's Convent

808-320-3445

**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.

Sacristans

St. Catherine: Sr. Lucy Salboro

St. Sylvester: Nelly Bautista

634-0756

**Healing Prayer Ministry**

Every Friday after morning Mass, All Are Welcome

Terri D. Mansfield 602-885-9058

St. William: Violet Yagihara

**SACRAMENTS****Anointing of the Sick**

Call Parish Office. After hours, call Residence

**Respect Life** - Prisma Brewer

530-356-7643

**Baptism****First Holy Communion**

Religious Education classes run from September to May.

Core classes run January to May

**Prison Ministry** ~ Kenneth Ponce

808-822-7650

**Eucharist to Homebound**

Deacon Andy

645-1710

**Hospitality Ministry** ~ Inocenta Ragasa

651-2481

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.

**Bereavement Ministry**

St. Catherine: Deacon Andy Ragasa

645-1710

**Confirmation**

Religious Education program of instruction, September to May. Core classes run January to May

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

**Holy Matrimony**

Contact Priest 6 months before the wedding.

Brenda Viado

808-346-1436.

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