

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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Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30am-2:00pm

Sunday 8:00am to Noon

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Parish website: www.kauaistcatherine.church

Mass Intentions

St. Catherine of Alexandria

Monday, May 18 +Delpidio Labuguen

Tuesday, May 19 +Victoria Toki

Wednesday, May 20 +Lonnie & Patricia Tiner

Thursday, May 21 +Brian Labuguen

Friday, May 22 +Mathew Mendoza

Saturday, May 23 +Benjamin San Miguel

Sunday, May 24

7:30am + Debra Cummings, +Benjamin San Miguel, Robert & Claire Czermak (Anni), +Emelia Sanchez, +Antonio Sanchez

9:30am +Kenneth Nunes, +Robert Kirchner, +Sr. Jiji Cyriac MSMHC, +Nick, +Ellen & +Paul Rapozo, Laura & Jacqueline Semmes (Ints)

5:00pm William Lemke(B-Day)

St. Sylvester Church

Wednesday May 20 +Dorothy Seyer
+Beatrice Lemke

Sunday, May 24 +Nick, +Ellen and +Paul Rapozo

St. William Church

Sunday, May 24

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

Faith Carried Across the Ocean

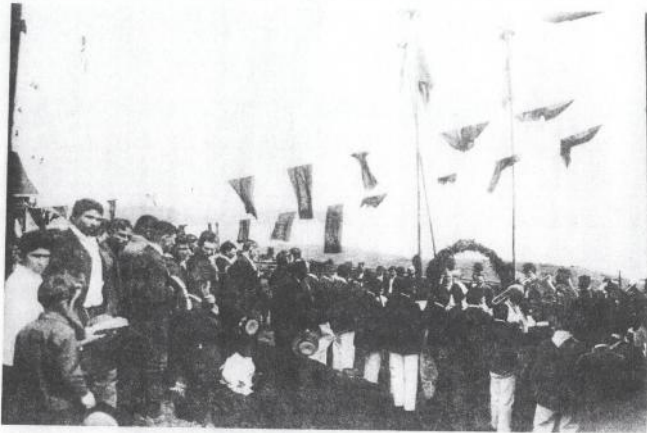
The Holy Ghost Feast in Hawai'i and at St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish

The story of the Holy Ghost Feast in Hawai'i is deeply connected to the arrival of Portuguese immigrants during the plantation era. Portuguese immigration to Hawai'i officially began in 1878 and continued into the early 1900s, with some of the last large groups arriving around 1913. Most came from the Azores and Madeira Islands, leaving behind their homeland in search of a better future for their families.

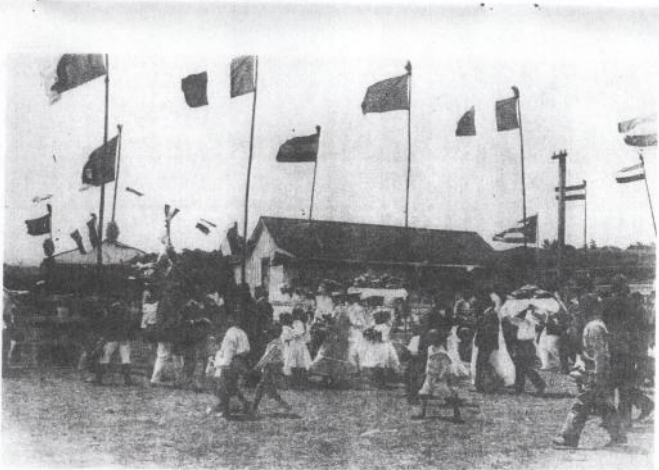
They arrived to work in the sugar plantations throughout the Islands. Yet unlike many immigrant labor groups of the time, the Portuguese often came as entire families with the intention of making Hawai'i their permanent home. And they did not come empty-handed. ***They brought with them their language, their music, their food, their customs and most importantly, their deeply rooted Catholic faith.*** Among the devotions they carried across the ocean was their great love for the Holy Spirit and the Holy Ghost Feast.

Historic Feast Photos

Picture of a Holy Ghost Feast at St. Catherine's Church grounds about 1900. (Kauai Museum photo).



After Church the Holy Ghost Feast moved to Kapaa town for a day filled with food and enjoyment. House in the photo is the Rodrigues family home. (Kauai Museum photo).



Sweetbread made in its traditional round shape, baked in brick ovens and rather large being auctioned at a Holy Ghost Feast at Halaula in the 1920's. Actioner is Antone Arruda, Sr.

Photo loaned by Carrie Arruda.

Photo on the left shows a 1900 Holy Ghost Procession from St. Catherine Church to Kapaa Town;

Photo on the right is from a 1920's Holy Ghost Sweetbread Auction with Mr. Antone Arruda.



Holy Ghost Queens

Right – 1981
Eleanor Arruda

Left – 1991
Tami Medeiros



1982 Holy Ghost Feast Day Dancing and Fellowship

As plantation life in Hawai'i evolved and various ethnic communities began living and working alongside one another, these celebrations slowly took on a uniquely "local" flavor. ***The Holy Ghost Feast became one of many beloved plantation traditions that enriched life in Hawai'i alongside celebrations such as the Japanese Obon Festival, Filipino Santa Cruzan, and Chinese New Year festivities.***

Here on Kaua'i, the Catholic faith had already begun to spread before the establishment of St. Catherine's Parish. Early mission churches were established in Moloa'a (St. Stephen), Hanalei (St. Maxine, later becoming St. William Church in the 1950s), and Kīlauea (St. Sylvester).

The original St. Catherine Church stood along Kūhiō Highway near our parish cemetery. Our present church was later dedicated in 1958 at its current location, built closer to St. Catherine School, which had been established in 1946.

Our parish historical records show Holy Ghost devotions and celebrations taking place as early as the 1900's. Old photographs reveal beautiful processions leaving the church grounds in Keālia and making their way toward Kapa'a Beach Park, where festivities and community celebrations continued throughout the day.

Additional records document Holy Ghost celebrations in 1981, 1982, 1985 (held in Kōloa), and what appears to have been the final celebration in 1991. Many longtime parishioners recall that the tradition faded after Hurricane 'Iniki struck Kaua'i in 1992. After the devastation of the storm, the focus understandably shifted toward recovery and rebuilding. Over time, this beloved devotion was gradually forgotten.

Until now. Our hope in restoring the Holy Ghost Feast is not simply to recreate a festival from the past. Certainly, we honor our ancestors and the generations who carried this devotion before us. But we also look forward.

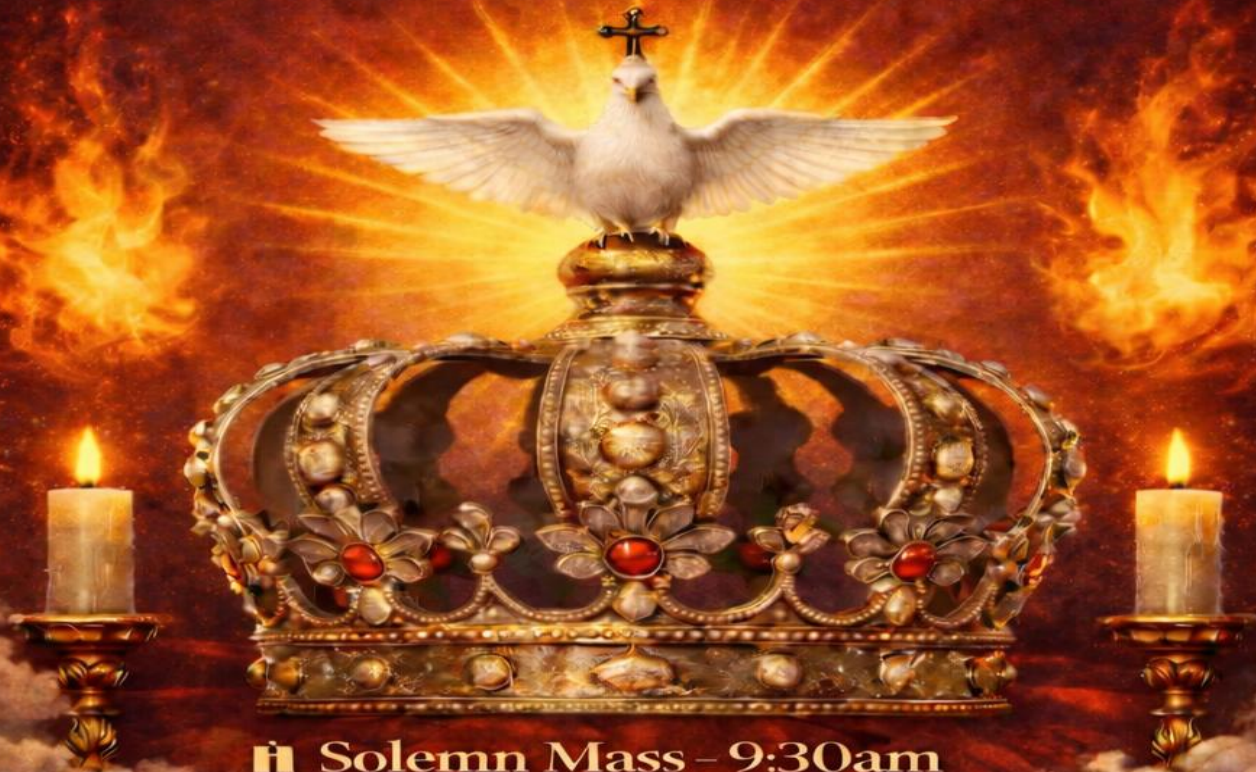
We pray that through the grace of the Holy Spirit we may, evangelize our community, take pride in our culture and heritage, strengthen family and community bonds and renew our parish in faith and joy

The Holy Spirit continues to gather His people. After many years, we joyfully invite all to join us as we celebrate the resurrection of this beloved tradition here at St. Catherine's. May the same Holy Spirit who guided our ancestors continue to guide us today.



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!

Join us next week Sunday May 24 at St. Catherine Church for a Solemn Pentecost Mass at 9:30 a.m. followed by a procession to the hall with prayers, refreshments, and fellowship!

May 17, 2026 Ascension of the Lord

2nd Collection: Catholic Ministries
10% Sunday Appeal: Catholic Communication
Religious Education Classes at SC and SS

05/20 Wednesday

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

05/21 Thursday

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

05/23 Saturday

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

05/24 Pentecost Sunday

Holy Ghost Feast-See Bulletin

6:00PM, St. Catherine Children's Choir Practice
No Religious Education at SC and SS

Mahalo for YOUR Stewardship of Treasure:



QR code for Online Giving

Week of
May 10

Sunday Offertory

	\$ 9,075.26
On-Line Offertory	\$ 4,203.22
Raise da Roof	\$ 18,018.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 100.00
Offertory Direct giving	\$ 727.00
Parish Food Pantry	\$ 503.00
Catholic Ministries	\$ 60.00
Donations	\$ 535.00

SECOND COLLECTION- May 16 & 17 Catholic Ministries

This weekend everyone is invited to prayerfully join in supporting the work of our Church. Together, with faith and aloha, let us Share God's Gifts. Your gifts will directly go towards the ministerial needs of:

1)Clergy: Our priests walk with us through life's most sacred moments – from the joy of baptisms, to comfort of funerals- offering guidance, support and Christ's presence. You will help in the formation of future priests and deacons, while also caring for those who have already given their lives in ministry.

2)Pastoral & Social Ministry: Your support helps serve the most vulnerable in our communities. Your donations brings hope, dignity and compassion to individuals and families facing hardships.

3)Evangelization: Because of you, lives across the islands are being transformed. Your generosity strengthens families, provides opportunities for our youth to grow in their relationships with God and nurtures vibrant faith communities.

4)Communications: Hawaii Catholic Herald shares the Good News of Jesus Christ across our islands, teaching, inspiring, and connecting communities of faith. Your support helps keep this voice alive strengthening our Catholic identity, building community and bringing Christ's love to all of Hawaii

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

WE pray for the recently deceased
Name: Michael Cruz Funeral: May 26, 2026
Church: St. Catherine Church

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day: Forty day after he rose from the dead, Jesus ascended to the Father in heaven. His mission had been accomplished. Now he commands the disciples to begin their mission. Once they receive the Holy Spirit, they are to spread the Good News to the ends of the earth. But he assures them of one final thing: even as he reigns at the Father’s right hand, he will remain with them always. May that promise reassure us as we take up the mantle the first disciples left for us.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word: In both today’s first reading and the Gospel, Jesus leaves his disciples with instructions; they are to be his witnesses as they go forth to make disciples of all nations. As we listen to Christ’s words today, let us imagine them directed to us, for we are his disciples now.

Reflection: Wouldn’t it be nice and perhaps even easier for us if Jesus still lived among us? Imagine you could invite him to dinner and spend time talking with him about politics , religion , and your own personal struggles. Would it help to hear his advice? Actually we have something even better. In human form, Jesus would be hard pressed to spend time with everyone but he has sent his Spirit to be with us and guide us. Do you take time to talk to the Spirit and to listen? What kind of difference might it make? *Know that I am with you always, until the end of the world. -Matthew 28:20*

WOMEN APOSTLES FOR CATECHESIS (WAC) :

Sr. Rachel and Sr. Lucy 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, June 16 in St. Damien Room. See you there !!**

FIRST FRIDAY SACRED HEART DEVOTION



“I will give peace to their families.”

– PROMISE OF THE SACRED HEART

**7:00 AM MASS
DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS
ADORATION UNTIL NOON**

**ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA CHURCH,
KAPA’A**

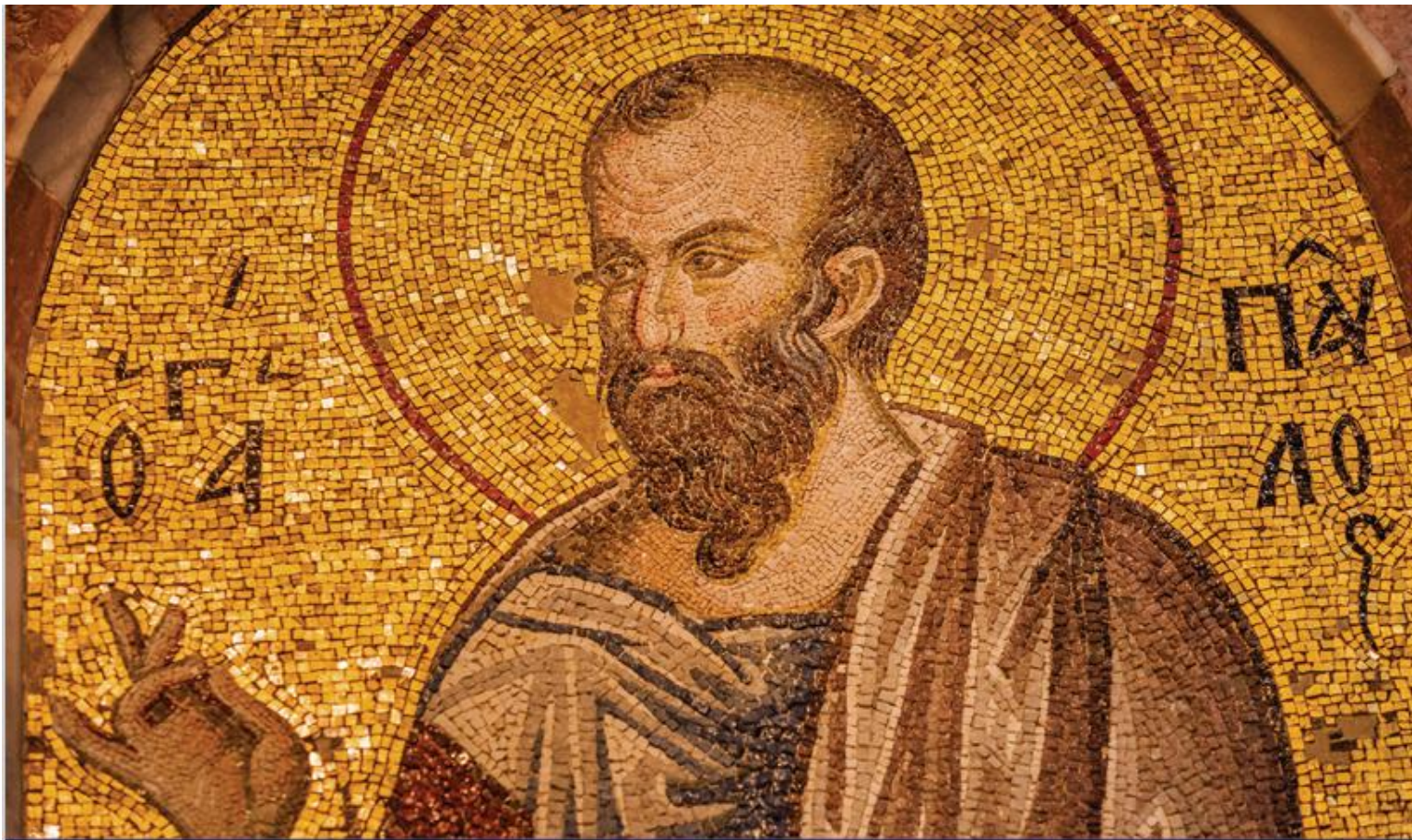
MAY MONTH HIGHLIGHTS

- 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

JUNE MONTH HIGHLIGHTS

- June 5First Friday Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
- June 11 Kamehameha Day

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.



A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY TO TURKEY & GREECE

In the Footsteps of St. Paul and the Early Christian Community
Including a Greek Isle Cruise

Under the Spiritual Direction of: Fr. John Gabriel
Group Coordinator: Dcn. Mike Browning

13-Days: November 3 to 15, 2026

Land Only Program ~ Airfare Not Included



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 Music Ministry
 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.