

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

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

Sunday: Closed until further notice

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Parish website: www.kauaistcatherine.church

Mass Intentions

St. Catherine of Alexandria

Sunday, Aug 16

7:30am +Harold Aiu, +Juliet Aiu, +Tootie Aiu,
+Rodrigo Dikilato, +Valeriana Dikilato,

9:30am +Terrence Mandy, +Wally Jaymes

5:00pm +Martina

Monday, Aug 17

Manolo Adriano (Ints)

Tuesday, Aug 18

+Delpidio Labuguen

Wednesday, Aug 19

+John & +Cornelia Bellisco

Thursday, Aug 20

+Maximo Valdez

Friday, Aug 21

+John Lapean

Saturday, Aug 22

+Tootie Aiu

St. Sylvester Church

Sunday, August 16: 7:00AM

Donald & Lorretta Boro: Wedding Anniversary

Wednesday, Aug 19 -5:30pm

St. William Church

Sunday, Aug 16

+Nick Rapozo, +Ellen Rapozo,
+Paul Rapozo

Personal Mass intentions will be accepted for all daily
and Sunday Masses at all three Churches.

Saturday has been designated as Missa pro populo
and no Mass intentions will be accepted
at that particular Mass.

Faith Beyond the Difficulties

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 15: 21-28

There is a story about a small camp in the Arctic that once experienced an exceptionally harsh winter. Food became scarce, and one by one, the people in the camp died of starvation. In the end only an Eskimo and her baby survived.

The woman began a desperate search for some means of obtaining food. Eventually she found a small fishhook. It was a simple matter to rig a line, but she had no bait, and no hope of getting bait. Without a moment's hesitation she took a knife and cut a piece of flesh from her thigh. Using this as bait she caught a fish. She fed her child and herself, saving the fish gut for bait. She lived on fish until spring when she walked out of the camp and found some other people.

It was no coincidence that the only adult to survive in that camp was a mother. What kept the mother alive was her concern for her child. There seems no limit to what a mother will go through for the sake of her child. A mother does not give up easily.

We see another wonderful example of this in today's Gospel story. There we see the unshakeable determination of a mother. She just refused to be put off or to give up. How delighted she must have been when Jesus suddenly answered her prayer. It meant that all her troubles, begging, and all her embarrassment, had not been in vain.

She is an example to us of perseverance, courage and love. But she is also an example of faith. Jesus said to her, "Woman you have great faith, let your wish be granted". She is a model of what could be called tough faith.

Sometimes we hear people say, "Ah, it's easy for you. You have great faith". But it is not like that at all. Having faith does not mean that everything is easy or that we never experience fear, doubt, disappointment, or suffering. People of faith also have difficult moments. They also ask God, "Why is this happening?" they also wonder when their prayers will be answered.

The difference is that even in those difficult moments, they continue to turn toward God. They may not understand what God is doing, but they choose to trust Him. They may feel weak, but they continue to pray. They may not see the answer, but they continue to hope.

That is exactly what we see in the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel. Her faith was not easy. She was a mother whose daughter was suffering. She faced silence and rejection, yet she refused to walk away from Jesus. Her great faith was not the absence of struggle; her great faith was her decision to keep trusting Jesus in the midst of the struggle.



Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day:

In today's first reading, we hear the LORD tell Isaiah, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." Two and a half millennia later, this house of worship, along with hundreds of thousands of others like it around the world, continues to be a house of prayer for all peoples. In a spirit of Christian hospitality, we welcome everyone who comes here to pray in this holy place. Together we lift our hearts and voices in praise and thanksgiving to our loving and welcoming God.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

Isaiah 56:1, The Lord brings foreigners into his house of prayer.
Psalms 67 "O God, let all the nations praise you!"
Romans 11: The call of God is irrevocable 29-32
Matthew 15: 21-28 Great is the faith of the Canaanite woman.

Today's readings stress God's desire that we reach out to others. Isaiah preaches that God welcomes foreigners who come to worship the LORD. Paul calls himself "the apostle to the Gentiles" and hopes this might draw more of his own people to Christ. Impressed by the tremendous faith of a Canaanite woman who relentlessly cries out to him, Jesus answers her desperate prayer. May today's readings remind us that our faith calls us to reach out to all peoples.

Reflection: Our human nature leads us to make some rationalizations to justify what we do or don't do. We dream of what we will do in the future and neglect the little every day things we need to do to make the future a reality. As disciples we need to tend to the opportunities to do good today. We need to be more aware of the people around us and their needs rather than just our own. We need to trust that God's hand is in the unexpected events in our day. Instead of seeing them as distractions; we should view them as opportunities. How well do you pay attention to the little things in your day?

Thus says the Lord: Observe what is right, so what is just. Isaiah 56:1

August 16, 2026 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Collection - Hawaii Catholic Ministries

08/19 Wednesday

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

08/20 Thursday

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

08/21 Friday—Hawaii Admissions Day, Office Closed

08/22 Saturday

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

08/23 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Religious Education registration will take place after all the weekend masses in August.

WE pray for the recently deceased

Name: **Lourdes Agoot-Carlos** Funeral: **Aug 29**

Church: **St. Catherine Church**

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Name: **Rebecca Bernabe** Funeral: **Oct 3**

Church: **St. Catherine Church**

Mahalo for YOUR Stewardship of Treasure:



QR code for Online Giving

Week of Aug 9

Sunday Offertory \$7,960.25

On-Line Offertory \$3774.22

Raise da Roof \$ 750.00

Repair & Maintenance \$ 425.00

Hawaii Catholic Charities \$ 2328.00

Offertory—direct giving \$ 290.00

On-line Hawaii Catholic Ministries \$ 411.00

Parish Food Pantry \$ 100.00



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 !

AUGUST:

MONTH OF

Prayer

FOR

ALTAR SERVERS



Please say a special prayer for our Altar Servers throughout the month of August.



We pray that the Lord will bless them, strengthen their faith, and help them grow in love for Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

We also thank their parents and families for supporting and encouraging them in this important ministry!

ALTAR SERVER APPRECIATION NIGHT



FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026

6:30 PM

ST. CATHERINE RECTORY



This special evening is for our **ALTAR SERVERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.**



DINNER



GAMES



SNACKS



KARAOKE



BON FIRE



TEXT OR CALL FR. EJ AT
(808) 652-2905
TO RSVP



Mahalo

To all our Altar Servers: thank you for your dedication, reverence, and willingness to serve the Lord and our parish community at His Altar. *May God bless you abundantly!*



ADULT FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM 2026-2027

THEOLOGY

Thursdays

WITH FATHER EJ RESINTO

Our Catholic faith is a lifelong journey of learning, prayer, and growing closer to Christ.

St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish invites all adults to join **Theology Thursdays with Father EJ Resinto**, a monthly opportunity to deepen our understanding of the Catholic faith and discover how it speaks to our everyday lives.

ENGAGING DISCUSSIONS THAT INSPIRE AND EQUIP

GROW IN FAITH.
LIVE IN TRUTH.

Go Deeper.

Gather with us for presentations, conversation, questions, and fellowship as we explore topics including:

THEOLOGY

SACRED
SCRIPTURE

CATHOLIC
MORALITY

CATECHESIS

EVANGELIZATION

CATHOLIC
TRADITION

FAITH & LIFE
TOPICS

AND MANY
MORE!

Whether you have studied the faith for years, recently returned to the Church, are preparing for the Sacraments, or simply have questions you have always wanted to ask—**there is a place for you** at Theology Thursdays!

EVERY 4TH
THURSDAY
OF THE MONTH
BEGINNING
SEPTEMBER 2026

6:30 PM
Evening session
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
& FELLOWSHIP

ST. CATHERINE'S
COYLE HALL

Bring your questions.
Bring your faith.
Bring a friend.

“FOR BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED THROUGH FAITH, AND THIS IS NOT FROM YOU; IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD.” — EPHESIANS 2:8

Legacy Sunday --- Beginning Your Legacy Journey

"Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

— Matthew 6:21

Legacy Sunday is an invitation to reflect on the values and faith you wish to pass on to future generations. Through thoughtful planning, you can care for your loved ones, ensure your wishes are honored, and leave a legacy that reflects your faith and gratitude for God's blessings.

What is legacy planning?

Legacy planning is the process of preparing for the future by creating or updating important documents such as a will, trust, powers of attorney, beneficiary designations, and health care directives. It provides peace of mind for you and your family while ensuring your intentions are clearly communicated.

I don't consider myself wealthy. Is legacy planning still important?

Absolutely. Legacy planning is not about the size of your estate—it is about caring for the people and causes that matter most to you. Every adult should have a plan in place, regardless of age or financial circumstances.

Can I include my parish or another Catholic ministry in my plans?

Many Catholics choose to include their parish or Catholic ministry in their estate plans after providing for their loved ones. These planned gifts become a lasting expression of faith and gratitude and help ensure that the ministries they cherish today continue to serve future generations.

Where can I learn more?

The Hawai'i Catholic Community Foundation is available to provide educational resources and information about:

- Wills and trusts
- Powers of attorney
- Beneficiary designations
- Charitable gift planning
- Health care directives
- Other legacy planning resources

For more information, please contact:

Hawai'i Catholic Community Foundation

Phone: 808-585-3331

Email: hccf-admin@rcchawaii.org

Website: <https://www.hawaiicatholiccommunityfoundation.org/legacy-society/>

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."

— 1 Peter 4:10

Every gift we receive from God - our faith, our families, our talents, and our resources - is entrusted to us for a purpose. Through thoughtful legacy planning, we have an opportunity to care for those we love while continuing to share God's gifts with future generations.



Scan to View
Legacy Sunday Video



**Hawai'i Catholic
Community Foundation**
OUR CALLING • MAKING DISCIPLES • SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome to our newly
confirmed! May your faith
continue to grow as you live
out your calling as
witnesses of Christ.

*Cienna Barretto, Shari Barretto
Heather Dye, Johanna Gulla
Michelle McVey*



Congratulations!



- ♡ Registration Open
- ♡ Classes Begin
Tuesday, August 18
- ♡ 6:00p - 8:00p
- ♡ 4th Grade Classroom
- ♡ Childcare Available



Faith Formation



Religious Education

✝ Registration Open

✝ Classes Begin
Sunday
September 13

✝ 8:15a - 9:15a

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Classes

Every Sunday in
August

8:15a - 9:15a

1st Grade Classroom

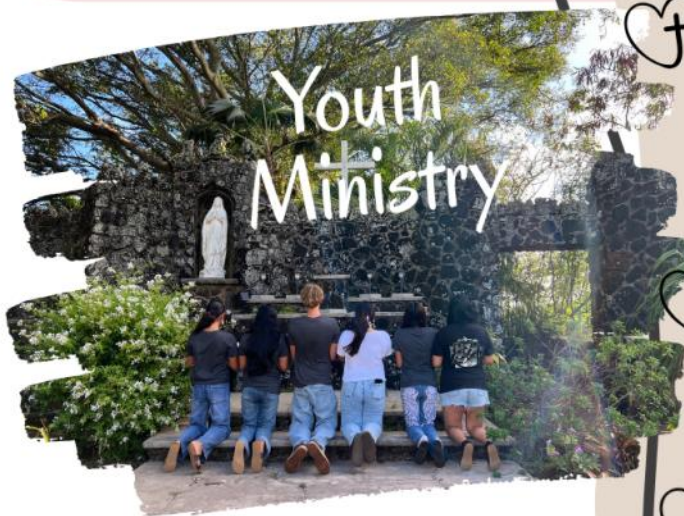


✝ Registration Open

✝ Kick-Off Overnighter
Saturday, Sept 5 -
Sunday, Sept 6

✝ Classes 1st & 3rd Sundays
6:00p - 8:30p

✝ All 6th - 12th Graders
are WELCOME



SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick Call Parish Office. 808-822-7900
After Hours: 808-652-2905

Baptism

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.

First Holy Communion

Religious Education classes run from September to May.
Core classes run January to May

Eucharist to Homebound

Deacon Andy 645-1710

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.

PARISH STAFF

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Pastor: Rev. EJ Resinto ext 225
Rev. Francisco Sanchez ext 224
Deacon Andy Ragasa 645-1710
Administrative Assistant: Carmen Nakasone 822-7900
Stewardship Coordinator:
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Faith Formation Director: Sr. Rachel Marius 822-7900
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, & Iyanah Wiltshire-Stein
St. Sylvester: Kierstyn & Jimmy Guerrero. 8:15am Sundays
St. Mary's Convent 822-7900

Sacristans

St. Catherine: Sr. Luci Salboro
St. Sylvester: Nelly Bautista 634-0756
St. William: Violet Yagihara

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.