



Saint CATHERINE of Alexandria Parish

5021A Kawaihau Road Kapaa, Kauai, Hawaii 96746

Saint Sylvester Church

2390 Kolo Road
Kilauea, Kauai Hawaii 96754

Saint William Church

5292A Kuhio Highway
Hanalei, Kauai Hawaii 96714

Pastor: EJ Resinto

Parochial Vicar: Francisco Sanchez

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

Phone: 808-822-7900 | Fax: 808-822-3014

Parish email: stcatherine@rcchawaii.org

Parish website: www.kauaistcatherine.church

Mass Intentions

St. Catherine of Alexandria

Sunday, Aug 30

7:30am +Harold Aiu, +Juliet Aiu, +Tootie Aiu, +Gloria Rivera, Nethelynn Laguatan (Bday)

9:30am +Terence Mande

5:00pm +JoJo Tsukamoto, +William G. Sarmiento

Monday, Aug 31 Kekoa Umalla (Bday)

Tuesday, Sept 01 +Harold & Juliet Aiu

Wednesday, Sept 02 +Raymond Aiu

Bev & Frank Tobias (59th Wedding Anniversary)

Thursday, Sept 03 +Tootie Aiu

Friday, Sept 04 +Tootie Aiu

Saturday, Sept 05 +Harold Bode Jr.

St. Sylvester Church

Sunday Aug 30

Wednesday Sept 02

St. William Church

Sunday, Aug 31 +Ellen Rapozo, +Nick Rapozo, +Paul Rapozo

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

The Covenant Bound by Love

Twenty second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 16: 21-27

Today's liturgy invites us to read carefully the "terms" of our covenant with God. There is no fine print to discover, because the scriptures place before us, in clear and bold words, the teachings of Christ and what we need to know about our relationship with God.

It is important to understand the difference between a contract and a covenant. A contract is binding by law, while a covenant is binding by love. A legal marriage can be understood as a contract, but a sacramental marriage is a covenant. A contract spells out the duties and responsibilities of both parties, is written on paper, signed and sealed. A covenant, however, is much deeper. It is a relationship of love and fidelity.

The church is a covenant community, and the binding force of this covenant is God's love, to which we are called to respond with our own love. Our covenant with God is not written merely on paper. It is expressed in a person: Jesus Christ. In Jesus we see God's love through His divinity and our human response of love through His humanity. Therefore, if we want to understand our covenant with God, we must first look to the person of Jesus Christ.

In today's Gospel, Jesus reveals His part in this covenant. He tells His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, suffer and die for us. He will seal the covenant not with ink or a signature, but with his own Blood. The Father in turn will receive the love expressed through the sacrifice of His Son and raise Him to new life.

But what is our part in this covenant? Jesus makes it clear: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." At first, this may seem like a strange way to speak about love. Why must we take up the cross if we want to experience the fullness of life?

Yet this is the wisdom of God. The cross is not the end; it is the path to resurrection. We call this mystery the **Paschal Mystery**- the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through the Cross Jesus shows us that authentic love is willing to sacrifice, to give, and even to suffer for the sake of another.

Our covenant with God, therefore, is not simply a list of rules or obligations. It is an invitation to enter more deeply into the life and love of Jesus Christ. We are called to deny ourselves, take up our crosses, and follow Him faithfully.

We must continue to reflect on the terms of this covenant and ask ourselves: Am I truly living my covenant with God? Am I willing to follow Christ even when the path leads to the cross?

With faith and the grace of God, we can accept the terms of this covenant with joy. For when we unite ourselves with Jesus Christ, the Son of God, He leads us through the cross toward the fullness of life and love.

That is the true meaning of our covenant with God: not a contract bound by law, but a relationship bound by love.



August 30, 2026 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Little Bethlehem Religious Articles Sale

09/02 Wednesday

5:30 PM SC: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

No Reconciliation during Adoration

09/03 Thursday

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

09/04 Friday - First Friday Devotion

8:00AM-12PM, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

09/05 Saturday

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

09/06 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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**

Mahalo for YOUR Stewardship of Treasure

Our church is a spiritual home for all of us which relies on our time, talent and treasure. To fulfill that mission, ONLINE GIVING helps support our church by allowing you to make donations, payments, and pledges via your mobile phone, smart device, or computer to our church. Set up your gift today or consider an additional gift via our online link which is provided in here in the bulletin, in the pews, on our parish web site or at church entrances.



Week of Aug 23

Sunday Offertory	\$ 7,019.05
On-Line Offertory	\$ 2,085.22
Raise da Roof	\$ 117.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 3,100.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 40.00
Offertory—direct giving	\$ 2,642.00
Catholic Ministries	\$ 268.00

REPAIR & MAINTENANCE COLLECTION is
First Weekend each month, Sept 5 and 6

Next weekend we take up a 2nd 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.

September Month Highlights

- Sept 5 & 6: 2nd Collection: Repair & Maintenance
- Sept 5 & 6: Hospitality Sunday after All Masses
w/Birthday Blessings
- Sept 5 & 6: 10% Catholic University Appeal
- Sept 7: Labor Day – Office Closed
- Sept 13: START Religious Education at SS & SC
- Sept 20: Catechetical Sunday-Commissioning

WE pray for the recently Married

Name: **Abraham Perpose Akutagawa
and Devin Marie Digiulio**

WE pray for the recently deceased

Name: **Jerold Saturino** Funeral: Sept 12

Church: St. Catherine Church

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Name: **Gloria Rivera** Funeral: Sept 14 Church:
St. Catherine Church

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day:

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us as his disciples to deny ourselves, take up our crosses, and follow him. None of these actions is easy. To put God's will before our own, to willingly accept what will make us suffer, and to follow someone who was put to death on the cross, is very difficult. But we will not be alone, for Jesus is with us as we follow him. Also, as he tells us in the Beatitudes, our reward will be great in heaven. Let us realize his real presence as we celebrate and receive the Eucharist.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word:

Jeremiah 20:7-9 God's word has brought me derision.

Psalms 63 "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God."

Romans 12:1-2 "Discern what is the will of God."

Matthew 16:21-27 Take up the cross and follow the Lord.

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Reflection: Doing what is right is not always easy. Sometimes it can put us in real danger. However, if we would be good disciples, that is exactly what we must choose to do. Just because "everybody does it" is not a valid argument for doing something we know is wrong. If we strive to do the right thing in small matters, it will be easier to do the right thing in big matters. It will also help us develop our sense of what is right and good and allow us to see more clearly what we should do. We all want to be liked by others and that desire can cause us to go along with the group when we shouldn't. Our first desire should be to please God in everything we do.



Please visit and borrow from our Church library - hiding off to the side in the back corner! Quite a variety of Catholic books - many authors to discover and enjoy. Thank you to recent donors for new titles!



WOMEN APOSTLES FOR CATECHESIS (WAC)

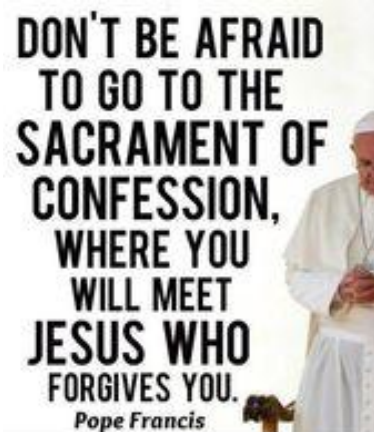
Sr. Rachel and Sr. Luci of the Missionary Sisters of Christians (MSMHC) cordially invite the women of the parish to join WAC. This group collaborates with the MSMHC in its endeavor to carry out the mission of the Church.

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, September 15th in St. Damien Room.** See you there !!



... that parishioners are able to rent Coyle Hall for private parties? Call the

church office to inquire about holding your birthday or graduation parties, family reunions, weddings or any gatherings in our parish Hall.





St. Catherine Parishioner Commissioned as Salesian Lay Missioner

Our St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish ohana rejoices with **Craig Duff**, one of our active parishioners, who has been commissioned as a **Salesian Lay Missioner** and will spend the coming pastoral year serving at the Salesian school and mission center in **Okinawa, Bolivia**.

Many in our parish know Craig from our **Sunday 5:00 p.m. Mass**, where he faithfully serves as a **Lector and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion**. He also serves on the **Core Team of our LifeTeen Ministry**, accompanying and supporting the young people of our parish in their journey of faith.

Craig is one of nine lay missionaries commissioned this year by the Salesian Province of New Rochelle for missionary service in the United States and abroad. He was formally commissioned during Evening Prayer on August 14, the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Assumption, at the Don Bosco Retreat Center in Haverstraw, New York. Each missionary received a mission cross, was blessed and prayed over, and made a formal commitment to missionary service.

Craig, 47, has lived and worked on Kauai for the past six years as a landscape architect with Kauai Nursery & Landscaping. His previous experiences living and teaching overseas, together with his growing desire to serve Christ, led him to discern missionary service with the Salesians.

He was particularly drawn to the Salesian spirit of **“reason, religion, and loving kindness”** and its emphasis on building relationships with young people—something already reflected in his ministry here at St. Catherine’s.

Reflecting on his call, Craig shared: “We’re all called to serve, and we all receive different gifts and serve in different ways.”

As Craig prepares to answer the Lord’s call to missionary service, we pray that the Lord protect him, strengthen him, and use the gifts he has been given to bring Christ’s love to the young people and families he will serve.

God bless you, Craig!
St. Catherine’s is proud to send forth one of our own!
For more information on becoming a lay Salesian Missionary, visit: <https://www.salesianlaymissioners.org>



ADULT FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM 2026–2027

THEOLOGY

Thursdays

— WITH FATHER EJ RESINTO —

**GROW IN FAITH.
LIVE IN TRUTH.
*Go Deeper.***

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

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!
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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

Aloha and Welcome

BISHOP

MICHAEL T. T. CASTORI, SJ



**FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 25, 2026**

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA CHURCH
KAPAA, KAUAI, HAWAII

MASS AT 6:00 PM

**DINNER RECEPTION
AND PROGRAM TO FOLLOW
AT COYLE HALL**

**DINNER TICKETS ON SALE
AT THE CHURCH OFFICE
\$25.00**

SAVE THE DATE!



ST. THERESA SCHOOL KEKAHA

**80th
ANNIVERSARY**

Alumni, Family and Friends Celebration

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF
EXCELLENCE, SERVICE AND COMMUNITY

OCTOBER 2 – OCTOBER 4, 2026

**FRIDAY
10/02/2026**



**WELCOME
RECEPTION &
BINGO MINGLE**

**SATURDAY
10/03/2026**



**96752 COASTAL
CLEAN UP
OPEN CAMPUS STROLL
DOWN MEMORY LANE**

**SATURDAY
10/03/2026**



**GOLF
TOURNAMENT
AT PUAKAA
GOLF COURSE**

**SATURDAY
10/03/2026**



REUNION BANQUET
ST. THERESA PARISH 85TH
& ST. THERESA SCHOOL'S
80TH ANNIVERSARIES

**SUNDAY
10/04/2026**



**ST. THERESA
ALL SCHOOL MASS
8:30 AM MASS WITH
BREAKFAST TO FOLLOW**

Come home. Reconnect. Remember. Celebrate.

For more information please contact:
(808) 337-1351 www.sttheresakauai.com

Darlene Muraoka at mzdarlene19@gmail.com
Daneica Muraoka at mzdaneica@gmail.com





St. Catherine Parish community gathers for the 6th Annual Peace Pole Blessing in 2025.

MAY PEACE PREVAIL ON EARTH

— *7th Annual Peace Pole Blessing* —

Sunday, September 13 • Following the 9:30 AM Mass
Next to Coyle Hall • St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish, Kapa'a
All are warmly invited!

Join us for St. Catherine's 7th Annual Peace Pole Blessing as we continue to pray for and anchor PEACE in our Church, our island, our nation and throughout the world.

*"Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God."*

— Matthew 5:9

Everyone is invited to bring a personal message or prayer for peace to be placed inside our hollow Peace Pole as a lasting expression of our hopes and intentions for a more peaceful world.

After World War II, Japanese poet and philosopher Masahisa Goi prayed and meditated about an end to all wars... receiving these words:

"MAY PEACE PREVAIL ON EARTH."

Soon a global peace movement started with these words imprinted on poles, hundreds of thousands of them all over the world, including the Pentagon, in many different languages.

There are several Peace Poles on Kaua'i, including in Kilauea, Kapa'a, Wailua, Lihu'e, Kōloa and Hanapēpē.

In 1981, the United Nations declared September 21 as the International Day of Peace. We hold our St. Catherine Peace Pole Blessing near that date.



***Come. Pray. Share. Be a peacemaker.
May Peace Prevail on Earth!***



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

Fax 822-3014

Pastor: Rev. EJ Resinto ext 225
Rev. Francisco Sanchez ext 224
Deacon Andy Ragasa 645-1710
Administrative Assistant: Carmen Nakasone 822-7900
Stewardship Coordinator:
EM& Lector: Bronwyn Farias 635-2339
Music Ministry
Music Director: Sean Texeira 651-0454
Larry Rosa 651-5499
Faith Formation Director: Sr. Rachel Marius 822-7900
Youth Ministry/Religious Education
OCIA: Raina Bautista 634-0756
OCIC: Sr. Lucy Salboro
Young Adults: Clay Levinthol 346-1350
St. Mary's Convent 808-320-3445

Sacristans

St. Catherine: Sr. Lucy 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.