



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

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Parish email: stcatherine@rcchawaii.org

Parish website: www.kauaistcatherine.church

Mass Intentions

St. Catherine of Alexandria

Sunday, Sep 20

7:30am +Harold Aiu, +Juliet Aiu, +Tootie Aiu,
+Emelia Sanchez, +Antonio Sanchez Sr.

9:30am +Terrence Mandy, John Katz (Bday)

5:00pm Isaiah Yates (Bday), +Caira Nakasone,
+Nicolasa Pineda

Monday, Sep 21

+Caira Nakasone

Tuesday, Sept 22

+Brian Labuguen

Wednesday, Sept 23

+Leonida Cuaresma

Thursday, Sept 24

+Leo Czermak

Friday, Sept 25

Ady McMillin (Bday)

Saturday, Sept 26

+ Mary Ann Bender

St. Sylvester Church

Sunday Sep 20

Christian Dye Ohana (Ints),

+Eliza Salvador, +Alejandro Aliado

Wednesday Sept 23

St. William Church

Sunday, Sep 20

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

God Is Generous

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Matthew 20:1-16

These days there is a great insistence that all workers, male or female, who do the same work with the same qualifications should receive the same pay. That is only just. It seems, at least at first glance, that the owner of the estate in Jesus' parable who paid all the workers the same wage had it only half right. You pay all the workers the same wage provided they all work the same amount of time.

One way of explaining that the strange action of the owner was not unjust is to point out all the workers from start to finish, agreed to accept the usual daily wage. No injustice was done to the first workers since they received exactly what they agreed to. And yet most of us still feel uncomfortable about the parable. We have not yet gotten to the bottom of it.

Another step is to recognize how we fit into the parable. There is no reason for us to think that we are the ones who have worked so long and so zealously for the Lord that we are represented by the first workers who, as they said, "Worked a full day in the scorching heat." What really have we done for the Lord, especially if we compare ourselves with all the great saints over the centuries? And so, we surely should have no complaint about the parable.

Still there seems to be more meaning to the parable than what we can in humility and honesty apply to ourselves. That meaning is revealed in the words of the owner of the estate. When the first workers complained to him, he replied by insisting, "I do you no injustice," and then he added a rhetorical question, "I am free to do as I please with my money, am I not?" to this question the workers had to answer in the affirmative.

But the owner had one more thing to say which reveals the heart of the parable: "Are you envious because I am generous?"

In one word the parable is about generosity. God's generosity. Actually all the workers, except the last ones, do not represent any group of people. Jesus included the early workers in His parable only so that He could emphasize that God is always just more importantly He is generous. God is so generous to every human person that the last workers to go into the vineyard represent all of us.

God offers His grace to every person. We need not try to understand why some people seem to reject God's grace. Our effort should be put into recognizing God's gracious generosity toward us. He has given us life, our families, this world to live in, and He has given us our Catholic faith. All is a grace, a gift from God. There is simply nothing that we can do to earn God's blessings.

God's generosity is manifested during the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. He nourishes us with His Body and Blood of His divine Son. We admit quite correctly, "Lord I am not worthy to receive you." The greatest saints were not worthy of the Eucharist; even they did not earn such a wonderful sacrament. And yet after we admit our unworthiness, Jesus invites us to come to Him and to receive His Body and Blood in faith.

And faith is that should make us never complain to God as did the first workers, but always to give thanks and praise to our God who beyond our imagining is generous to us.



September 20, 2026 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Religious Education Classes begins
Catechetical Sunday Commissioning

09/23 Wednesday

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

09/24 Thursday

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

09/26 Saturday

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

09/27 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

More News from Fr. EJ

1. Hurricane Lowell Clean Up—we are in need of some Parishioners (with trucks) to help us haul away some of the debris from last week's storm. please coordinate with Fr. EJ (808) 652-2905

2. Theology Thursday's with Fr. EJ starting this Thursday September 24 at 6:30 pm in the Church. This month's focus: The 10 Commandments & The Beatitudes: how to live a life a Disciple according to God's laws. All are invited.

Week of Sept 13

Sunday Offertory	\$ 6,250.52
On-Line Offertory	\$ 2,567.22
Raise da Roof	\$ 100.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 1,960.00
Hurricane Relief	\$ 581.00
Offertory—direct giving	\$ 642.00
Food Pantry	\$ 75.00
Catholic Ministries	\$ 150.00

WE welcome the recently Baptized

Name: Asher Zane Dikilato

Child of: Mitchie Dikilato

WE pray for the recently deceased

Name: Marilyn Chandler

Funeral: Postponed

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE.**
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION
2026 Fall Vigil Opening Mass

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 19, 2026

TIME: 8:00 AM

LOCATION: St. Theresa's
Co-Cathedral, 712 N. School St,
Honolulu

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:
James W. (808) 302-5968

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to Faithful Citizenship*

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*We are a chosen race,
a royal priesthood,
a holy nation,
a people of his own,
so that you may announce
the praises of him who
called you out of darkness
into his wonderful light.*

— 1 Peter 2:9

Our Faith. Our Families. Our Responsibility.

Join us for an inspiring and practical presentation on how Catholics are called to form their consciences, understand today's issues, and engage in the political process with wisdom and courage.

- Learn Church teaching on citizenship and the common good
- Understand key issues facing our community and nation
- Be equipped to vote with faith, hope, and charity

Be informed.
Be faithful.
Make a
difference.



St. John the Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church

Saturday, September 19

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

95-370 Kuahelani Avenue
Mililani, HI 96789

*For such a time
as this.”*
— Esther 4:14



Presented by:
Eva Andrade
Executive Director - Hawaii Catholic Conference

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day:

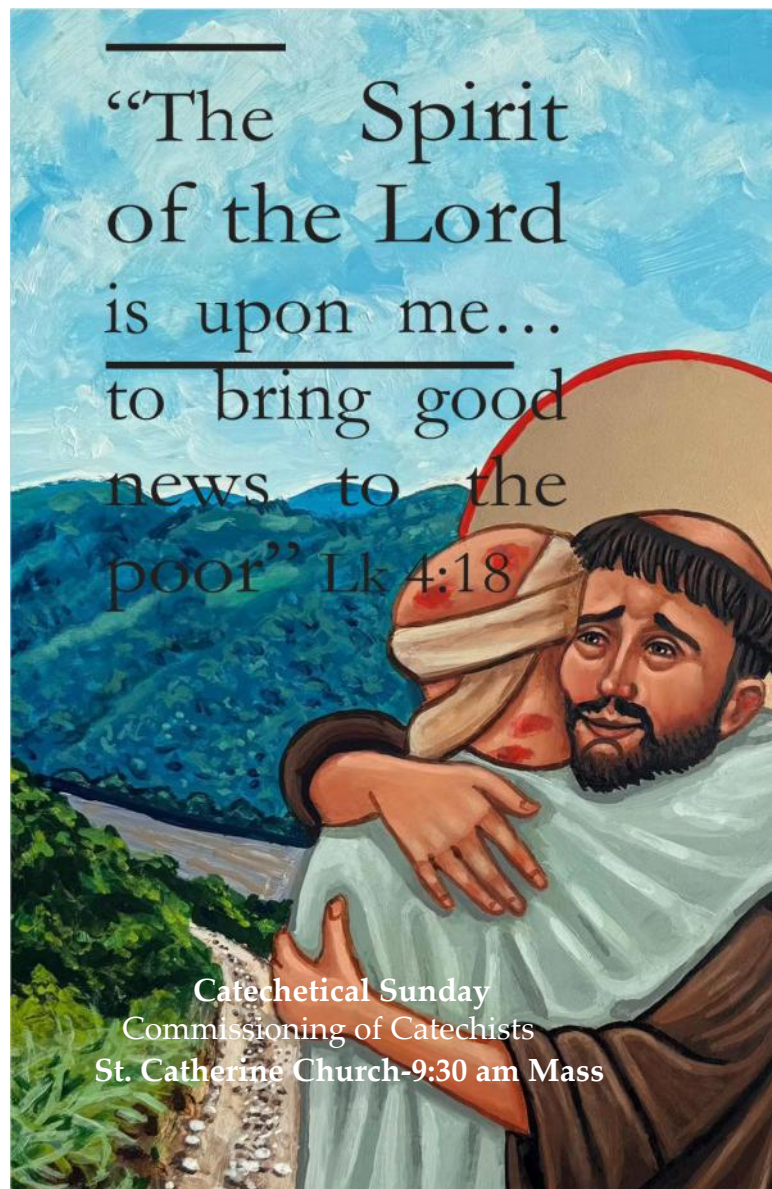
This Sunday we begin a series of three Gospels set in vineyards. Today's Gospel tells of a generous landowner, willing to pay a full daily wage even to those who worked only the final hour of the day. They are very happy, of course, but the folks who labored all day in the hot sun resent the owner's extreme generosity. This, Jesus tells his disciples, can be compared to the kingdom of heaven, where "the last will be first, and the first will be last." Let us praise and thank God for inviting us all-first, last, and in-between-to the joyful kingdom.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word: Isaiah 5:6-9

The ways and thoughts of God are above our own. Psalm 145
"The Lord is near to all who call upon him." Philippians 1:20c-24 Saint Paul rejoices that to live is Christ and to die is to gain. Matthew 20:1-16a "The last will be first, and the first will be last." "Conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ," Saint Paul tells the Philippians at the conclusion of today's second reading. Let us keep this in mind as we listen to today's Gospel, the story of the generous owner of a vineyard. He is willing to pay a full daily wage to everyone, even those who worked but an hour at the end of the day. May His generosity be a model for us as we aim to conduct ourselves in a way worthy of the Gospel.

Reflection: We all are elevated when we unexpectedly receive more than we anticipated or thought we deserved. We may even rejoice when it happens to someone else. But such joy is dampened when we receive what we earned and other gets more. It is even worse if they did little to earn it. In the parable of the vineyard workers, we are reminded that God's ways are not ours. We cannot "earn" anything from God. God gives freely to us as he chooses. Reflect on your attitude about "earning" things. Do you become resentful of another's good fortune? Do you always do your best at the job you have undertaken or do you slack off because you feel "underpaid" for your work? Pray for a spirit of gratitude in all things.

The Lord is good to all And compassionate toward all his works. -Psalm 45:9



Registrations are now being accepted for the October 9-11, 2026 Retreat!

Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreats



**Healing the Pain of Abortion...
One Weekend at a Time.**

If you or a friend are hurting from a past abortion and are searching for a confidential, non-judgmental, safe place of healing and support to express and reconcile painful emotions and begin the healing process, you've found the right place and are welcomed!

Both women and men are impacted by abortion and greatly benefit from the retreats. Singles, couples and family members of aborted children have come to Rachel's Vineyard for peace and inner healing. You are not alone.

Retreats are held at a private retreat center for 3 days and 2 nights. A retreat fee of \$200.00 covers materials, accommodations, and daily meals/snacks. Space is limited. Need-based scholarships are available. Call us today to complete your registration.

Upcoming Retreat: October 9-11, 2026

(Arrive on Friday at 5:30pm; Depart on Sunday at 5:00pm)

**To Register, call Lisa Shorba at: (808) 490-4702 or (808) 469-5470
or E-mail: RvinHawaii@gmail.com**

Registrations are Strictly Confidential.

Visit the national website at: www.rachelsvineyard.org

Rachel's Vineyard is the World's Largest Ministry for Healing After Abortion.

A Ministry of the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii's Respect Life Office.

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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

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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.