



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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Mass Intentions

St. Catherine of Alexandria

Sunday, Sep 27

7:30am +Harold Aiu, +Juliet Aiu, +Tootie Aiu,
+Justiniano Tactay, Naty Bali (Spcl)

9:30am +Terrence Mandy, +Elizabeth Apawan
Mariquit, +Veronica Hinga, +Gloria & +Larry
Rivera, Alfonso Murillo (Healing)

5:00pm +Mike Cruz

Monday, Sep 28

+Tootie Aiu

Tuesday, Sept 29

+Harold Aiu, +Juliet Aiu,

Wednesday, Sept 30

+Tootie Aiu

Thursday, Oct 01

+Harold Aiu, +Juliet Aiu,

Friday, Oct 02

+Tootie Aiu

Saturday, Oct 03

+ Rebecca Bernabe

St. Sylvester Church

Sunday Sep 27

Christian Dye Ohana (Ints),

+Eliza Salvador, +Alejandro Aliado

Wednesday Sep 30

St. William Church

Sunday, Sep 27

+Glenn Yagihara

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

To Be Like Christ: Charity and Humility

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ezekiel 18:25–28 • Philippians 2:1–11 • Matthew 21:28–32 **September 27, 2026**

For several Sundays, the Gospel has challenged us through the parables of Jesus. Parables are not simply nice stories with easy lessons. They are meant to make us think, sometimes make us uncomfortable, and ultimately invite us to change. They reveal something about the Kingdom of God and demand a response from those who hear them.

At the heart of that response is a simple calling: **to become more like Christ.**

If we were to describe the heart of Jesus with two virtues, we might choose humility and charity. Saint Paul beautifully presents these virtues in his Letter to the Philippians. He urges the Christian community not to act out of selfishness or pride, but instead to humbly consider the needs of others. Then he gives them—and us—the standard by which Christian life should be measured:

“Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.”

What is that attitude?

Jesus, though truly God, did not cling to his greatness. He emptied himself. He became a servant. He humbled himself and became obedient even to death on a cross. The Son of God chose not to be served, but to serve. This is extraordinary humility and perfect charity.

And this is the life to which every Christian is called.

We encounter this same self-giving love every time we celebrate the Eucharist. Christ gives himself completely for us. His Body is broken and shared so that we might receive healing, peace, mercy, and love. Having received him, we are then called to become what we receive—to allow ourselves to be given in love for others.

We saw something of that spirit right here in our own community following Hurricane Lowell two weeks ago. In the days following the storm, our parish community, together with so many generous hands and hearts, helped prepare and distribute food to **more than 2,000 people**. Yet what remains with me most is not the number. It was the humility of it all.

It was humbling to see people so genuinely grateful and happy to receive a simple hot meal, a bag of groceries, or whatever we were able to provide. There was no need for anything elaborate—just food, a smile, a helping hand, and the assurance that someone cared. And it was equally humbling to see so many people simply step forward and ask, **“What can I do to help?”**

That is charity. That is humility. And that is **Kaua‘i’s spirit**. When one part of our island hurts, we come together. We share what we have. We take care of one another. Perhaps without even realizing it, in those moments we live what Saint Paul asks of us: looking not only to our own interests, but also to the needs of others.

Of course, humility and charity are not needed only after hurricanes or during moments of crisis. They are meant to become part of our everyday Christian life.

It means choosing patience when a spouse irritates us, responding with love when a teenager rolls their eyes, forgiving a coworker who lets us down, showing compassion to someone in need, caring patiently for an elderly parent, or remaining charitable toward the person who tests every ounce of our patience.



In those moments, try something simple: **see Jesus in them.**

See Christ in the person standing before you. Ask him for the grace to respond not simply according to your feelings, but according to his heart.

Will we succeed every time? Probably not. But holiness does not happen all at once. Grace works whenever we sincerely try again to love as Christ loves.

Perhaps this week we can make our own a simple and beautiful prayer of the Church:

O Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto Thine.

May Christ give us the courage, strength, and faith to become more like him: **humble in heart, generous in service, and charitable toward all.**

September 27, 2026 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

09/30 Wednesday

5:30 PM SC: Adoration of the Blessed

No Reconciliation

10/01 Thursday

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

10/02 Friday

8:00 to Noon—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

10/03 Saturday

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

10/04 Hospitality Sunday after all Masses w/ Birthday Blessings

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 Sept 20

Sunday Offertory	\$ 6,377.00
On-Line Offertory	\$ 2,149.22
Offertory—direct giving	\$ 345.00
Raise da Roof	\$ 10.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 3,458.00
Hurricane Relief	\$ 3,500.00
General	\$ 3,000.00
Catholic Ministries	\$ 2,557.00
All Souls Day	\$ 2.00
Bicentennial Celebration	\$ 1,089.63

September Month Highlights

- Oct. 3 & 4 2nd Collection:
Repair & Maintenance
- Oct. 3 & 4 Hospitality Sunday after
All Masses w/Birthday Blessings
- Oct. 17 & 18.....10% World Mission Sunday
- Oct. 17 & 18.....2nd Collection:
Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

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	SATURDAY 10/03/2026	SATURDAY 10/03/2026	SATURDAY 10/03/2026	SUNDAY 10/04/2026
WELCOME RECEPTION & BINGO MINGLE	96752 COASTAL CLEAN UP OPEN CAMPUS STROLL DOWN MEMORY LANE	GOLF TOURNAMENT AT PUAKEA GOLF COURSE	REUNION BANQUET ST. THERESA PARISH 85 TH & ST. THERESA SCHOOL'S 80 TH ANNIVERSARIES	ST. THERESA ALL SCHOOL MASS 8:30 AM MASS WITH BREAKFAST TO FOLLOW

Come home. Reconnect. Remember. Celebrate.

For more information please contact:
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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day:

As we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, let us give God thanks for second chances. All of us fail sometimes, maybe quite often. But this does not mean that we are condemned forever, unable to overcome our faults and past sins. We are constantly invited to repent, seek forgiveness, and change our behavior. Saint Paul, who knew a thing or two about doing all this, calls upon us to reject selfishness and instead look out for the interests of others. Let us pray today for a change of heart that will lead us to more closely follow the road to God's kingdom.

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word: Ezekiel 18:

25-28 Turn away from sin and live! Psalm 25

"Remember your mercies, O Lord." Philippians 2: 1-11

Christ became obedient even to the point of Death.

Matthew 21: 28-32 The one who obeys the Lord, even reluctantly, is The One who does the will of the Father.

In today's first reading, Ezekiel vividly contrasts the eventual fates of a virtuous person who turns belatedly to sin and a wicked person who turns away from sin to do what is right and just. In the same vein, Jesus presents two sons, one of whom promises obedience, but fails to follow through, while the other responds defiantly, but then has a change of heart. As we listen to God's word, let us ask ourselves where we often fall and how we can do better.

Reflection: Jesus reminds us that the outcasts of society are more likely to win God's favor than the righteous churchgoers. Why? Because, as a playwright once said, there is not quicker path to hell than righteousness! Those of us who seek to live our faith well are always in danger of thinking that we are doing well. We can easily fall into the habit of comparing ourselves against others and feeling very self-righteous because we don't behave like "them." The truth is that we are all sinners in need of God's mercy and we should therefore be merciful to others. There is no special reward we are owed because we try to do what we know is right. At the same time, who are we to condemn others. For doing what they do not understand to be wrong? We teach by example. What does the example you give teach?

Catechetical Sunday Commissioning Service



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

BLESSED FULTON J. SHEEN

An American Apostle of the Media

Beatified September 24, 2026 | St. Louis, Missouri

This week marks a historic moment for the Catholic Church in the United States. On Thursday, September 24, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen was beatified in St. Louis, Missouri, and may now be called **Blessed Fulton J. Sheen**. Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle presided at the Beatification Mass as the representative of Pope Leo XIV.

Born in Illinois in 1895 and ordained a priest in 1919, Fulton Sheen became one of the most recognizable Catholic voices of the twentieth century. He was a professor, missionary advocate, author, bishop and, perhaps most famously, a pioneer of Catholic evangelization through modern media.

Beginning with *The Catholic Hour* on radio in 1930 and later with his television program *Life Is Worth Living*, Sheen brought the Gospel into millions of American homes. Standing before a simple chalkboard, he spoke about God, morality, family, suffering, human dignity and the meaning of life with intelligence, humor and remarkable clarity. At its height, his television audience numbered approximately 30 million people.

Yet behind the famous television personality was first and foremost a man of prayer. For decades, Archbishop Sheen remained faithful to a **daily Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament**. His ability to speak to millions was rooted in his willingness first to be silent before Jesus Christ.

What Does His Beatification Mean?

Beatification is an important step in the Church's process toward canonization. With his beatification, the Church publicly recognizes Fulton Sheen as **"Blessed"** and holds up his life as a witness worthy of imitation and his intercession as worthy of the faithful's confidence. The miracle recognized for his beatification involved the extraordinary recovery of a child born in 2010 without heartbeat or respiration after prayers were offered through Sheen's intercession.

His beatification is especially significant for the Church in America. Sheen demonstrated that the Catholic faith could enter the mainstream of American culture without losing its identity. He spoke unapologetically about Jesus Christ while communicating in a way that people of many backgrounds could understand.

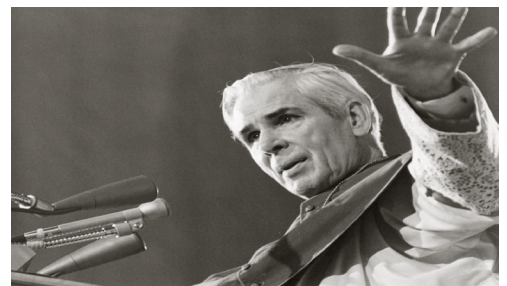
A Saintly Example for the Digital Age

Perhaps Blessed Fulton Sheen's greatest lesson for us today is still unfolding.

Sheen understood something decades before social media, smartphones, livestreams, podcasts and apps: **the Church must be willing to use the means of communication available in each generation to proclaim the timeless Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

Pope Leo XIV expressed the hope that Sheen's example would inspire others to discover new ways of spreading the Gospel with joyful enthusiasm. Bishop Louis Tylka of Peoria has similarly reflected that Sheen's witness challenges today's Church not simply to produce more content in an already noisy world, but to use media to help people encounter Christ.

That may be Blessed Fulton Sheen's challenge to Catholics today. **Before we post, pray. Before we speak, listen. Before we seek an audience, seek Christ.** Technology will continue to change. The platforms will change. The way people communicate will change. But the mission entrusted to the Church remains the same: **"Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel."** **Blessed Fulton J. Sheen, pray for us!**





ST. CATHERINE'S PARISH HURRICANE LOWELL RESPONSE. COMMUNITY MEALS & FOOD DISTRIBUTION. #KAUAIASWHY



"YOU HAVE BEEN A REFUGE FOR THE POOR, A REFUGE FOR THE NEEDY IN THEIR DISTRESS, A SHELTER FROM THE STORM AND A SHADE FROM THE HEAT." ISAIAH25:4





Mahalo!!!!



Together we were able to serve and feed over 2,000 meals to the East and North Shore Communities of Kauai. Mahalo to Richard Martocci & St. Catherine's Food Pantry, Hawaii Food Bank, EPIC Ministry Hawaii, Raina, Thomas & Nelly Bautista, & many other generous parishioners who cooked, cleaned, and donated time, talent & treasure back to our community.



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
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St. Mary's Convent 346-1350

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.