



St. Raphael Church's Lenten Season with the Easter weekend, like many others, was such an extremely busy time for many. A huge MAHALO to ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS that dedicated their time so unselfishly! To all our Brothers and Sisters, thank you for your kind words of encouragement and confidence. We were blessed that the weather is beautiful on Easter Vigil day and Easter Sunday. The children enjoyed the egg hunt for the golden eggs. Thank you to all who generously donated plastic eggs, candies and cash donations. Thank you to Father Rizal for shepherding us during our Lenten journey and Easter mass celebrations.



OLD HISTORICAL CHURCH

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NEW CHURCH

BOTH CHURCHES – SAME ADDRESS

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Rizal Pedro Acosta, MS – Pastor
 Office Secretary – Rose Dela Cruz

Parish Accounting Manager:
 Michele Lum

Volunteer Accountant:
 Mercedes Casticimo (as needed)

Volunteer Bookkeeper:
 Marina Pascua

Volunteer - PDS
 Laure Dietterle
 Laurel Busse

Religious Education Director:
 Allison Carveiro

Food Pantry:
 Benymar Tapucol

Filipino Catholic Club:
 Lydia Rebugio

Pastoral Council:
 Paul Roberts - Chairperson

Finance Council:
 Jacquelyn Contrades

Baptism: Submit application form and required papers to the Parish Office. Baptism class will be scheduled upon receipt of completed applications. Baptism are usually held on Sunday after the 9:30AM Mass.

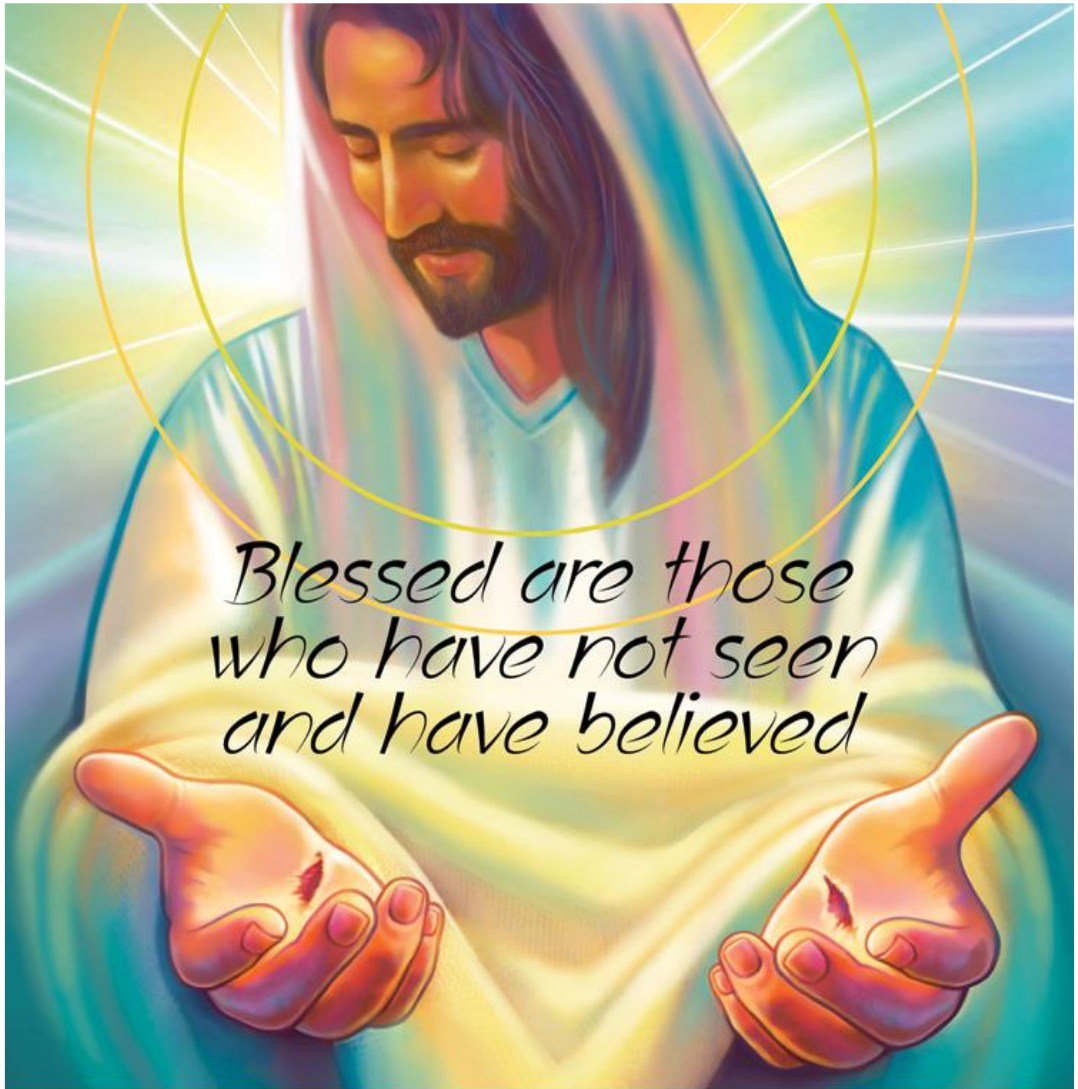
First Holy Communion and Confirmation: Contact the Office for more information.

Marriage: Contact the Parish Office for more information at least six months before wedding.

RCIA: Contact the Parish Office for more information.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Parish Office for scheduling the visit.

Funerals: Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.



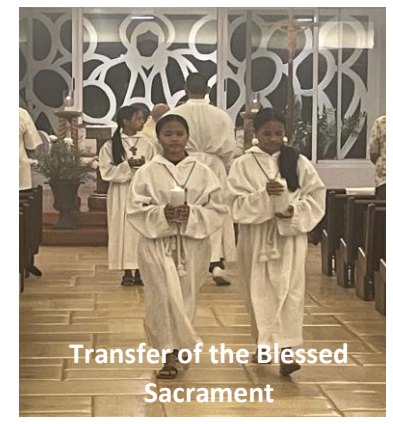
*Second Sunday of Easter
 (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)
 April 7, 2024*

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

- Monday – Friday:** 7:00 AM (Old Church) **Wednesday:** 7:00 AM (Old Church) followed by Novena
- Saturday:** 5:00 PM (New Church) **Sunday:** 7:00 AM (New Church) 9:30 AM (New Church)
- Reconciliation:** 30 Minutes before Mass on the weekends in the Parish Office
- Sacrament of the Sick:** Call the Parish Office at (808) 742-1955 to schedule an appointment



Procession of Holy Oils On Holy Thursday



Transfer of the Blessed Sacrament



Altar of Repository – Old Church



Lighting of Paschal Candle – Easter Vigil



Blessing of Baptismal Font with the Paschal Candle



Top Photo: Chris Honorato received his First Holy Communion & Confirmation on Easter Vigil. Featured in the photo is Karen Ruiz, his Sponsor and Noli Melchor, our catechist and Chris family.



Altar Servers on Easter Sunday Mass



April Birthdays

Alejandro Rivera 07
Lori Bukoski 08
Judy McGrath 11
Michelle Brillantes 12
Aida Rivera 13
Rose Semana 13



May God richly bless you and grant the wishes of your heart!

VICARIATE OF KAUAI EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

WHEN: JUNE 8, 2024

WHERE: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

MASS AT 8:00 AM FOLLOWED BY A LIVE STREAMING FROM MAUI – PRESENTED BY FR. RAFAEL CAPO. THERE WILL BE NO 7 AM MASS AT ICP. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN.



Our Parishioners volunteered to stuff the plastic eggs with candies in preparation of Easter Sunday's Egg Hunt.



Father Rizal presented the prizes to the lucky winners of the Golden Eggs on Easter Sunday.



Stewards of Treasure
Weekly Collections, March 31, 2024

Easter Vigil & Easter	\$ 8,780.00
Holy Thursday/Rice Bowls	\$ 1,701.01
Good Friday	\$ 1,053.00
Votive Candles	\$ 537.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 58.00
Gift Shop	\$ 1,163.00
Building Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,300.00
Filipino Catholic Club Membership Dues	\$ 48.00
Filipino Catholic Club Donation	\$ 8.00
Second Collection for Ohana in Christ	\$ 1,237.80
Online Church Offering	\$ 929.50
Online Mass Intentions	\$ 257.50
Online Other Donations	77.19

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



*St. Raphael Parish will be having an Appreciation Luncheon for all volunteers & members of all ministries on Sunday, April 21 at 11:00 AM in the Parish Hall. Please call the Parish Office if you are attending by April 15. Thank you.

*April schedule for Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Second Quarter Lector's schedules are available for pickup on the bulletin board outside the New Church.

*Our Gift Shop is open after mass on weekends. Weekday schedule is 8 am to 2 pm. Thank you.

9-DAY NOVENA TO DIVINE MERCY

MARCH 29 – 1 PM
MARCH 30 – 6 PM
MARCH 31 – 8 AM
APRIL 1 – APRIL 6 – 6 PM
APRIL 7 - FEAST DAY



MAHALO for celebrating with us this weekend. You may be visiting, new to our community, or live on this beautiful Island. We hope you enjoyed your time at St. Raphael Church and considered St. Raphael Church your "home" away from home.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

The first Christian community shared their possessions, and no one was needy.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24

The Lord's mercy endures forever.

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

Those who love God keep his commandments.

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

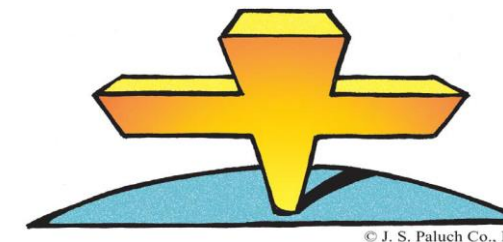
Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter in each of the lectionary cycles. This fact alone should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus that are described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. We do not know, however, exactly what this form looked like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize him until he spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking along the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected form, Jesus was not bound by matter; he appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.



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Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

— 1 John 5:5

National Eucharistic Revival Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you give us your flesh and blood for the life of the world, and you desire that all people come to the Supper of the Sacrifice of the Lamb. Renew in your Church the truth, beauty, and goodness contained in the Most Blessed Eucharist.

Jesus **living** in the Eucharist, come and live in me.

Jesus' **healing** in the Eucharist, come and heal me.

Jesus **sacrificing yourself** in the Eucharist, come and suffer in me.

Jesus **rising** in the Eucharist, come and rise to new life in me.

Jesus **loving** in the Eucharist, come and love in me.

Lord Jesus Christ, through the paschal mystery of your death and resurrection made present in every Holy Mass, pour out your healing love on your Church and on our world. Grant that as we lift you up during this time of Eucharistic Revival, your Holy Spirit may draw all people to join us at this Banquet of Life. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Our Lady of Peace, Mother of the Eucharist, Pray for us.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.