



A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER
for August

Lord Jesus Christ,

As we begin to shift our thoughts
from summer schedules
to the anticipated demands of autumn,
teach us to recognize you,
and help us follow you
amidst our busy lives.


Open the Scriptures to us...
that we may know you, see you, hear you –
in the voices of friends and family,
in the ministries of our parish,
in the proclamation of the Word,
and in the Breaking of the Bread.

Teach us to be good stewards,
that we may use your gifts wisely
and care for all those you place
in our path.

Encourage us when we are overwhelmed.
Strengthen us when we are frightened.
Challenge us when we are complacent.

Help us make our August transition
a time of spiritual renewal, hope
and action: to proclaim the Gospel
in our words and in our deeds.

Amen.



Religious Education

Please register online/website
or drop off your registration at
the Parish Office.

INSTALLATION AS

Pastor

Join us in celebrating the
installation of
**Father EJ Resinto as our
Pastor**

With The Most Reverend
BISHOP LARRY SILVA



Sunday AUG 24, 2025
5pm Mass



St. Catherine Church
5021 Kawaihau Rd. Kapaa, HI

**DINNER RECEPTION TO
FOLLOW IN COYLE HALL**



*Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven (often shortened to the Assumption) is, according to the beliefs of the Catholic Church, the bodily taking up of the Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life. The Catholic Church teaches as a doctrine that the Virgin Mary “having completed the course of her earthly life, as assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.” However, already in earlier centuries, it was believed that Jesus glorified the body of his mother and took it to heaven making it similar to his and stressing the role of Mary in the history of salvation.



OLD HISTORICAL CHURCH

PASTORAL STAFF
Rev. Ronaldo Guzman, MS – Pastor
Dcn. Bambi Emayo - Deacon
Volunteer Office Secretary – Rose Dela Cruz

Parish Accounting Manager:
Michele Lum

Volunteer Accountant:
Mercedes Casticimo (as needed)

Volunteer Bookkeeper:
Marina Pascua

Volunteer - PDS
Laure Dietterle

Religious Education Director:
TBA

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.

OCIA: 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.

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NEW CHURCH

BOTH CHURCHES – SAME ADDRESS

**“SPES NON CONFUNDIT”
HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT**

*At an hour you
do not expect,
the Son of Man
will come*



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 10, 2025

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Catholic Daily Mass Monday – Friday: 7:00 AM (Old Church) **Wednesday:** 7:00 AM (Old Church)
followed by Novena; **Saturday:** 8:00AM (Old church)
Saturday (obligation mass): 5:00 PM (New Church)
Sunday (obligation mass): 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

August Birthdays

Addie Cozby 10
Faith Andres 11
Lorraine Blumer 11
Elton Jay Bukoski 11
Cecelia Silva 11
Rose Dela Cruz 13
Shayden Remigio 14
Shane Bukoski 16



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



St. Raphael’s is in need of a new parish secretary. To apply for this position, check the Diocese website (www.catholichawaii.org) and click “Careers” at the bottom page and will direct you to job openings (i.e. application form, job description, qualifications etc.) or call St. Raphael’s office number 808-742-1955 for more information. If you believe you meet the minimum requirements for this position, kindly submit your letter of intention including some information about yourself to the pastor. Mahalo!

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today’s Gospel reading, Jesus concludes his teaching about those who are “faithful and prudent stewards” with that classic stewardship teaching: “Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.” Christian stewards recognize that God is the ultimate source of their gifts, talents, resources and aptitudes, and that God wants them to use these varied gifts in his service. This week might be a good time to reflect on our God-given gifts. Are we using those gifts to serve the Lord? If Christ came back to us unexpectedly tomorrow, would we be able to give a full accounting of how we have exercised stewardship over these gifts?



Stewards of Treasure
Weekly Collections August 03, 2025

Collection	\$	4,108.00
Votive Candles	\$	409.00
Mass Intentions	\$	170.00
Food Pantry	\$	5.00
Gift Shop	\$	1,085.50
Building Maintenance Fund	\$	100.00
Second Collection for Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$	1,839.00
Online Church Offering	\$	1,723.10
Online Building Maintenance	\$	50.00
Second Collection for Catholic Charities Hawaii	\$	20.60

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



*Thank you for your donations toward the Second Collection for Catholic Charities Hawaii last weekend.

***The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Vigil Mass on Thursday, August 14, at 6:30 PM in the New Church. There will be no 7 AM Mass.
For Friday, August 15, mass will be at 7 AM in the New Church.

*Our Parish Office will be closed on Friday, August 15 in observance of a Diocesan Holiday for Admission Day.

*Our Gift Shop is open after mass on weekends and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9AM to 12PM.

Welcome and Aloha!

Thank you for celebrating with us at St. Raphael Church 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 where you considered St. Raphael Church your “home” away from home.



St. Raphael's Church Online giving is tested and secured and a convenient way to give your weekly offerings or donations anytime from the comfort of your own home, or from any place with internet access. For more information, please visit our website at: st-raphael-kauai.org

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading
Wisdom 18:6-9
The Hebrew people awaited the salvation of the just.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 33:1,12,18-22
Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Second Reading
Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19
We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Gospel Reading
Luke 12:32-48
You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Jesus' instructions on how to be ready for the coming judgment continue in the stories and sayings found in today's Gospel. We are not to be like the greedy rich man in last Sunday's Gospel who planned to store his great harvest in barns rather than share it. We are, rather, to share our wealth with those in need. The antidote for the anxiety brought on by the coming judgment is to relinquish our possessions and provide for the needs of others. Our treasure will be in heaven where it will not wear out or be destroyed.

The other major way to be ready for the coming judgment is to be watchful. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about watchfulness to begin making this point. We must be like servants waiting for the master's return from a wedding banquet, which, even now, can last for a few days in the Middle East. We must be watchful so that even if the master comes after midnight, we will be ready for him. This is what the coming of the Son of Man will be like.

Peter asks if this parable is meant for the apostles or for the large crowd that has gathered to listen to Jesus. Without answering Peter's question, Jesus responds with another parable about servants awaiting the return of their master. It begins with a question: “Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time?” This parable adds to the theme of watchfulness; it explains how to wait and reminds us of the reward for the faithful follower at the heavenly banquet after the judgment. If it is addressed to the apostles, then it could also be addressed to leadership in the early Church. Either way, the parables reminds us that we should be found doing our jobs when the master arrives. If we are doing our jobs, our reward will be great. But if we relax, neglect our duties, and begin to act like the greedy rich man—eating, drinking, and making merry—we will not have a place in the kingdom. Watchfulness means living in such a consistently moral and obedient way that we are always ready to give an account to God of how we have lived.

Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen



Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield.
— Psalm 33:20