



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.

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION



OLD HISTORICAL CHURCH

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NEW CHURCH

**BOTH CHURCHES – SAME ADDRESS**

“SPES NON CONFUNDIT”  
HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 24, 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

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.



August Birthdays

Arianna Bukoski 31

September Birthdays

- Suong Huynh 01
- Owen Muana 02
- Christian Kabasawa 02
- Cayetano Gegardo 04
- Keenan Anacleto 05
- Cheryl Ballesteros 05
- Roman Rivera 05
- Kendall Rivera 05
- JR Batuyong 05
- Hailey Keller 06
- Scott Remigio 06



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](http://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!

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel reading today starts with a question: “Lord, will only a few people be saved?” Jesus offers only a simple reply: Strive to enter through the narrow gate. Many will try to enter and will not be able. Good stewards know there is only one, narrow gate. Not everything will fit. This narrow gate has no room for our accomplishments. No room for our money. No room for our possessions. No room for anything else but those who’ve been good stewards of the Gospel. We can’t custom build our own gates either. There is only one, narrow gate that happens to be open for a time, but for how long? What is our plan of action to get through that gate?



Stewards of Treasure  
Weekly Collections August 17, 2025

Collection	\$	4,999.00
Votive Candles	\$	320.50
Mass Intentions	\$	30.00
Food Pantry	\$	19.00
Funerals	\$	300.00
Gift Shop	\$	883.54
Online Church Offering	\$	322.10
Online Building Maintenance Fund	\$	51.50
Online Mass Intentions	\$	50.00

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



\*Ongoing Faith Formation class at 9AM on Saturday, August 30 at Immaculate Conception Parish. This class is mandatory for all Catechists.

\*We will have a Second Collection on September 6 & 7 for the Catholic University of America. Please make your check payable to St. Raphael Church. Thank you.

\*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](http://st-raphael-kauai.org)

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading  
Isaiah 66:18-21  
Nations of every language shall come to see my glory.

Responsorial Psalm  
Psalm 117:1-2  
Praise the Lord, all you nations.

Second Reading  
Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13  
Whom the Lord loves, he disciplines.

Gospel Reading  
Luke 13:22-30  
People will come from north and south, east and west, and take their place in the Kingdom of God.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel reading is the third of three parables in chapter 13 that deal with the theme of the unexpected reversals brought by the Kingdom of God. The other two parables are about the tiny mustard seed that grows into a large tree and the small amount of yeast that makes a large batch of dough rise. All three are about the few and the many and the Kingdom of God.

As this parable opens, Luke reminds us that Jesus is making his way to Jerusalem. This journey, this exodus as Luke refers to it, makes up the entire middle of the Gospel. He is teaching as he goes. A question from the crowd gives Jesus the chance to make a prophetic statement. Luke uses this question device a number of times in his Gospel. A few weeks ago, the question “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” led to the parable of the Good Samaritan. The question about will only a few be saved uses typical Christian language about salvation but also expresses the Jewish concern about whether everyone who calls himself a Jew is actually faithful to the covenant. This was a concern of the Pharisees.

Jesus answers that they must strive in the time remaining to enter through the narrow door because many will be trying to get in but won't be strong enough. He then moves to a parable about another door. (The translation says “gate” then “door,” but the same Greek word is used.) Once all those entering the master's house are in and he locks the door, there will be no way for others to get in. Those left outside may knock, but the master will say he doesn't know them. Unlike the Gospel reading from a few weeks ago where Jesus was teaching about prayer, and we were told to knock and the door would be opened, in this parable, the master will not open and say he does not know us. People from the north, south, east, and west will take our place inside. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets will take our place in the Kingdom of God. Those who do not make it through the narrow door will be cast out to where there is wailing and grinding of teeth.

The image of the door is replaced in the final verses of the parable with the image of the heavenly banquet. Two passages from the Book of Isaiah influence the conclusion. Isaiah 43:5-6 speaks of God bringing Israel's descendents back from the east and from the west, the north and the south. And Isaiah 25:6 speaks of the Lord providing a feast of rich foods and choice wines for all peoples on his holy mountain. The answer to the question if only a few will be saved is no. In the end, many will be saved, but many who thought they would be saved will not be saved. The parable is a prophetic warning to repentance in order to enter the kingdom.

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

