



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.



In thanksgiving and grateful hearts, we celebrated Father Ron's 1st year anniversary on July 25 as our Pastor. Thank you also for shepherding the faithful community of St. Raphael Church. We continuously pray for your good health.



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NEW CHURCH

BOTH CHURCHES – SAME ADDRESS

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



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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 3, 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.

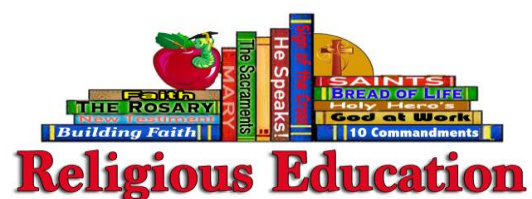
First Holy Communion and Confirmation:
Contact the Office for more information.

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.



Religious Education

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

August Birthdays

Dominador Acob 03
Dexter Acob 04
Helene Carvalho 04
Tyler Yates 07
Priscilla Bukoski 08
Esmeralda Cadiz 08
Adela Chavez 09



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!

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In today’s Gospel, Jesus offers a warning to those who pursue leisure and pleasure as their goal in life without concern for the poor and less fortunate. He tells the parable of the wealthy landowner who, upon yielding an exceptionally profitable harvest one year, determines that he will live the rest of his days in relaxation; to eat, drink and be merry. God calls the miser a “fool” and lets him know that his greed and self-indulgence will not bring him the security he seeks. Good stewards acknowledge that the money and possessions entrusted to them are to be used to further the mission of Jesus Christ. This week let us reflect on our own daily consumption habits. Do we spend money on articles that make us better ambassadors of Christ? Does our personal lifestyle bring “good news to the poor” (Luke 4:18)?



Stewards of Treasure
Weekly Collections July 27, 2025

Collection	\$	3,830.00
Votive Candles	\$	260.00
Mass Intentions	\$	150.00
Food Pantry	\$	5.00
Wedding Renewal	\$	100.00
Gift Shop	\$	605.00
Filipino Catholic Club Donation	\$	50.00
Online Church Offering	\$	472.10
Online Building Maintenance	\$	200.00

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



*We will have a Second Collection this weekend for the Catholic Charities Hawaii. Please make your check payable to St. Raphael Church. Thank you.

*La Salette Annual Retreat
Father Ron will be attending the La Salette Annual Retreat in the Philippines from August 4-12, 2025. He will also represent the Hawaii Cluster as their Local Superior at the Priestly ordination of the three young La Salette brothers.

*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 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
Ecclesiastes 1:2; [2:21-23](#)
Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 95:1-2,6-9
If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading
Colossians 3:1-5,9-11
There is neither Greek nor Jew, but Christ is all in all.

Gospel Reading
Luke 12:13-21
A person's life does not consist of possessions.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In Chapter 12 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples and the crowd on how to be ready for the coming judgment. A crowd of many thousands has gathered to hear Jesus. At first he speaks only to the disciples, reminding them that it is not persecution they should fear but the judgment that is coming for all who do not acknowledge the Son of Man. Suddenly a man in the crowd shouts out to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” He seems to have grown tired of Jesus speaking only to the disciples. Jesus offers the man no help. Instead he uses the question to teach what, in light of the coming judgment, life really consist of.

Jesus tells the crowd a parable. A rich man's lands have yielded more crops than expected. His response is not to consider how he might share all the extra food with others but to wonder how he can possibly store it all. He has what he thinks is a brilliant idea: to tear down his present barns and build larger ones. Then he will have many things stored up for years of eating, drinking, and making merry.

“You fool” is God's response to this man because that very night his life will be taken away. To whom will everything belong then, God asks. The rich man's world is small, just him and his possessions, and now he learns that he is to lose his life. What good are his possessions now? Jesus states the moral of the story. This is how it will be for everyone who stores up treasure for himself or herself but is not rich in what matters to God.

Centuries later St. Gregory the Great taught that when we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist in possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone.

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

