



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.



LITURGICAL CALENDAR

- September 01** – Diocesan Holiday for Labor Day. Office closed.
- September 05** – Adoration after the 7AM mass in the Old Church.
- September 06** – Healing Mass at 8AM in the Old Church.
- September 06/07** – Second Collection for The Catholic University of America.
- September 16, 17 & 18** – Our Lady of La Salette Triduum. Mass at 6:30 PM in the New Church. **No 7AM Mass.**
- September 19** – Feast of Our Lady of La Salette. Mass at 6:30PM, in the New Church. Followed by a potluck in the Parish Hall.
- September 18, 19 & 20** – St. Raphael Triduum. Mass at 6:30PM in the New Church. **No 7AM Mass.**
- September 21** – Parish Celebration of St. Raphael at 5:30PM in the courtyard. Potluck dinner.
- September 20/21** – Second Collection for the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette.
- September 27** – No morning Saturday mass.
- September 29** – St. Raphael Mass at 6:30 PM. **No 7AM Mass.**



**MAHALO** to Lenny Gadingan for constructing a new bulletin board. Lenny is a member of our Planning and Building Maintenance Ministry.



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.

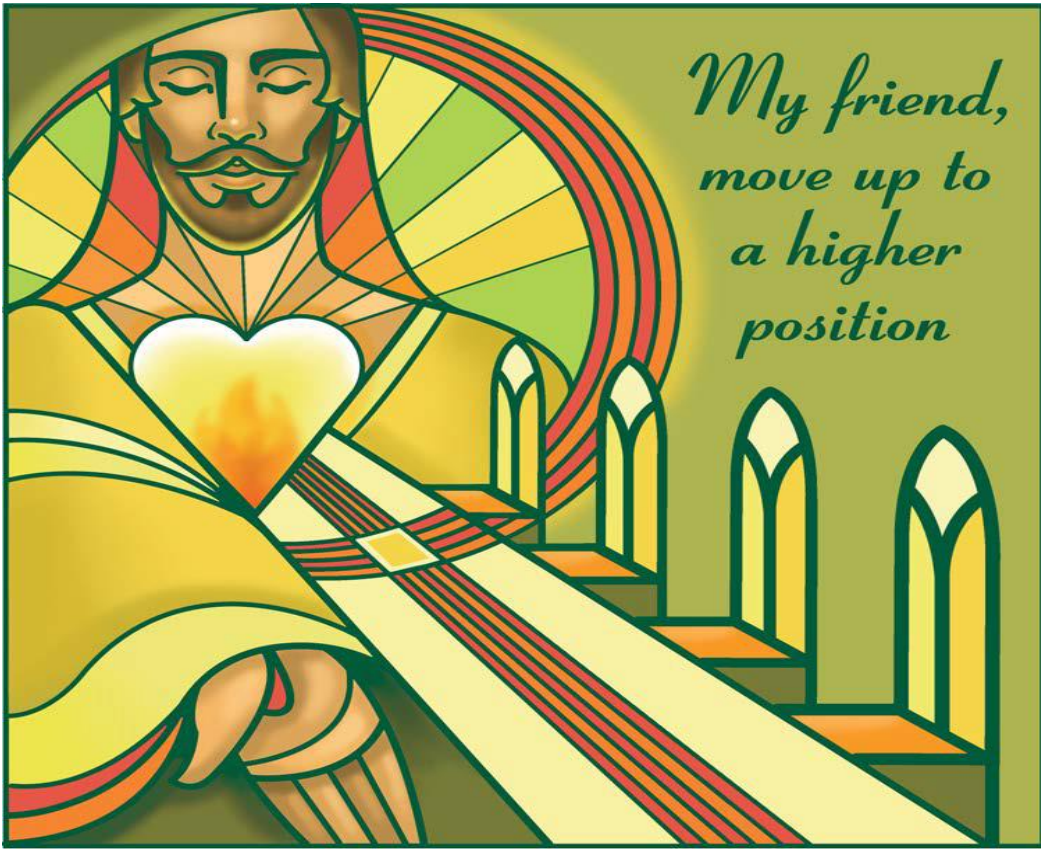
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NEW CHURCH

**BOTH CHURCHES – SAME ADDRESS**

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



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*Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*August 31, 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



September Birthdays

Simatar Cortez 08  
Layleigh Carveiro 10  
Janet Clarion-Cortez 10  
Soledad Melchor 10  
Cyane Snay 10  
Malae Roberts 10  
Kailea Matthews 10  
Richard Gibbs 13



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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today’s Gospel, Jesus challenged the social structure of the Pharisees and teaches his hosts and their guests some profound lessons in humility. Pharisees maintained deep social divisions between who they considered “holy” and “unholy,” rich and poor, honored and despised. They didn’t invite someone to a banquet or dinner who couldn’t reciprocate. And the lowly, the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind had no capacity to reciprocate. Good stewards realize that if they embrace a humility that allows them to be generous to those who cannot repay them, they give evidence of having the kind of heart that will enjoy the Lord’s intimate friendship. This week let’s reflect on our attitude towards those who cannot repay our generosity. What is the extent of our hospitality toward others? Are we generous with those who cannot repay us?



Stewards of Treasure  
Weekly Collections August 24, 2025

Collection	\$	3,813.40
Votive Candles	\$	200.00
Mass Intentions	\$	55.00
Building Maintenance Fund	\$	2,500.00
Food Pantry	\$	10.00
Gift Shop	\$	935.50
Online Church Offering	\$	322.10
Online Building Maintenance Fund	\$	200.00

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



\*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.

\*September schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is now available in the bulletin board outside 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](http://st-raphael-kauai.org)

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading  
Sirach 3:17-18,20,28-29  
Humble yourself and you will find favor with God

Responsorial Psalm  
Psalm 68:4-7,10-11  
The just rejoice and exult before God.

Second Reading  
Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24  
You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.

Gospel Reading  
Luke 14:1,7-14  
When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Meals played an important role in the society in which Jesus lived. More than a time for sharing nourishment, they were a time to share ideas and to model different aspects of social relationships. In Luke's Gospel, the places that a person ate (at the home of a tax collector, 5:29), the people with whom a person ate (sinners, 5:30), whether a person washed before eating (11:38), and, as is the case here, the place that a person sits while eating are all important. The narrator says Jesus tells a parable, but it is really wise advice to both guests and hosts about finding true happiness at the heavenly banquet.

Jesus warns guests to wait before taking their places at the table lest they be asked to move if someone more important arrives. This is more than just a lesson about dinner etiquette. It is advice on how to find your true place in the Kingdom of God. Jesus advises hosts not to invite people who would be expected to repay them to dinner but to invite those who could not repay: the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. This is where real blessings can be found.

In these sayings, Luke gives us not only advice on how to approach the end times but also on how to live according to Jesus' vision of a good society. Luke's Gospel also advises us how the Church must be part of bringing about this society. It is yet another example in Luke's Gospel of the reversal the kingdom brings about.

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

