



OLD HISTORICAL CHURCH

**ST. RAPHAEL CHURCH**  
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NEW CHURCH

**BOTH CHURCHES – SAME ADDRESS**

**PASTORAL STAFF**

Rev. Ronaldo Guzman, MS – Pastor  
 Dcn. Bambi Emayo – Deacon  
 Office Secretary – Sr. Roselyne Mawpat, MSMHC

Parish Accounting Manager:  
 Michele Lum

Volunteer Accountant:  
 Mercedes Casticimo (as needed)

Volunteer Bookkeeper:  
 Marina Pascua

Volunteer - PDS  
 Laure Dietterle

Religious Education Director:  
 Sr. Roselyne Mawpat, MSMHC

Food Pantry:  
 Benymar Tapucol

Filipino Catholic Club:  
 Lydia Rebugio

Pastoral Council:  
 TBE

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 is usually held on Sunday after the 9:30AM Mass.

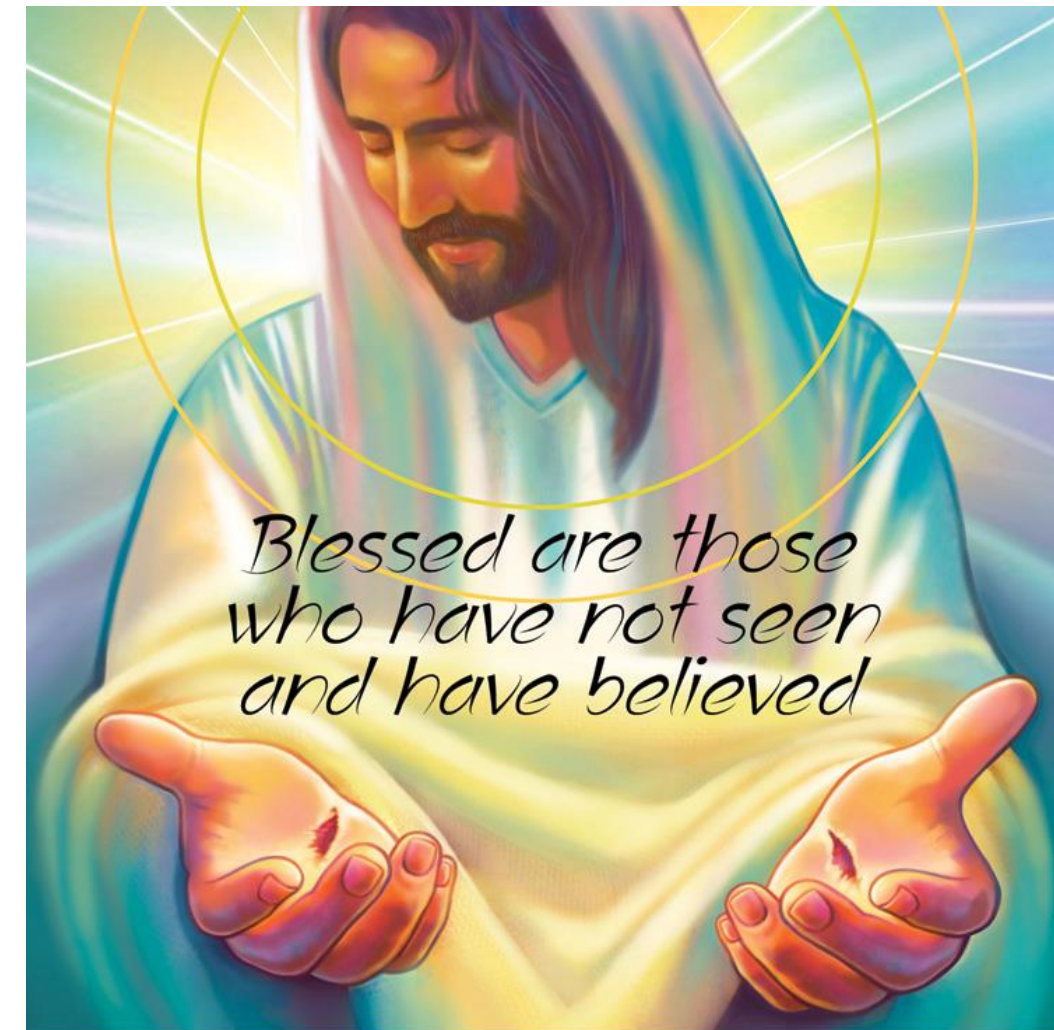
**First Holy Communion and Confirmation:** Contact the Office for more information.

**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.



*Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)*  
*April 12, 2026*

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

**Daily Mass Monday – Friday:** 7:00 AM (Old Church)

**Wednesday:** O.L.P.H Novena (After Mass)

**Thursday:** Our Lady Of La Salette Novena (After Mass)

**Saturday:** Novena to St. Raphael 7.30 AM. Mass – 8.00 AM

**Healing Mass:** (Every First Saturday only)- 8.00 AM

**Saturday (Vigil Mass):** 5.00 PM (NewChurch)

**Sunday (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

## April Birthdays

Aida Rivera 13  
Rose Semana 13  
Tante Butac 15  
Richard Liberato 17  
Perfecto Labrador 18  
Natalie Tadije 19



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



### 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.

### Second Sunday of Easter

In today's first reading, the four activities of the earliest church are introduced to us as priorities of the church: devotion to the teachings of the apostles, communal fellowship, the Eucharist and prayer. The early members of the church saw themselves as devoted stewards of these activities. These were not options. They were the fruits of a genuine conversion to a life in Christ. Sharing International Catholic Stewardship Council in the Eucharist was the most intimate expression of fellowship, while the most common expression of fellowship in the New Testament was that of sharing financial resources – giving. It was not a perfect community, but one that gave evidence of God's active presence in its midst. This early community offers us an excellent example of how to better exercise stewardship in our own parish families.



### Stewards of Treasure

#### Weekly Collections April 2 - 5, 2026

Collection	\$	10,948.00
Votive Candles	\$	356.00
Mass Intentions	\$	240.00
Gift Shop	\$	1,694.00
Food Pantry (Cash)	\$	35.00
Food Pantry (Check)	\$	100.00
Calendar	\$	130.00
Rice Bowls	\$	1,140.00
Holy Thursday (Rice Bowls)	\$	1,499.00
Good Friday	\$	1,366.00
Online Church Offering	\$	1,027.65
Online Building Maintenance Fund	\$	50.00

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



\*We will have a Second Collection for the CMAA on April 18 & 19. Mahalo.

\*Please join the Carnival at St. Theresa School on April 18, 2026, at 2:00PM to 10:00PM.

\*St. Raphael Church's drive thru Food Pantry distribution will be on Thursday, April 16 from 4:30 PM – 6 PM.

\*The upcoming columbarium meetings will take place on the 18th and 19<sup>th</sup> of April, Saturday and Sunday. Kindly spare your time to attend the meeting on these two days for those who are interested to know more about it.

\*We are seeking nominees for election for the Parish Pastoral Council. If you are interested in serving the parish, please submit your name to the office or directly to Fr. Ron before April 19. We will be holding the election on May 2 & 3.

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

Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation will be collecting donations to support recovery efforts specifically for our parishes and schools who were impacted by the Kona low storms that hit our islands last month. Insurance will not cover all of their damages, so this fund was established to support our parishes and schools who were impacted. If you want to donate just open the link. Much appreciated.

<https://www.hawaiicatholiccommunityfoundation.org/support-flood-relief-efforts/>

### TODAY'S READINGS, Second Sunday of Easter

#### First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

The first community of Christians grows as its members meet to pray and break bread.

#### Responsorial Psalm

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

God's love is everlasting.

#### Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

We have new hope because of Jesus' Resurrection.

#### Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

#### Background on the Gospel Reading

The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In Luke's Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn't recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion.

From readings such as today's Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked.

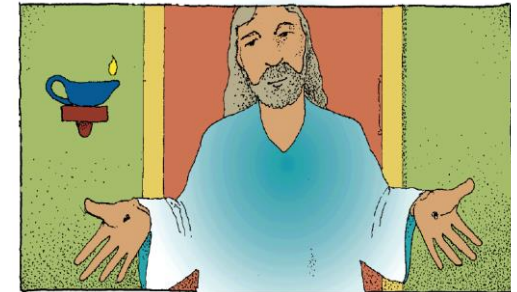
Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen.

Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that has preceded us, beginning with Thomas and the first disciples. Through Baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus brought to the first disciples. We are among those who are "blessed" because we believe without having seen.

### A Prayer for Divine Mercy

O Greatly Merciful God, Infinite Goodness, today all mankind calls out from the abyss of its misery to Your mercy – to Your compassion, O God; and it is with its mighty voice of misery that it cries out: Gracious God, do not reject the prayer of this earth's exiles! O Lord, Goodness beyond our understanding, Who are acquainted with our misery through and through and know that by our own power we cannot ascend to You, we implore You, anticipate us with Your grace and keep on increasing Your mercy in us, that we may faithfully do Your holy will all through our life and at death's hour. Let the omnipotence of Your mercy shield us from the darts of our salvation's enemies, that we may with confidence, as Your children, await Your final coming – that day known to You alone. And we expect to obtain everything promised us by Jesus in spite of all our wretchedness. For Jesus is our Hope: through His merciful Heart as through an open gate, we pass through to heaven. Amen



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