



STEWARDSHIP SAINT FOR APRIL

SAINT JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE

St. John Baptist de La Salle is the patron saint of schoolteachers. He was the founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools and is renowned for his lifelong devotion to educating the poor. John Baptist was born to a wealthy family in Reims, France, in 1651. He was a scholar, studied for the priesthood and was ordained in 1678. He earned a doctorate in theology in 1681. Although he lived a comfortable life at the cathedral in Reims, he was drawn to education early on. At the urging of a layman to open a school for poor children in Reims, John Baptist opened two schools that became very popular, even though the prevailing view in France was that children of the poor should only be taught how to perform manual labor, not to be educated.

John Baptist continued to discern the will of God in his life. He sold all that he possessed and donated the proceeds for hunger relief. He and a small group of men formed themselves into a religious community by taking a vow of obedience and adopting the name Brothers of the Christian Schools. In 1686, he opened four more schools in Reims as well as a school to train teachers. He would later establish other schools in Paris and Saint-Denis.

Although his religious community was not yet approved by the Church, in 1694 John Baptist and twelve of his community members took perpetual vows, committing themselves to providing free education to the poor for the rest of their lives. John Baptist's educational theories and practices became standard including classroom instruction instead of one-on-one instruction, teaching in the native language instead of in Latin and integrating faith formation into a curriculum.

St. John Baptist de LaSalle died on Good Friday, April 7, 1719. He was canonized in 1900, and his feast is celebrated on April 7.

Prayer for Easter

Loving Father, we know the truth of the Easter proclamation. Christ is risen and with him all creation! Light replaces darkness, joy replaces sadness, life replaces death. Through the power of your Spirit, there is no failure his love and mercy cannot reverse, no humiliation he cannot exchange with blessing, no anger he cannot dissolve, no routine he cannot transform. All is embraced by the victory of your son's cross and resurrection. Help us always be good stewards of Easter's light, see Resurrection as a daily event, and yearn for the love of Christ as intensely as he yearns for our love. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.



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BOTH CHURCHES – SAME ADDRESS

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Ronaldo Guzman, MS – Pastor
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 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.



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*Third Sunday of Easter
 April 19, 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 & Rosary (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

Julie Souza 23
Peng Melchor 25
Sharon Blasi 26
Billie Ann Bukoski Boyd 26



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

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/>



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: straphaelkauai.org

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.

Third Sunday of Easter

As today's gospel reveals, the first meal shared with the risen Lord happened in a place called Emmaus. Perhaps there is no better time to reflect on this story than in those prayerful moments at Mass when we return to our place after receiving Holy Communion. Those few moments give us an opportunity to reflect on our stewardship of Christ's presence within us. We have a chance to practice hospitality by inviting Jesus into our hearts to walk and talk with us about our own Emmaus journey. We can relive once again the time when he broke bread for the disciples. And just as they did, we too can recognize Christ in this meal we have just shared with others.



Stewards of Treasure Weekly Collections April 11 - 12, 2026

Collection	\$	4,516.00
Votive Candles	\$	294.00
Mass Intentions	\$	110.00
Gift Shop	\$	2,126.50
Food Pantry (Cash)	\$	6.00
Calendar	\$	20.00
Funerals	\$	300.00
Second Collection Holy Thursday & Good Friday	\$	10.00
Building Maintenance Fund	\$	3,800.00
Online Church Offering	\$	385.10

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



*Next week April 25th & 26th our Second Collection will be for the Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund.

*Help Shape the Future of Our Parish: Pastoral Council Nominations Our parish is blessed with a vibrant community, and we need your input to continue growing. We are beginning the process for Parish Council elections. We encourage you to pray about who you believe can bring wisdom and servant leadership to our leadership team—or perhaps, pray if this is a role for you. We are now seeking dedicated parishioners to serve on our Parish Pastoral Council. The council acts as a representative body, advising Father Ron on key decisions to guide our community. We are looking for individuals to fill Three (3) positions for a Two (2) year term beginning June 1st, 2026. Five (5) other members that makes up the council will be appointed by Father Ron. Currently these are the nominees for the council: 1. Kevin MC Nulty, 2. Jackie Contrades. Elections will be held on May 2nd and 3rd, 2026 at all masses. Let us pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we choose our leaders.

*May is the month of Mary, and the tradition tells us that this month, Queen Helena discovered the Cross of Christ in the year 326. To commemorate this, our parish will be holding a Santa Cruzan celebration in May. We are inviting boys, girls, and teenagers to take part representing holy men and women and the virtues of Mary. Those who wish to join may contact the parish office for registration and further information.

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

TODAY'S READINGS, Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading

Acts 2:14,22-33

Peter and the apostles announce that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-11

God will show us the path of life.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

You were saved by Christ's sacrifice.

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Jesus appears to two disciples who are walking to Emmaus.



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Background on the Gospel Reading

On most Sundays during the Easter season in Cycle A, our Gospel is taken from the Gospel of John. This week's Gospel, however, is taken from the Gospel of Luke. As in last week's Gospel, today's Gospel shows us how the first community of disciples came to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In these stories we gain insight into how the community of the Church came to be formed.

When we read today's Gospel, we may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus could walk and converse with him at some length yet not recognize him. Again, we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognized. Cleopas and the other disciple walk with a person whom they believe to be a stranger; only later do they discover that the stranger is Jesus. We learn that the first community met and recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist.

We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in today's reading. They are leaving their community in Jerusalem. Their friend Jesus has been crucified. Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred, so that they can put the experience behind them.

Jesus himself approaches the two men, but they take him for a stranger. Jesus asks them what they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience and interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death. When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture. In that encounter we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word—what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist. We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of Scripture. We gather together to break open the Word of God.

In the next part of the story, we find a model for our Liturgy of the Eucharist. The disciples invite the stranger (Jesus) to stay with them. During the meal in which they share in the breaking of the bread, the disciples' eyes are opened; they recognize the stranger as Jesus. In the Eucharist too we share in the breaking of the bread and discover Jesus in our midst. Just as the disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent from our Eucharistic gathering. Our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist compels us to share the story with others.