

Blessing of the New Parking lot (ADA) at St. Raphael Church



OLD HISTORICAL CHURCH



NEW CHURCH

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PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Ronaldo Guzman, MS – Pastor
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 Michele Lum

Volunteer Accountant:
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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.

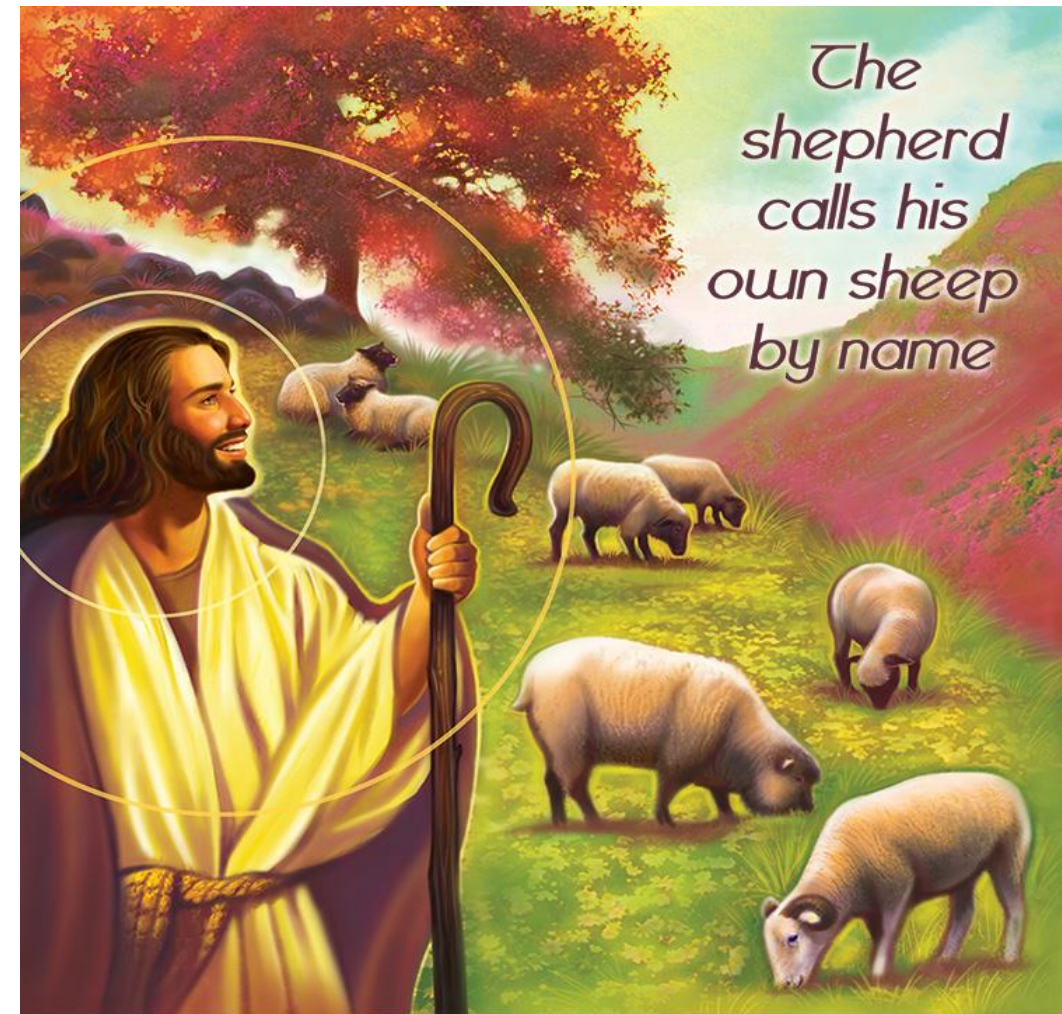
First Holy Communion and Confirmation: Contact the Office for more information.

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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*Fourth Sunday of Easter
 April 26, 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 & May Birthdays

Darriane Curtis 29
Anjelique Calzado 30
Rosa Melchor 03
Christian Littman 03



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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saint Peter plays a prominent leadership role in the first two readings, urging his listeners to be baptized and accept the gift of the Holy Spirit; and encouraging them to follow in the footsteps of Christ. We have just renewed our baptismal promises at Easter and the Holy Spirit dwells in us in a special way. Are we good stewards of those baptismal vows? Have we renewed our commitment to follow in Jesus' footsteps? Have we opened our hearts to discern the will of God in our lives? Take some time to reflect on the importance of our baptismal renewal and our lives as disciples of the Lord.



Stewards of Treasure

Weekly Collections April 18 - 19, 2026

Collection	\$	4,370.31
Votive Candles	\$	282.00
Mass Intentions	\$	30.00
Gift Shop	\$	741.00
Food Pantry (Cash)	\$	5.00
Holy Thursday	\$	10.00
Second Collection CMAA	\$	1,734.00
Online Church Offering	\$	197.00

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



*Monthly Healing Mass- Time Adjustment:

Please be informed that the monthly Healing Mass scheduled for Saturday, May 2, has been rescheduled from 8:00 AM to 7:00 AM. This change will allow our pastor to attend the confirmation at Holy Cross, Kalaheo, in support of our parish candidates.

*Santa Cruzan Registration:

Parents of whose children will participate in the Holy Cross Santa Cruzan on May 30 are requested to obtain and complete the registration form. A guide for the appropriate attire for participation is also available for pickup.

* We are beginning the process for parish council elections. We are now seeking for individuals to fill two (2) positions for two (2) years term beginning June 1st, 2026. Five other members that make up the council will be appointed by the Pastor. 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.

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

TODAY'S READINGS, Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:14a,36-41

Peter and the other apostles baptize 3,000 people.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23:1-6

The Lord is my shepherd.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:20b-25

We have been healed by the wounds of Christ.

Gospel Reading

John 10:1-10

Jesus is the gate for his sheep.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.



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Prayer for Vocation

Heavenly Father, your divine Son taught us to pray to the Lord to send laborers into His vineyard. We earnestly beg you to bless our Diocese with many priests, deacons, and religious La Salette's and Mary Help of Christians sisters, who will love you fervently and gladly. And courageously spend their lives in service to your Son's Church, especially the poor and the needy. Bless our families and our children and choose from our homes those whom you desire for this holy work. Teach them to respond generously and keep them ever faithful in following your Son Jesus Christ, that under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and with the inspiration of Saint Damien and Blessed Marianne the Good News of redemption may be brought to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.