

Chrism Mass celebrated by the Most Reverend Bishop Larry Silva on March 26 at Immaculate Conception Church. St. Raphael Church representatives were Marina Pascua and Lourdes Barros.



Palm Sunday



OLD HISTORICAL 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.



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
April 5, 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

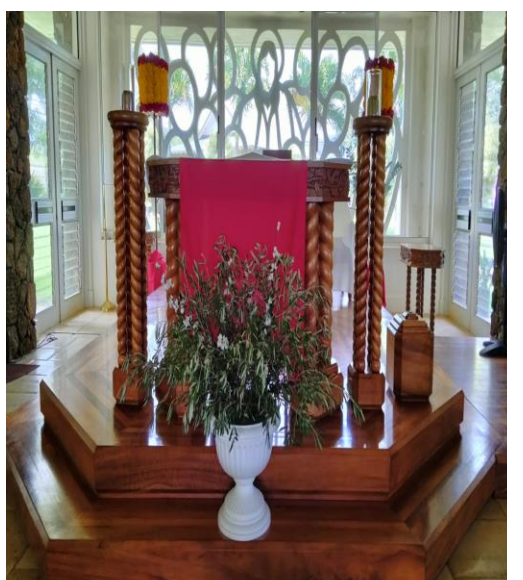
Healing Mass: (Every First Saturday only)- 8.00 AM

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

Ron Domingo 5
Alejandro Rivera 7
Lori M. Bukoski 8
Judy McGrath 11
Michelle Brillantes 12



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.

Easter Sunday the Resurrection of the Lord

The reading from the Acts of the Apostles reminds us that we, too, bear witness to the risen Lord. The presence of Christ is within us, making us new, transforming us, turning us into stewards of the Good News. There is no more time for holding grudges, disliking others, seeking vengeance, maintaining old prejudices, tolerating bias. We are Christ's joy and instruments of his peace. Our world is reordered. Reflect on how we are called to let Christ's forgiveness, reconciliation and love permeate our lives. We are Easter people. Rejoice! He is risen! Alleluia!



Stewards of Treasure

Weekly Collections, March 28 & 29, 2026

Collection	\$	5,112.00
Votive Candles	\$	494.00
Mass Intentions	\$	95.00
Gift Shop	\$	1,337.00
Food Pantry (Cash)	\$	5.00
Filipino Catholic Club (Membership dues)	\$	34.00
Calendar	\$	30.00
Marriages	\$	1,000.00
Baptisms		100.00
Second Collection Catholic Relief Service		5.00
CMAA Collection	\$	838.00
Online Church Offering	\$	1,302.00
Online Building Maintenance Fund	\$	200.00

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*All La Salette priests will be attending an out of state District meeting on Monday to Friday, April 6 to 10. There will be no Mass and only Communion Service to be conducted every day at 7 AM in the Old Historical Church.

*Our Parish office will be closed on Monday, April 6 in observance of Diocesan Holiday for Good Friday. Our office will be open on Good Friday, April 3.

*We will be having Easter egg hunt after the 9:30 am mass this Sunday, April 5.

*Healing Mass will be on Saturday, April 11 at 8 AM in the Old Church.

* 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.

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR THE LATE

ROSITA SEMANA

DATE: APRIL 13, 2026
VISITATION: 9:00 AM
MEMORIAL MASS: 10:00 AM
PLACE: ST. RAPHAEL – OLD CHURCH



GIVE ONLINE

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, Easter Sunday

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43

Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23

Rejoice in this day of the Lord.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Colossians: Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above.

1 Corinthians: Let us celebrate this feast with new yeast.

Gospel Reading

John 20:1-9

Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection. Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead. Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

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.



I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of
the LORD.
— Psalm 118:17