

Pictures of Volunteers cleaning the New Church. We appreciate your time for the Lord. May He reward you with spiritual Blessings. Mahalo



We encourage volunteers to help us clean the new church every second Saturday of the month at 9 in the morning.

CPR Free Training Certification

Learning CPR can save lives, protect loved ones and prevent brain death. When you are certified you build self-confidence. **Interested?** Sign- up on the table at the entrance of the Church. Date is to be announced as soon as there will be a group of ten. Class will be provided by Kauai Fire Department Personal. Classes are as follows:

- *Free CPR and AED (automated external Defibrillator) no Certification.**
- *CPR/AED with card certification \$70:00/ person**
- CPR/AED First aid with card certification \$90:00/ person.**



OLD HISTORICAL CHURCH



NEW CHURCH

ST. RAPHAEL CHURCH

Oldest Catholic Church on Kauai – est.
1841

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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:
Jacquelyn Contrades

Finance Council:
Jeanette Liberato

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.

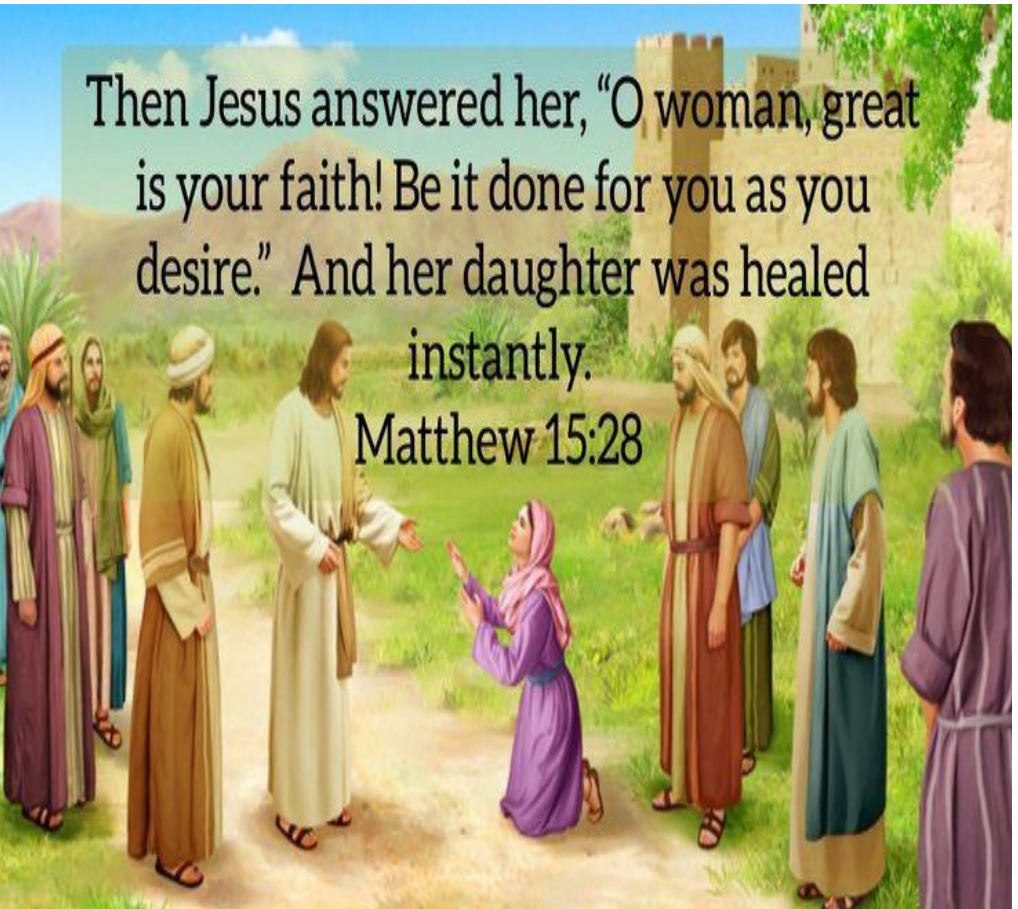
First Holy Communion and Confirmation: Contact the Office for more information.

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.



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 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

August Birthdays

Stella Bukoski 19
Sofea Cagalawan 19
Priscilla Pascua 22



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

Stewards of Treasure
Weekly Collections August 8-9, 2026



Collection	\$	4,172.00
Votive Candles	\$	256.00
Mass Intentions	\$	135.00
Gift Shop	\$	528.50
Food Pantry (Cash)	\$	20.00
Building Maintenance Fund	\$	105.00
Online Church Offering	\$	375.10

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *This Sunday, August 16 there will be P.P.C meeting after the 9:30 AM Mass.
- *Drive thru food distribution on Thursday, August 20 from 4.30pm to 6.00pm. We need brown bags for Food distribution. Please drop off the wooden box outside the office. Thank you.
- *Our Parish Office will be closed on Friday, August 21 in observance of Diocesan Holiday for Admission Day.
- Representatives from the Christian community in Bethlehem will be with us on the weekend of august 29-30 to offer religious item and articles for sale in support of our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem
- *We are looking for volunteers to help us clean the New Church every second Saturday of the month at 9:00AM. Thank you.
- *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: straphaelkauai.org

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading
Isaiah 56:1,6-7
The Lord reveals his salvation to all.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 67:2-3,5-6,8
All the nations will praise God.

Second Reading
Romans 11:13-15,29-32
God's favor to Israel is irrevocable.

Gospel Reading
Matthew 15:21-28
Jesus heals the daughter of the Canaanite woman because of her great faith.



Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we move ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel. Last week we read about Jesus' walking on the water and the disciples' confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. If we were reading Matthew's entire Gospel, we would have read about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean; he is referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead, our words and our actions—what comes out of us—make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean. Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. In fact, the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus' exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone.

The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter. Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world.

Behind Matthew's text we can hear this early Christian community's struggle to understand how God's selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel's rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles' acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. In today's second reading of Paul's letter to the Romans, we hear the apostle Paul considering this same concern.

The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all.

Stewardship Prayer

Loving Father! I desire to spend my life living in collaboration with You as a disciple of Your son Jesus. I am truly grateful for the numerous gifts that You have given me. I acknowledge that everything that I have and everything that I am are Your gifts. As I approach the Eucharist, I bring a portion of Your gifts as my offering. I bring the time that I spend with You in prayer. I bring what I have done in Your service. I bring a just portion of my treasure. I pray that You grant me the wisdom and strength to live my life as a reflection of Your love. I pray that my participation in the Eucharist and my sacrificial offering is pleasing to You. I ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.