

OUR ALTAR SERVERS WITH THEIR PARENTS, FEW MEMBERS OF EM'S AND FATHER RON HAD ROCK & BOWL NIGHT ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 8,2026



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
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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:
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.



Twenty- First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 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

Jessica Cezar 24
Jadyn Nakaahiki 24
Timothy Albao 26
Nathan Hadama 26
Alyssa Cozby 27



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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today’s first reading, the Lord speaks through the prophet Isaiah during a time of political upheaval and moral decline. The prophet had warned of God’s judgment against people for the feelings of self-importance they found in their possessions and condemned them for International Catholic Stewardship Council various forms of economic injustice such as exploiting the poor and immigrants. Good stewards know that Isaiah’s message is as compelling today as it was in the time of the kingdom of Judah: Do the right thing. Offer justice and compassion toward others. Be honest in all your dealings. And remember to observe the day of the Lord.

New Columbarium

We are happy to announce the new St. Raphael cremation Niche Columbaria project on the parish grounds. For the first time, we can offer **NON-REGISTERED** as well as Registered Parishioners the opportunity to have their remains interred at St. Raphael.

The new columbaria niches allow the committal of cremated remains in a final resting place on Holy ground amongst our St. Raphael parish community. Each niche can accommodate the remains of up to two individuals.

Your purchase of a niche helps support St. Raphael and the Diocese community. For more information or to answer any questions, please contact: Duane Pavao, Director of cemeteries, 808-783-6778, dpavao@cfcsmision.org. Elly Mae Kalilikane, Family Service Advisor, 808-727-1024, mkalilikane@cfcsmision.org.



Stewards of Treasure

Weekly Collections August 15-16, 2026

Collection	\$	2,095.00
Votive Candles	\$	196.00
Mass Intentions	\$	51.00
Gift Shop	\$	110.00
Food Pantry (Cash)	\$	10.00
Building Maintenance Fund	\$	5.00
Donations	\$	300.00
Online Church Offering	\$	347.10

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



- *We will have a Second Collection for the CMAA on August 29 & 30. Mahalo.
- *On September 5, 2026, the First Saturday of the month there will be a healing Mass at 8 O’clock in the morning at the Old Church.
- *Our Parish is looking for a volunteer to teach Faith Formation Classes for grades 3 to 6. Please call the Parish office if you are interested.
- *Application for 1st Communion, Confirmation and OCIA are now accepted in the Parish Office, or you may apply online at our website.
- *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 22:19-23
God will remove Shebna from his office as master of the palace.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 138:1-3,6,8
God’s kindness is forever.

Second Reading

Romans 11:33-36
Paul sings praise to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20
Simon Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ and is given the key to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Background on the Gospel Reading

It is important to read today’s Gospel and next week’s Gospel as two parts of a single story. These readings are a turning point in Matthew’s Gospel. This week we hear Jesus’ name Simon Peter as the rock upon which he will build his Church. Next week we will hear Jesus call this same Simon Peter "Satan" when he reacts negatively to Jesus’ prediction about his passion and death.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter’s response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader.

In today’s Gospel, Peter’s recognition of Jesus’ identity is credited to a revelation by God. This will contrast sharply with Jesus’ rebuke of Peter in next week’s Gospel. When Peter rejects Jesus’ prediction of his passion and death, Peter is said to no longer be thinking as God does but as humans do.

The use of the term church in today’s Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew’s Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus’ identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.



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.