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Setting up Advent Wreath and 1st Sunday of Advent – Gregorius Family 9:30AM mass



2nd Sunday of Advent Candle lighting – Casticimo Family 7AM mass



SAINT RAPHAEL LITURGICAL CALENDAR CELEBRATION 2025

DECEMBER:

- Dec 16th thru Dec 24th Missa de Gallo 5AM each day in the Old Church
- Dec 21st St Raphael Christmas party at 4:30PM (courtyard)
- Dec 24th Christmas Eve Mass 5PM and 12:00AM (Midnight Mass) in the New Church
- Dec 25th Christmas Day Mass 9:30AM Mass only in the New Church
- Dec 31st New Years Eve Thanksgiving Mass 5PM in the New Church

JANUARY:

- January 1st New Years Day Mass, Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, 9:30AM in the New Church



OLD HISTORICAL CHURCH

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NEW CHURCH

BOTH CHURCHES – SAME ADDRESS

**“SPES NON CONFUNDIT”
HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT**



3rd Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Catholic Daily Mass Monday – Friday: 7:00 AM (Old Church) **Wednesday:** 7:00 AM (Old Church)

followed by Novena; **Saturday:** 8:00AM (Old church)

Saturday (obligation mass): 5:00 PM (New Church)

Sunday (obligation 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

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Ronaldo Guzman, MS – Pastor
Dcn. Bambi Emayo – Deacon
Office Secretary – TBA

Parish Accounting Manager:
Michele Lum

Volunteer Accountant:
Mercedes Casticimo (as needed)

Volunteer Bookkeeper:
Marina Pascua

Volunteer - PDS
Laure Dietterle

Religious Education Director:
TBA

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 are 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.

December Birthdays

Dec 13 Donovan Gadingan
Dec 14 Frank Bukoski
Dec 14 Gerardin McGill
Dec 15 Angela Lim
Dec 16 Aidan Gadingan
Dec 16 Susan Magallanes
Dec 17Dolores VanHaaften
Dec 17 Skye Littman
Dec 19 Andrew Liberato
Dec 19 Rodilio Baring



May God richly bless you and grant the wishes of your heart!

A Stewardship Prayer

My parish is composed of people like me. My stewardship helps make it what it is. It will be a place where Christ is found, *if I live in Christ.* It will bring Christ to the world, *if I carry Christ with me.* It will be friendly, *if I am.* It will be holy, *if I am.* Its pews will be filled, *if I help fill them.* It will do great work, *if I work.* It will be prayerful, *if I pray.* It will make generous gifts to many causes, *if I am a generous giver.* It will bring others into its worship, *if I invite and bring them.* It will be a parish of welcome and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, fruitfulness, and mercy, *if I am filled with these same things.* Therefore, with the help of God, through the Holy Spirit, and the intercession of Blessed Mary of the Assumption, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be.

Amen.

CATHOLIC.ORG

December 13 & 14, 2025

From the loneliness of his prison cell John the Baptist asks of Jesus: “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” The weeks before Christmas offer much to be joyous about, celebrating with family and friends, the glitter of seasonal decorations, the excitement of gift giving and receiving. But in our midst there are the lonely and neglected, the poor, the hospitalized, the wayward, the shut-ins. There are those who feel that they have no hope. To whom should they look? Discipleship in the Lord includes being good stewards of others. Are there those in our family, our neighborhood, our community to whom we can reach out to show them a sign of Christ’s presence in their midst?



Stewards of Treasure
Weekly Collections, Dec 6 & 7, 2025

Collection	\$	4,756.00
Votive Candles	\$	594.00
Mass Intentions (includes online)	\$	187.00
Gift Shop	\$	900.00
Food Pantry	\$	1,010.00
Building Maintenance	\$	4,800.00
Funeral	\$	300.00
2nd Collection		
	\$	
Youth	\$	
Online Church Offering	\$	1,487.10
Online Building Maintenance	\$	

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



*There will be a 2nd collection this weekend for the Retirement Fund of Religious

*2025 Tax Year contribution letters will be going out after the new year so please contact the office asap if there has been a change in your mailing address.

*The Food Pantry will be distributing food from 4:30pm to 6:00PM on Thursday Dec 18th.

*St Raphael Christmas party on Dec 21st at 4:30PM in the courtyard. Sign up is available after mass. \$10/person.

*There will be a Christmas concert performed at St Catherine Church in Kapaa on Monday Dec 22nd from 7PM to 8:30PM. All are welcome.

*There will be no mass on Saturday mornings thru the balance of December.

*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.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-6,10
In the day of the Lord, all sorrow and mourning will cease.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146:6-7,8-9,9-10
The Lord will save his people.

Second Reading

James 5:7-10
Be patient, and be ready; the coming of the Lord is near.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:2-11
Jesus tells John the Baptist of the signs of the kingdom that are being worked through him and praises John as more than a prophet.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is the Latin word meaning “rejoice.” This Sunday is so named because “Rejoice” is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.” Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

This week's Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God.

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John's arrest in chapter [14:3-12](#). In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.

Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

