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Movie night at Saint Raphael's Friday December 19, 2025



3rd Sunday of Advent Candle Lighting 7am & 9:30am masses



Volunteers decorating the Church for Christmas 2025



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

ST. RAPHAEL CHURCH

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NEW CHURCH

BOTH CHURCHES – SAME ADDRESS

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



4th Sunday of Advent

December 21, 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 15 Angela Lim
- Dec 16 Aidan Gadingan
- Dec 16 Susan Magallanes
- Dec 17Dolores VanHaaften
- Dec 17 Skye Littman
- Dec 19 Rodilio Baring
- Dec 19 Andrew Liberto
- Dec 20 Jennifer Cadiente
- Dec 20 Julian Remigio
- Dec 20 Nathan Remigio
- Dec 21 Nina Pascua



May God 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 20 & 21, 2025

In today’s Gospel we hear of the coming of Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.” We celebrate three Advents: the birth of Christ, his Second Coming, and his presence in the world today. Our daily lives are attended by God’s presence. Indeed, “God is with us.” The Good News of Christ’s Incarnation is that we are the sign, the International Catholic Stewardship Council “sacrament,” of Christ’s presence in the world. People are supposed to see us, see how we love one another, see how we treat the stranger among us, see how we give comfort to the poor and afflicted, and share the Good News with joy. They see how good stewards are the light of Christ. And there can be no possible response except to say: “God is here!”



Stewards of Treasure
Weekly Collections, Dec 13 & 14, 2025

Collection	\$	3,761.00
Votive Candles	\$	252.00
Mass Intentions (includes online)	\$	125.00
Gift Shop	\$	577.00
Food Pantry	\$	15.00
Building Maintenance	\$	
Funeral	\$	
2nd Collection – Religious Retirement		1,521.10
includes online	\$	
Youth	\$	
Online Church Offering	\$	500.10
Online Building Maintenance	\$	50.00

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



*There will be a second collection on Dec 24th and Dec 25th for Ohana in Christ. Please make checks payable to St Raphael Catholic Church.

*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.

*St Raphael Christmas party on Dec 21st at 4:30PM in the courtyard. \$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 7:10-14

Ahaz proclaims the sign that the Lord will give: a virgin shall give birth to a son, Emmanuel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24:1-2,3-4,5-6

The Lord is the King of Glory who established the earth.

Second Reading

Romans 1:1-7

Paul greets the community at Rome and declares himself a servant of Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 1:18-24

An angel appears to Joseph, directing him to take Mary as his wife and telling him that the child she will bear will be called Emmanuel.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Finally, on this the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our Gospel Reading permits us to begin our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas: “Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about” (Matthew 1:18).

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. Today's Gospel passage is the second movement in this story. In the preceding verses of the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, the Evangelist has listed the genealogy of Jesus, tracing his lineage through King David to Abraham. In the chapter to follow, Matthew tells of the visit from the Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, and Herod's massacre of the infants in Bethlehem. (The other stories which we associate with Christmas, the Annunciation, the Visitation, the angel and the shepherds, are found in the Gospel of Luke).

We must not gloss over too quickly the difficult circumstances described in today's Gospel. The way that Joseph and Mary face these circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God. Joseph and Mary are betrothed to be married. This is sometimes described as an engagement period, but it is more than that. Betrothal in first century Jewish culture was in fact the first part of the marriage contract. A breach of this contract was considered adultery. Mary is found to be with child. If adultery is proven, the punishment might be death. Joseph has rights under Mosaic law, but chooses to act discreetly in his plans to break the marriage contract, so as to protect Mary. Then God intervenes. The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means “Yahweh saves.” He will be the fulfillment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: “. . . The virgin shall be with child . . . and shall name him Emmanuel [God with us].”

Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God.

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

