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4th Sunday of Advent Candle Lighting – Ebb Family 7:00AM Mass Dec 21st



The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) At the Vigil Mass Dec 24th



OLD HISTORICAL CHURCH

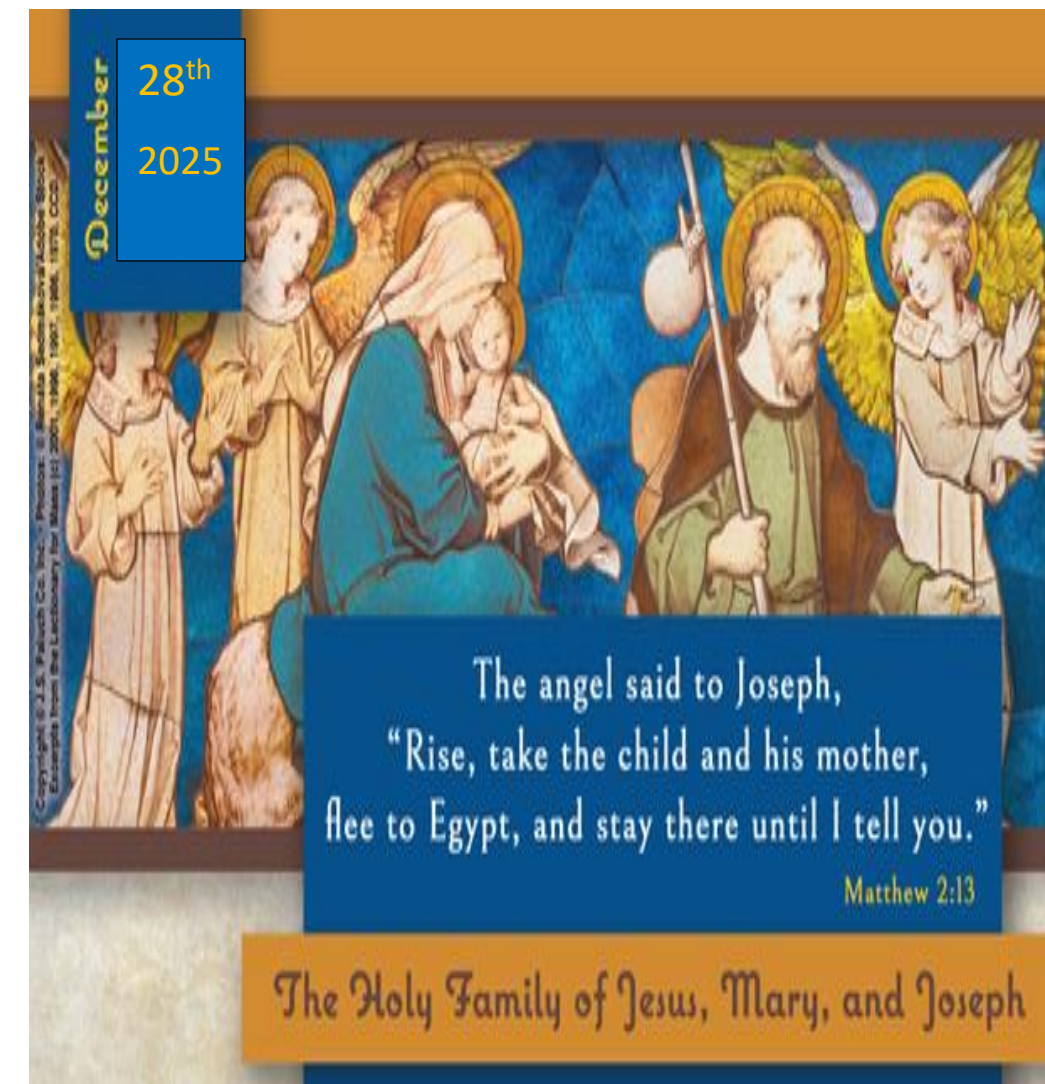
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NEW CHURCH

BOTH CHURCHES – SAME ADDRESS

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



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.

Dec/Jan Birthdays

Dec 28 Inocencia Asuncion
Dec 28 Destiny Magallanes
Dec 28 Wallace Tavares
Dec 30 Reyn Nakaahiki
Dec 30 Loi Bui



May God greatly bless you and grant
you 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.

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December 27 & 28, 2025

In today’s second reading we listen to one of the most compelling exhortations for Christian living: “Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him” (Col 3:17). “Whatever you do” that means the whole of life is to be related to Christ Jesus. Everything in life, every activity, can become an act of glorifying the Lord. Good stewards commit even their daily routine to Christ: doing everything “in the name of the Lord.” Perhaps it would be a good idea this week to memorize this marvelous verse and repeat it to yourself frequently. Make it part of your morning prayer each day.



Stewards of Treasure
Weekly Collections, Dec 20 & 21, 2025

Collection (including Misa de Gallo)	\$	5,026.00
Votive Candles	\$	207.00
Mass Intentions (includes online)	\$	50.00
Gift Shop	\$	625.00
Food Pantry	\$	15.00
Building Maintenance	\$	
Christmas Party	\$	1.160.00
2nd Collection – various		359.60
	\$	
Microsoft Stock Donation	\$	6,215.33
Online Church Offering	\$	414.80
Online Building Maintenance	\$	

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



***The New Year’s eve thanksgiving mass will be held on Dec 31st at 5PM as an expression of our gratitude to God for the blessings we have received throughout the year.**

***The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and the New Year’s day mass will be celebrated on January 1st at 9:30am**

***The monthly healing mass will resume on January 3rd at 8:00am following the 7:30am devotion to Saint Raphael and devotion to Blessed Virgin Mary.**

***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.**

***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

Sirach 3:2-7,12-14
Honor to one's parents will be rewarded.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 128:1-2,3,4-5
Happy are those who follow the Lord's ways.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:12-21 (or shorter form, Colossians 3:12-17)
Do all things in the name of Jesus and give thanks to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:13-15,19-23
In a dream, God tells Joseph to flee to Egypt to protect Jesus from King Herod.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. As we do so, our Gospel invites us to consider Joseph's protection of Jesus in the face of danger. Just as in the announcement of Jesus' birth, an angel appears to Joseph in a dream. The angel warns him of Herod's plans to harm Jesus. Joseph follows the command of the angel and takes Joseph and Mary to Egypt, returning only after receiving word in another dream that it was safe to do so.

This feast is part of the Christmas season, so we should look at today's Gospel in the context of what Scripture tells us about Jesus' birth. Today's reading is found in the Gospel of Matthew, following the story of the visit of the Magi. Recall that Matthew's story about the birth of Jesus makes Joseph the primary character. Among Matthew's themes in this infancy narrative is Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies about the messiah. Indeed, the story of the Holy Family's flight to Egypt recalls the story of Moses in the Book of Exodus.

It should also be noted that today's reading omits the verses that recount Herod's order of the massacre of the infant boys in and around Bethlehem. We mark this event on the Feast of the Holy Innocents on December 28.

These events remind us of the difficult reality of Jesus' birth. While the story of the Magi's visit will be recalled in our liturgy on the Feast of the Epiphany, our Christmas celebration is made more sober by the recollection that not everyone received Christ's birth with joy or obedience. Herod's jealousy and malice contrast with Joseph's obedience to the words of the angel. The Holy Family's escape to Egypt and the massacre that Jesus is saved from remind us of the struggles and sacrifices that are required as preparation for God's salvation.

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

