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THANKSGIVING MASS NOVEMBER 27TH, 2025



VOLUNTEERS FOR CHRISTMAS DECORATING NOV 30TH, 2025



SAINT RAPHAEL LITURGICAL CALENDAR CELEBRATION 2025

DECEMBER:

- Dec 8th Solemnity of Immaculate Conception in New Church 7AM (Holy Day of Obligation) and 6PM at Immaculate Conception in LIHUE not here in KOLOA
- Dec 12th at 6:30 PM, Movie Night (How the Grinch Stole Christmas). Sign up by Dec 7th. Food and Drink provided. Bring a blanket and chair
- 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

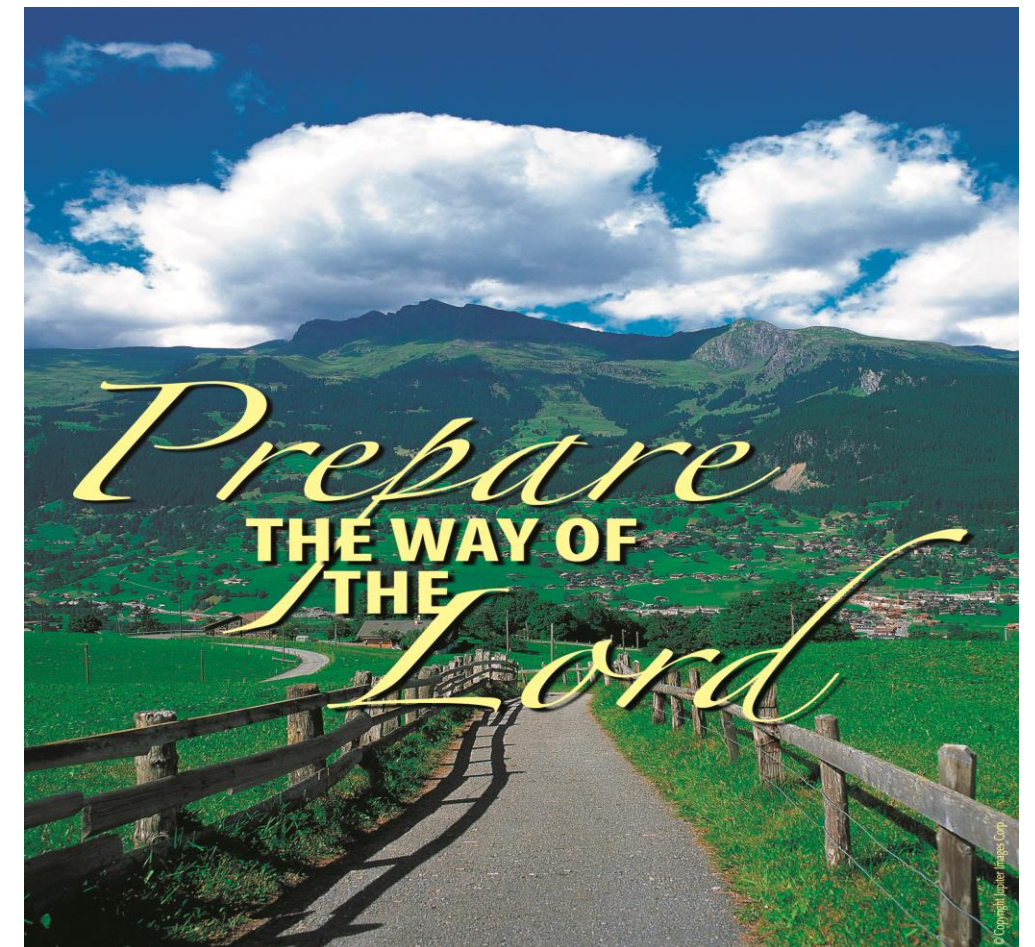
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NEW CHURCH

BOTH CHURCHES – SAME ADDRESS

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



2nd Sunday of Advent

December 7, 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 6 Elizabeth Allianic
Dec 6 Nicole Kabasawa
Dec 7 Hazel Bukoski
Dec 10 Florita Asuncion
Dec 11 Cassie Ballesteros
Dec 11 Evelyn Basnillo
Dec 11 Lorraine Jimenez
Dec 11 Edgar Rivera
Dec 11 Tyren Valencia
Dec 12 Louise Silva



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.

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December 6 & 7, 2025

In today’s Gospel reading John the Baptist warns his listeners: “Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!” The Church’s yearly Advent herald is a call to repentance. The season of Advent urges us to be open to a conversion of heart. Christian stewards heed this call daily, and take the need for conversion in their lives seriously. As a family of faith, do we hear this call to conversion amidst the massive holiday spending? The increase in credit card debt? The urge to buy things that are not necessary? The incivility on the roadways during the holidays? Are there patterns in our own lives that need to be converted?



Stewards of Treasure
Weekly Collections, Nov 29&30, 2025

Collection	\$	2,985.00
Votive Candles	\$	360.00
Mass Intentions (includes online)	\$	40.00
Gift Shop	\$	551.00
Food Pantry	\$	10.00
Building Maintenance	\$	1,000.00
Thanksgiving day collection	\$	1,759.00
2nd Collection		
	\$	
Youth	\$	
Online Church Offering	\$	847.85
Online Building Maintenance	\$	200.00

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



*There will be a 2nd collection next 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.

*Movie Night on Dec 12th in courtyard. Sign up by Dec 7th. Food and drink provided. Bring a blanket and chair.

*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 11:1-10

A descendent of Jesse will usher in a time of peace.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17

The Messiah will bring justice and peace to the nations.

Second Reading

Romans 15:4-9

Both Jews and Gentiles glorify God for the salvation found in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist appears in Judea preaching a message of repentance.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In this week's Gospel Reading and next week's, our Advent preparation for Christmas invites us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. In this week's Gospel, Matthew describes the work and preaching of John the Baptist.

John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets of Israel, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. In fact, the description of John found in this reading is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah (2 Kings 1:8). In this reading, John directs a particularly pointed call to repentance to the Pharisees and Sadducees, parties within the Jewish community of the first century.

John marks the conversion of those who seek him out with a baptism of repentance. Other groups in this period are thought to have practiced ritual washings for similar purposes, and John's baptism may have been related to the practices of the Essenes, a Jewish sect of the first century. John's baptism can be understood as an anticipation of Christian baptism. In this passage, John himself alludes to the difference between his baptism and the one yet to come: “I am baptizing you with water, for repentance . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” (Matthew 3:11).

In this reading, John makes very clear that his relationship to the Messiah yet to come (Jesus) is one of service and subservience: “. . . the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals” (Matthew 3:11). In the context of Matthew's Gospel, today's passage is followed by Jesus' baptism by John, an event that is attested to in all four of the Gospels and appears to have been the start of Jesus' public ministry.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord.

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

