

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

CHRISM MASS – TUESDAY – MARCH 5

6 PM - NEW CHURCH

BISHOP LARRY SILVA – PRESIDER

ST. RAPHAEL CHURCH - HOST

PALM SUNDAY – NEW CHURCH

March 23 – 5PM

March 24 – 7AM and 9:30AM

March 25 – Holy Monday Morning Mass (7AM – Old Church)

March 26 – Holy Tuesday Morning Mass (7AM – Old Church)

March 27 – Holy Wednesday Morning Mass (7AM – Old Church)

HOLY THURSDAY – MARCH 28

7PM – The Lord's Supper

Presentation of Chrism Oil

Transfer of the Blessed Sacrament to the Old Church (Altar of Repository)

Adoration in Old Church until 9PM

Rice Bowl Collection

Bring a bell to ring during Gloria song

GOOD FRIDAY – NEW CHURCH – MARCH 29

2PM – Stations of the Cross

3PM – Liturgy of the Word and Veneration of the Cross

EASTER VIGIL – SATURDAY, MARCH 30 – 7PM – NEW CHURCH

Bring a bell to ring during Gloria song

EASTER SUNDAY – NEW CHURCH, MARCH 31

7AM and 9:30AM

Egg Hunt after the 9:30AM Mass

ANOINTING OF THE SICK – NEW CHURCH AFTER MASS

Sunday, March 31 – 7AM and 9:30AM

PENTECOST VIGIL – SATURDAY, MAY 18– 5PM - NEW CHURCH

PENTECOST SUNDAY – MAY 19 – NEW CHURCH

7AM and 9:30AM



PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Rizal Pedro Acosta, MS –

Pastor

Office Secretary – Rose Dela Cruz

Parish Accounting Manager:

Michele Lum

Volunteer Accountant:

Mercedes Casticimo (as needed)

Volunteer Bookkeeper:

Marina Pascua

Volunteer - PDS

Laure Dietterle

Laurel Busse

Religious Education Director:

Allison Carveiro

Food Pantry:

Benymar Tapucol

Filipino Catholic Club:

Lydia Rebugio

Pastoral Council:

Paul Roberts - Chairperson

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.

RCIA: 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.



ST. RAPHAEL CHURCH

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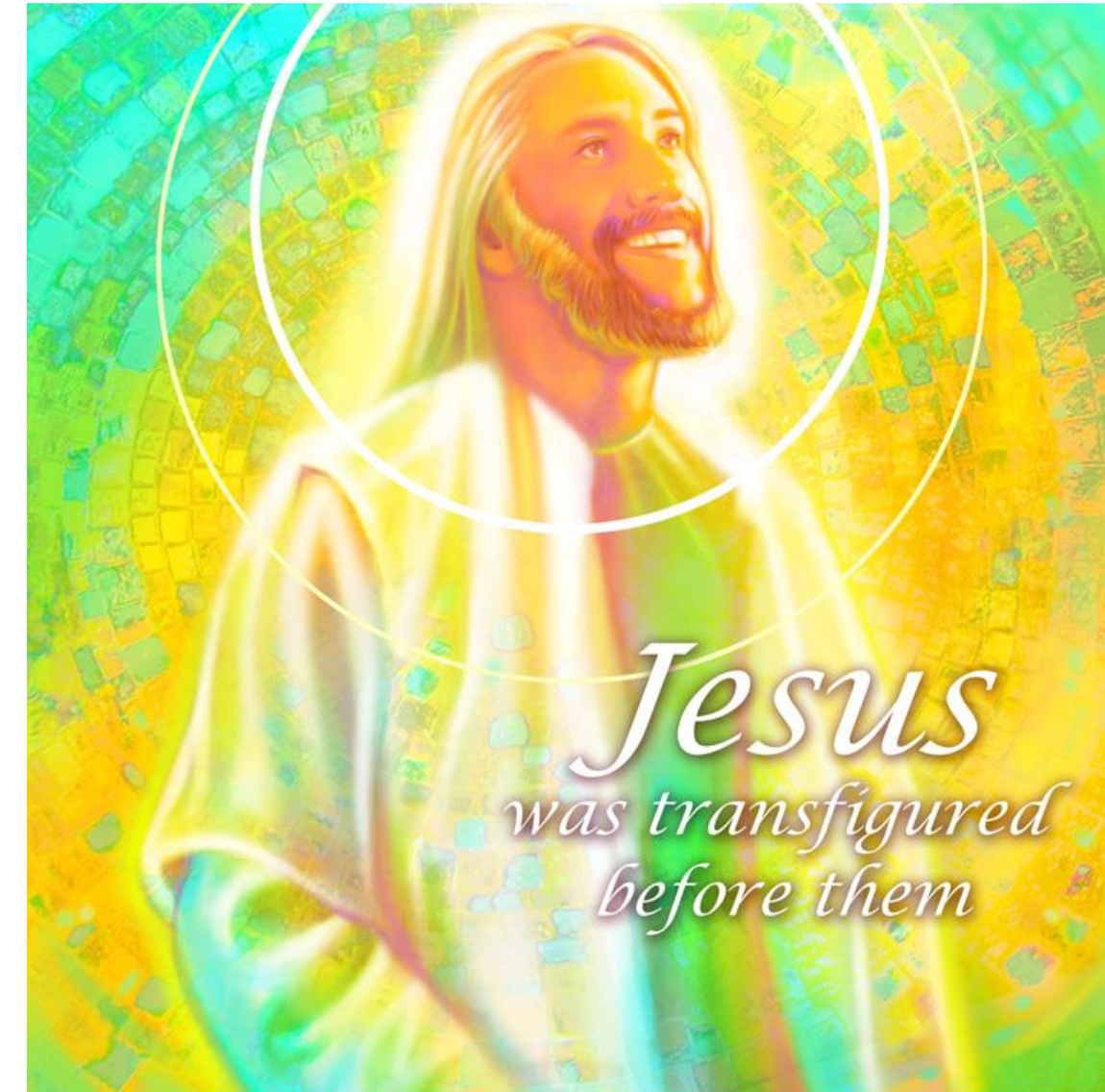
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Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2024

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Monday – Friday: 7:00 AM (Old Church) **Wednesday:** 7:00 AM (Old Church) followed by Novena

Saturday: 5:00 PM (New Church) **Sunday:** 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



February Birthdays

Lindsey Rivera 25
Gabriel Keller 26
Benita Mocilnikar 26
Donna Caberto 26
Marianne Thesken 27



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

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

- March 11 - 6:00PM at St. Raphael Church
- March 12 - 6:00PM at Holy Cross Church
- March 14 - 6:00PM at Immaculate Conception Church
- March 18 - 6:00PM at St. Theresa Church
- March 19 - 6:00PM at St. Catherine Church

Please consider attending the Lenten Penance Service at other Churches if you are unable to attend at St. Raphael Church.

A Stewardship Moment

The Gospel story of the transfiguration of Jesus holds many lessons; the most prominent being the transformation of Jesus from simply being perceived as a wise and gifted prophet to the one who has fulfilled the sacred traditions of the Mosaic law and the hope of the prophets, the Messiah, the Christ. The Lord calls his stewards to participate in His redemptive activity. Heeding this call requires transformation, being willing to renounce patterns of behavior that draw us away from God. In this coming week of Lent, let us pray for the grace to be transformed, so that by our goodness and generosity, we may walk more authentically in the footsteps of Jesus.



Stewards of Treasure
Weekly Collections , February 18, 2024

Collection	\$ 5,946.00
Votive Candles	\$ 391.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 200.00
Gift Shop	\$ 1,080.00
Food Pantry	\$ 18.00
Filipino Catholic Club Membership Dues	\$ 60.00
Laulima Campaign	\$ 500.00

Online Church Offering	\$ 262.70
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MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



*The Chrism Mass will be held on March 5 at 6 PM in the New Church hosted by St. Raphael. Presider is the Most Reverend Bishop Larry Silva.

*The Finance Council will be having a meeting this Sunday, February 25 after the 9:30 AM mass in the Parish Office.

*St. Raphael Filipino Catholic Club will meet this Sunday, February 25 at 10:45 AM in the Parish Hall.

*Chairperson of various Ministries will have a meeting on Sunday, March 3 after the 9:30 AM mass in the Middle room.

*There will be a Healing Mass on Monday, March 4 at 6 PM at St Theresa Church in Kekaha and on Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30 PM at Holy Cross Church in Kalaheo. Fr. Mike Barry from Ireland will come to pray with us. Come and experience Lord Jesus' Healing. Invite a family member, friend or a neighbor. All are welcome!

*Please help yourself to the Rice Bowls that are located at the entrance of the Church, to help your Lenten journey.

*Our Gift Shop is open after mass on weekends. Weekday schedule is 8 am to 2 pm. Thank you.



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MAHALO for celebrating with us 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 and considered St. Raphael Church your "home" away from home.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading

Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18
Abraham obeyed God and prepared to offer his son, Isaac, as a sacrifice.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 116:10,15,16-17,18-19
A prayer of faithfulness to God

Second Reading

Romans 8:31b-34
God's faithfulness is shown in his offering of his own Son for our salvation.

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:2-10
Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

Background on the Gospel Reading

On the second Sunday of Lent in each Lectionary cycle, the Gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. This event is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. This year, in Lectionary Cycle B, we hear Mark's report of this event.

The context for Mark's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew's and Luke's Gospel. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his passion. After this, in each of these Gospels, there is also a discussion of the cost of discipleship.

In each case, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear with Jesus. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospel, there is reference to a conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel includes the detail that this conversation is about what Jesus will accomplish in Jerusalem.

Elijah and Moses are significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. In appearing with Jesus at his Transfiguration, Moses represents the Law that guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is remembered as one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh. Some Jews believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. This belief is evidenced in the question posed by Jesus' disciples after they have witnessed the Transfiguration. The appearance of these two important figures from Israel's history with Jesus signifies Jesus' continuity with the Law and with the prophets and that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

On seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses and having witnessed his Transfiguration, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Mark reports that the disciples are terrified by what they have witnessed and that Peter's offer is made out of confusion. We also notice that Peter has reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus rabbi instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding the disciples to obey him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructs the disciples to keep secret what they have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead. The disciples' confusion continues as they wonder what Jesus means by rising from the dead. The disciples cannot possibly understand Jesus' Transfiguration until they also witness his passion and death. We hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection, even as we prepare to remember Jesus' passion and death.

Lenten Prayer

Father of mercies and God of all consolation, you sent your only Son to give your people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of our sins, because of the tender mercy of our God by which the daybreak from on high will visit us to shine on those who sit in darkness and death's shadow, to guide our feet into the path of peace. Deliver us from the darkness that blinds us; free us from the sins that bind us; fill us with the joy of your forgiveness through the Death and Resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.



If God is for us, who can be against us?
— Romans 8:31b