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### PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Rizal Pedro Acosta, MS –  
Pastor  
Office Secretary – Rose Dela Cruz

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Mercedes Casticimo (as needed)

Volunteer Bookkeeper:  
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Volunteer - PDS  
Laure Dietterle

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.

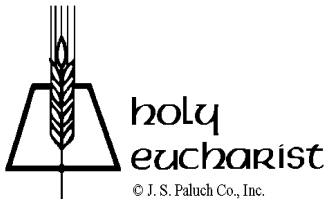
**First Holy Communion and Confirmation:** Contact the Office for more information.

**Marriage:** Contact the Parish Office for more information at least six months before wedding.

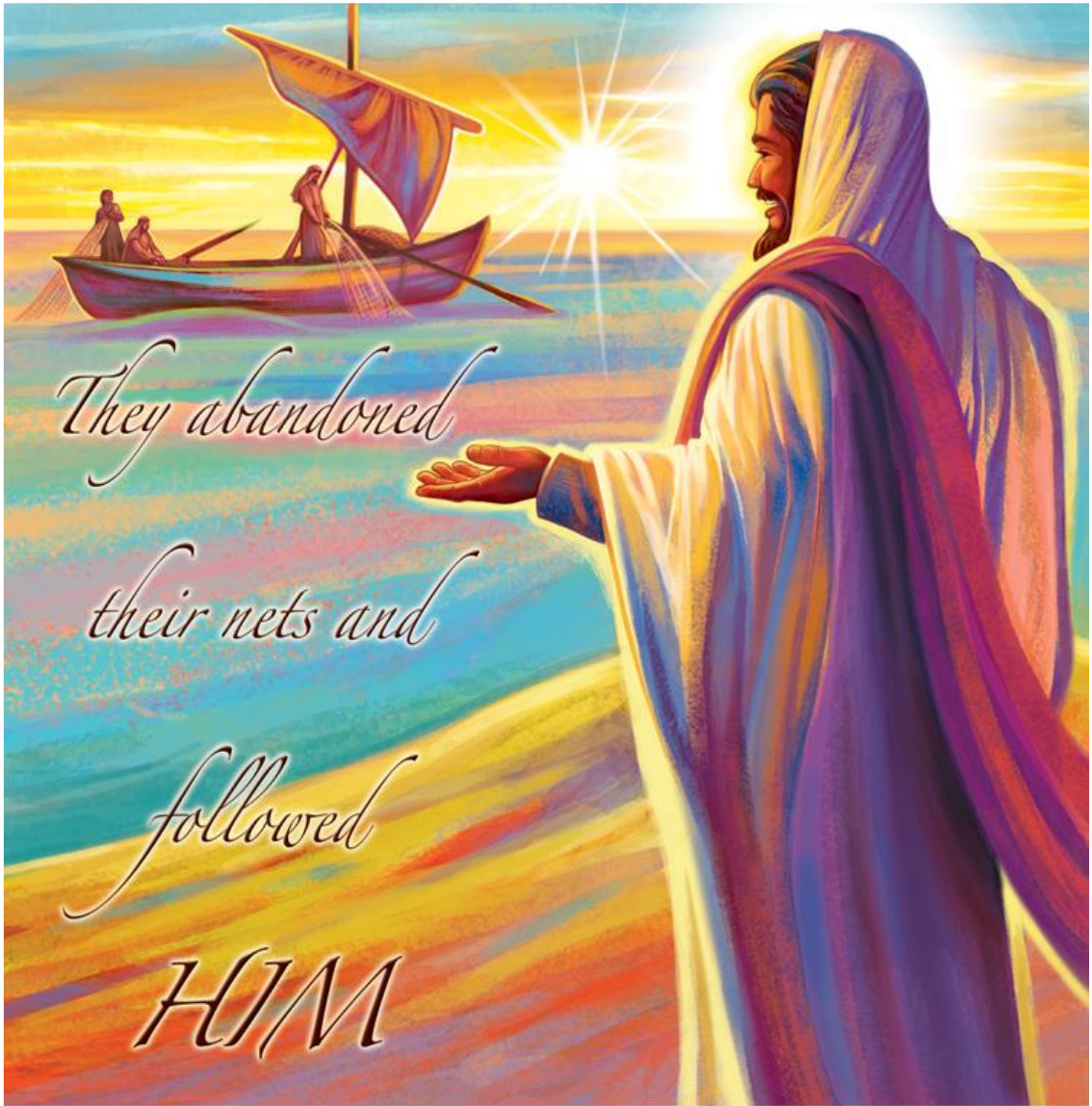
**RCIA:** Contact the Parish Office for more information.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact the Parish Office for scheduling the visit.

**Funerals:** Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.



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*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*January 21, 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



## January Birthdays

Imelda Brilantes 24  
Flordelyn Casticimo 24  
Marina Pascua 25  
Richard Barrera 25  
Xuan Thi Nguyen 26  
Imelda Melchor 27  
John Rao 27



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

### BISHOP LARRY SILVA'S ANNOUNCEMENT

*In order to safeguard the sacredness of the Holy Eucharist, Bishop Silva has forbidden that the Eucharist be given to anyone presenting a pyx in the Communion line. Only those who are authorized by the parish priest to take Holy Communion to the sick may receive the Eucharist from the priest after the Communion of the faithful and never during the Communion procession.*

### A Stewardship Moment

In today's letter from Saint Paul to the Corinthians, he calls upon people of faith to disengage from the world's way of living. He wants the community to step back and see how being entangled with the outside world can be a captivity preventing them from living authentic lives in Christ. Yet, to his way of thinking, disengagement is not an end in itself. Rather, being disengaged and set free, a person can engage the world from the perspective of being one who is "in Christ." Good stewards recognize that they live in a troubled world. Knowing the certainty, however, of God's ultimate kingdom beyond human history, how can we work as good stewards of our daily lives to align the present and the future with that kingdom?

### FUNERAL SERVICE FOR THE LATE CHARLES & MARILYN CAMPILLO

DATE: JANUARY 31, 2024

MASS: 10:30 AM

PLACE: ST. RAPHAEL OLD HISTORICAL CHURCH



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### Stewards of Treasure Weekly Collections , January 14, 2024

Collection	\$ 3,981.00
Votive Candles	\$ 274.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 305.00
Gift Shop	\$ 644.50
Building Maintenance Fund	\$ 200.00
Food Pantry	\$ 70.00
Online Church Offering	\$ 292.70
Online Other Donations	\$ 103.00

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



**\*We will have a Second Collection for Church in Latin America & Black & Indian Mission on January 27 & 28. Please make your check payable to St. Raphael Church. Thank you.**

**\*Feast of Sto. Niño will be celebrated this Sunday, January 21 at Holy Cross Church. Novena at 1:30 PM followed by a Eucharistic Mass at 2 PM then Sinulog and dinner at Holy Cross Parish Hall. Fr. Rizal will be presiding the mass.**

**\*Thank you to all parishioners who joined the 9-day Novena to Sto. Niño in the Old Historical Church.**

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

### PRAYER FOR THE SICK

May you be wrapped up in God's love, found deep in His everlasting wings, carried and kept safe and cherished. May the healing power of Christ breathe across your being now. Amen



**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

Jonah 3:1-5,10

God spared the people of Nineveh because they heeded the message God sent through Jonah.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 25:4-5,6-7,8-9

The Lord teaches us his ways.

### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul warns the Corinthians that they must act differently because the world in its present form is passing away.

### Gospel Reading

Mark 1:14-20

Jesus calls the fishermen, Simon and Andrew, James and John, to be his disciples.

### Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we begin a continuous reading of Mark's Gospel that will carry us through this segment of the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. Remember that in Cycle B of the Lectionary, most of the Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel according to Mark.

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a narrative about Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins by reporting on the preaching of John the Baptist. John is described as the voice in the wilderness sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Immediately after describing the work of John the Baptist, Mark reports on Jesus' baptism and his temptation in the desert. Jesus' public ministry begins after the arrest of John the Baptist. Mark wants his readers to understand the important connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' own ministry.

As we learn at the beginning of today's Gospel reading, Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John the Baptist, Jesus' pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus' preaching is greater than John's. Jesus begins the time of fulfillment; the Kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again, both in Jesus' words and in the actions that follow. Jesus' healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching.

In contrast to last week's Gospel, in Mark's Gospel Jesus takes the initiative in calling his first disciples. As mentioned last week, it was more typical of first-century rabbinical schools for students to seek out rabbis, asking to be their disciples. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus breaks with this tradition and invites his disciples to learn from him. Jesus is said to have first called four fishermen—Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers. Jesus promises that he will make them "fishers of men." James and John are also brothers. Mark does not report Jesus' words of invitation to them, but he does report that they left their fishing immediately; their father, Zebedee, was left behind in the boat.

Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfillment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom?

### MEMORARE TO OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE

Remember, Our Lady of La Salette, true Mother of Sorrows, the tears you shed for us on Calvary. Remember also the care you have taken to keep us faithful to Christ, your Son. Having done so much for your children, you will not now abandon us. Comforted by this consoling thought, we come to you pleading, despite our infidelities and ingratitude.

Virgin of Reconciliation, do not reject our prayers, but intercede for us, obtain for us the grace to love Jesus above all else. May we console you by living a holy life and so come to share the eternal life Christ gained by his cross. Amen.

### La Salette Invocation

Our Lady of La Salette, Reconciler of sinners, pray without ceasing for us who have recourse to you.



The kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent, and believe in the gospel.  
— Mark 1:15