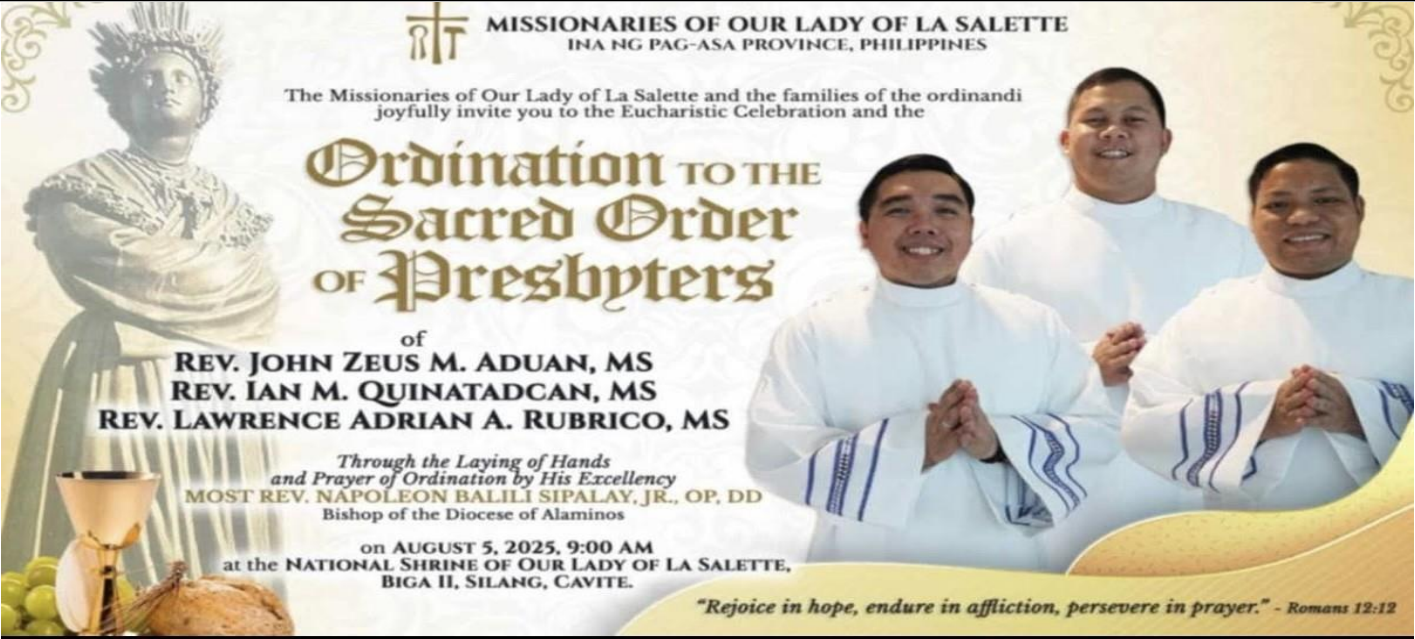


Hapa Trail Walk
Koloa Plantation Days Celebration



St. Raphael parishioners served coffee, bottled water and donuts to participants of the annual Hapa Trail Walk. Sandra Honl, our parishioner, conducted the Old Historical Church tour before the walk.



Priestly Ordination

The Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette Mother of Hope Province in the Philippines, extend heartfelt gratitude to St. Raphael Parish for your generous second collection contribution during the month of September. Thank you for your continued support of our seminarians' formation.

We are delighted to announce that three young Missionaries will be ordained as La Salette's Priests this August. Who knows – one day, they might be assigned to Hawaii when the need arises.



St. Raphael Filipino Catholic Club organized a Bake Sale on July 13 for the tuition assistance program. Thank you to all who donated, helped and supported with this successful event.



OLD HISTORICAL CHURCH

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NEW CHURCH

BOTH CHURCHES – SAME ADDRESS

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



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 27, 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
Volunteer Office Secretary – Rose Dela Cruz

Parish Accounting Manager:
Michele Lum

Volunteer Accountant:
Mercedes Casticimo (as needed)

Volunteer Bookkeeper:
Marina Pascua

Volunteer - PDS
Laure Dietterle

Religious Education Director:
Flordelyn “Lyn” Casticimo

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.

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.

July Birthdays

Jeanette Liberato 27
Victorino Lim 27
Cody Ishiguro 28
Margaret Kaneshiro 31
Kamryn Yates 31
Aleesha Olshefski 31



August Birthdays

Wilfredo Rabena 01
Christopher Snay 01
Kevin Egan 01
Christian Rivera 02
Shayla Olshefski 02

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



St. Raphael’s is in need of a new parish secretary. To apply for this position, check the Diocese website (www.catholichawaii.org) and click “Careers” at the bottom page and will direct you to job openings (i.e. application form, job description, qualifications etc.) or call St. Raphael’s office number 808-742-1955 for more information. If you believe you meet the minimum requirements for this position, kindly submit your letter of intention including some information about yourself to the pastor. Mahalo!

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A prominent theme in today’s Gospel parable is generosity. Late at night, a sleepy friend responds to his neighbor’s request for food for an unexpected guest. Jesus suggests that it would be unthinkable for a friend to deny a friend in need. A friend would most certainly give what is asked and more. Through this story, Jesus illustrates God’s generosity. Good stewards realize the extraordinary love and graciousness with which God showers us. We need never convince God to be generous. God is already that generous friend. His abundant love bathes us in goodness. This week, prayerfully reflect on God’s generosity to us. What should our response be to that generosity?



Stewards of Treasure
Weekly Collections July 20, 2025

Collection	\$	3,930.80
Votive Candles	\$	268.00
Mass Intentions	\$	90.00
Food Pantry	\$	5.00
Gift Shop	\$	658.00
Online Church Offering	\$	222.10
Online Building Maintenance	\$	51.50

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



*We will have a Second Collection on August 3 & 4 for the Catholic Charities Hawaii. Please make your check payable to St. Raphael Church. Thank you.

*La Salette Annual Retreat
Father Ron will be attending the La Salette Annual Retreat in the Philippines from August 4-8, 2025. He will also represent the Hawaii Cluster as their Local Superior at the Priestly ordination of the three young La Salette brothers.

*First Friday Holy Hour
Everyone is invited to join our regular First Friday Holy Hour following the 7 AM Mass.

*First Saturday Healing Mass
A Healing Mass is offered every First Saturday of the month. Come and experience the Healing presence of Jesus on Saturday, August 3 at 8 AM Mass.

*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.



St. Raphael's Church Online giving is tested and secured and a convenient way to give your weekly offerings or donations anytime from the comfort of your own home, or from any place with internet access. For more information, please visit our website at: st-raphael-kauai.org

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading
Genesis 18:20-32
Abraham pleads with God to save the innocent people of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 138:1-3,6-8
Lord, on the day I cried for help, you answered me.

Second Reading
Colossians 2:12-14
You were buried with Christ in Baptism and also raised with him.

Gospel Reading
Luke 11:1-13
Jesus teaches the disciples about prayer.

Background on the Gospel Reading

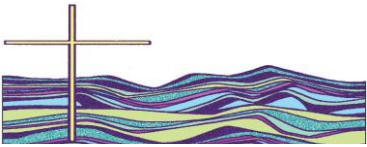
Luke gives more attention to Jesus' teachings on prayer than any other Gospel writer. He also mentions Jesus at prayer more than the others. In today's reading, from the beginning of Chapter 11 of his Gospel, Luke presents the core of Jesus' teaching on prayer. It consists of Jesus teaching a prayer to his disciples, a parable on the persistent neighbor, and assurances that God hears our prayers.

The disciples notice Jesus praying “in a certain place.” They ask him to teach them to pray just as John the Baptist had taught his disciples. Jesus teaches them a simple version of the most famous Christian prayer, the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer. Matthew's version shows signs of being shaped by public prayer. Luke's version is probably closer to the original form that Jesus taught. Stripped of much of the language we are used to, Luke's version seems simple and direct. We pray that God's name will be recognized as holy and that his rule over all will be established. This is followed by petitions for our needs for bread, for forgiveness, and for deliverance. Luke uses the more theological language of “sins” rather than “debts,” which is used in Matthew's version.

Having taught his disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First he tells a parable about a persistent neighbor who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbor is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbor is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests?

This teaching concludes with the reminder that if we seek, we will get a response. If a human father, with all his faults, knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will our heavenly Father give us? Instead of good gifts, however, Luke substitutes the word *Holy Spirit*. This foreshadows the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is central to Luke's theology and who will play an important role in the growth of the early Church after Pentecost.

The parable and the concluding teaching in this section should not lead us to think of prayer as a series of requests presented to God. Rather, as Jesus teaches in his model prayer, prayer consists in recognizing God's holiness and his rule over all things.



You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.
— Colossians 2:12

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