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**New Year's Day Mass – January 1, 2026 HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



**New Altar server, Luna Kahinu-Gray, daughter of Maika & Grayson Gray**

**Let us all welcome Luna!**



OLD HISTORICAL CHURCH

**ST. RAPHAEL CHURCH**  
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NEW CHURCH

**BOTH CHURCHES – SAME ADDRESS**

### 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.



*Baptism of the LORD*

*January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026*

### 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



January Birthdays

Kiowa Albao 10  
Andy Honl 12  
Lorine Paden 13  
Paul Sameshima 14  
Mercy Labrador 16



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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Stewardship - January 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

Saint Matthew’s story of the baptism of Jesus is an appropriate scripture reading to reflect on our own baptism. Jesus’ baptism has been understood as a symbol International Catholic Stewardship Council of his death. Baptism is the sacrament by which we die to an old life of sin and enter a new life of grace. We “put on Christ.” To be a good steward of one’s baptism means to accept that one has new life in the risen Lord and is willing to be guided by the life of Jesus. As this year begins to unfold, reflect on the meaning of your own baptism, and how you might make an even deeper commitment to a new life in Christ Jesus.



Stewards of Treasure  
Weekly Collections, Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

Collection	\$	3,567.00
Votive Candles	\$	549.00
Mass Intentions (includes online)	\$	70.00
Gift Shop	\$	685.50
Food Pantry	\$	40.00
2026 Calendar Sales	\$	50.00
New Year’s Collection	\$	3,025.00
2nd Collection – retirement fund for religious	\$	20.00
Building Maintenance	\$	1,000.00
Online Church Offering	\$	1,571.70
Online Building Maintenance	\$	

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



\*There will be a second collection this weekend for Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal. Please make checks payable to Saint Raphael Catholic Church.

\*The food pantry distribution this month will be on Thursday January 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm to 6:00pm.

\*Memorial service of Mr. Maurice Cadium will be on Jan 17<sup>th</sup> at 10AM in the new church

\*Memorial service of Mr. Herman Rendon will be on Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> at 10AM in the new church

\*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 42:1-4,6-7  
The servant of the Lord shall bring justice to all.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 29:1-2,3-4,9-10  
The Lord will give peace to the people.

Second Reading

Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38  
God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:13-17  
The Spirit of God comes upon Jesus as he is baptized by John.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The baptism of Jesus is attested to in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The account that appears in Matthew is the only one to include the dialogue between Jesus and John, however. Another difference in Matthew’s presentation of this event is the announcement made by the voice from heaven, which says, “This is my beloved son . . .” In Mark and Luke, this voice addresses itself to Jesus: “You are my beloved son . . .”

The baptisms that John performs prefigure Christian Baptism. John baptizes for repentance from sin. In accepting this baptism, Jesus unites himself with all sinners even though he is sinless. In Matthew’s Gospel, John the Baptist distinguishes his practice of baptism from the Baptism that the Messiah brings: “I am baptizing you with water . . . He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire” (Matthew 3:11).

The baptism of Jesus is another manifestation of Christ, another epiphany. Christ’s baptism inaugurates his mission. In an analogous way, our Baptism inaugurates our mission as Christians.

This Sunday marks a transition from the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. In a way, today’s feast is the high point of the Christmas season. Before Jesus’ birth, angels announced to Mary and to Joseph who Jesus would be. At his birth, the shepherds and the Magi recognize Jesus as the Messiah. At his baptism, Jesus accepts that he is God’s son and inaugurates that mission.

Prayer for Baptism of the Lord

Gracious God, in Jesus Christ baptized by John in the Jordan, you came to share our life and deliver us from the sin and death. As we are baptized with water pour out your Holy Spirit upon us to make us your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

