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## Investiture of Altar Servers – January 18, 2026

Quinton, Nathan and Julian Remigio; sons of Jackie and Scott Remigio



## Father Ron's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration Mass in the Philippines – Dec 2025



OLD HISTORICAL CHURCH

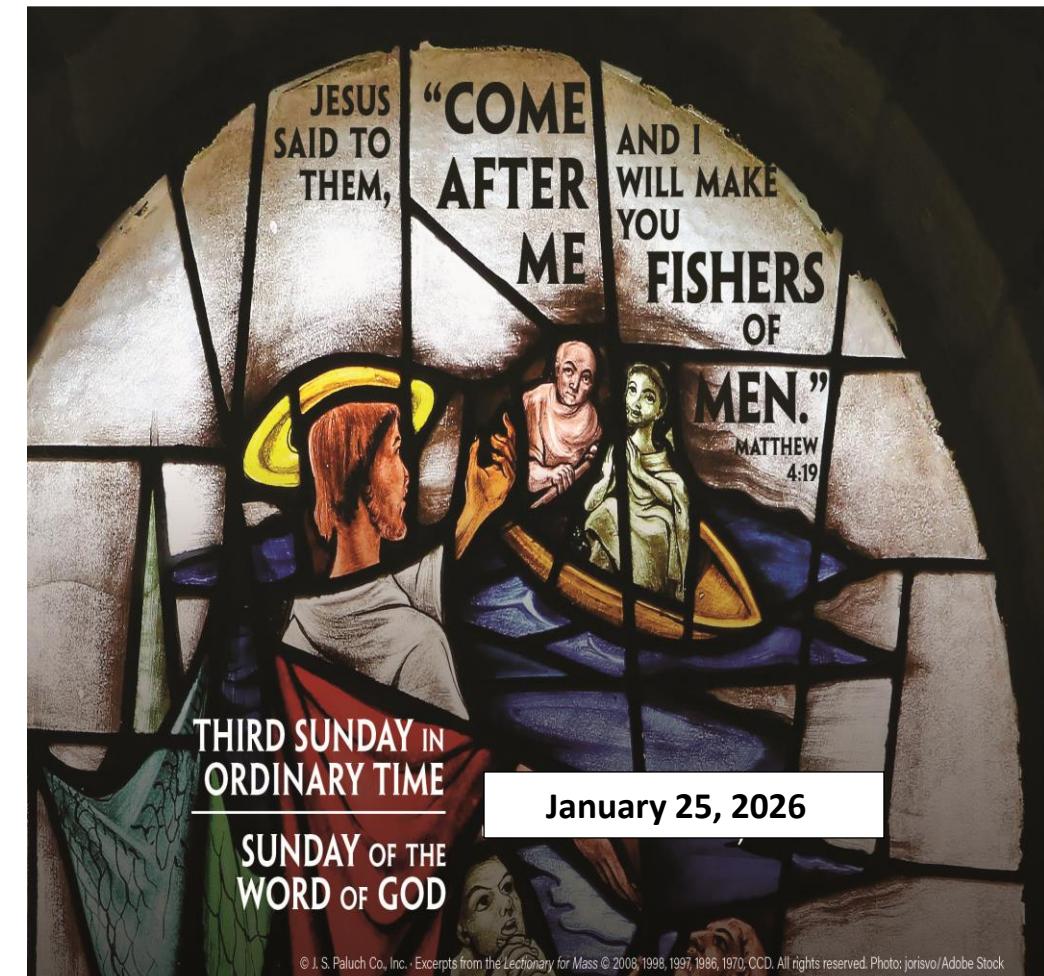
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NEW CHURCH

BOTH CHURCHES – SAME ADDRESS

*3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*January 25<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

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## January Birthdays

Flordelyn Casticimo 24  
 Marina Pascua 25  
 Xuan Thi Nguyen 26  
 Imelda Melchor 27  
 John Rao 27  
 Sybil Blackstad 28  
 Fredulin Casticimo 29  
 Denzel Magallanes 29  
 Emily Melchor 29  
 Brenda Sameshima 30  
 Craig Martin 30  
 Maria-Luisa Tapucol 30  
 Gerlinda DeCosta 30



Teddy Valencia 31  
 Ciara Valencia 31  
 Tyra Valencia 31  
 Cassie Valencia 31

May God 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 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

In today's gospel we hear Jesus calling Peter, Andrew, James and John to follow him. Following Jesus was a difficult journey for these first disciples. It is difficult for us today. Jesus wants to teach us his way of thinking, acting and encountering the world. But it is not easy for us to embrace his teaching. Good stewards of Jesus' teachings realize they are on a spiritual journey, and must learn from their experiences of being open or resistant to the gospel. They realize the need to be liberated from those actions that keep them from enjoying a closer friendship with Jesus. What is it in our lives that we need to reform? What keeps us from revealing God's glory to others?



### Stewards of Treasure

#### Weekly Collections, Jan 17th & 18th

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|--|-----------|-----------------|
| <b>Collection</b>                              | <b>\$</b> | <b>5,132.00</b> |
| <b>Votive Candles</b>                          | <b>\$</b> | <b>306.00</b>   |
| <b>Mass Intentions (includes online)</b>       | <b>\$</b> | <b>180.00</b>   |
| <b>Gift Shop</b>                               | <b>\$</b> | <b>749.00</b>   |
| <b>Food Pantry</b>                             | <b>\$</b> | <b>5.00</b>     |
| <b>Baptism and Funeral</b>                     | <b>\$</b> | <b>400.00</b>   |
| <b>Calendar sales</b>                          | <b>\$</b> | <b>340.00</b>   |
| <b>2nd Collection - CMAA (includes online)</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>30.00</b>    |
| <b>Building Maintenance (includes Laulima)</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>2,100.00</b> |
| <b>Online Church Offering</b>                  | <b>\$</b> | <b>1,282.10</b> |
| <b>Online Building Maintenance</b>             | <b>\$</b> | <b>0.00</b>     |

### MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



\*Today's second collection is for the Church in Latin America and the Black and Indian missions. Your support will go to help fund programs such as evangelization and catechesis for these missions.

\*Our Parish is grateful to Rochelle Dela Cruz for the pictures taken by her and used for the 185<sup>th</sup> commemorative calendar of St. Raphael.

\*Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. There will be a blessing of candles at the 7:00am mass.

\*The first Saturday Healing Mass is on Feb 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am in the old church.

\*The online giving QR code is now attached to the front cover of the missalette/song book found in the pew.

\*There will be a funeral mass for Lil Riley on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Father Gus presiding.

\*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 8:23-9:3

The people in darkness have seen a great light.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 27:1,4,13-14

The Lord is our refuge, our light, our salvation.

#### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

Paul urges the community at Corinth to be united as people baptized in Christ's name.

#### Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins to preach in Galilee and calls his first disciples. (shorter form Matthew 4:12-17)

#### Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

### The Cause of Church Unity

Every year, close to the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul on January 25, and before the feast of the Chair of St. Peter on February 22, the cause of Church unity is commended to Christians everywhere. Sadly, Protestants, Orthodox, and Catholics have settled to a status quo of separation. When baptized people become Catholic, we speak of them as being received into "full communion." That means we already share a communion in faith in many ways, including the **Word of God**. Many Protestant denominations have received and revised the three-year cycle of readings first arranged by Catholics in the early 1970s. Therefore, many of your neighbors who are not Catholic are celebrating and reflecting on the same readings we are savoring on most Sundays of the year. This makes for a new spirit of cooperation among preachers of the gospel, and gives hope that the cause of reunion, desired by Christ, has great vitality at the table of **God's Word**, and will one day lead to unity at the table of the Lord's Body and Blood.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light



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