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## Parish Christmas Party – December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025



## 2025 Misa De Gallo – December 16<sup>th</sup> through December 24<sup>th</sup>



## Christmas Day Mass December 25<sup>th</sup>



OLD HISTORICAL CHURCH

## ST. RAPHAEL CHURCH

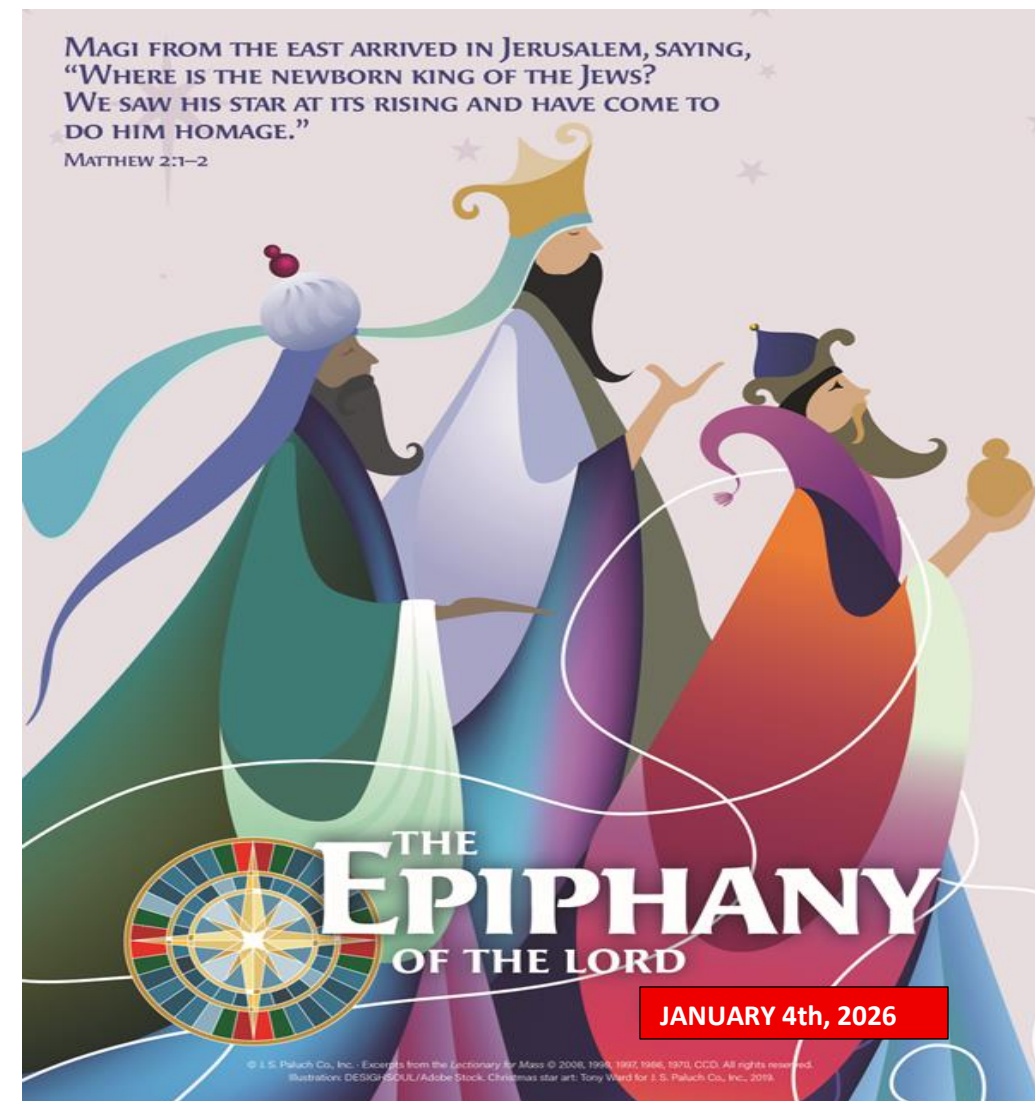
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NEW CHURCH

**BOTH CHURCHES – SAME ADDRESS**

## “SPES NON CONFUNDIT” HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT



## 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  
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.



January Birthdays

Jan 4<sup>th</sup> Cynthia Corona  
Jan 4<sup>th</sup> Niko Laborte  
Jan 6<sup>th</sup> Florentino Caoagas  
Jan 6<sup>th</sup> James Hadwin  
Jan 8<sup>th</sup> Kimberley Melchor  
Jan 8<sup>th</sup> Nygel Melchor  
Jan 9<sup>th</sup> Juvy Batuyong  
Jan 10<sup>th</sup> Kiowa Alboa



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.

CATHOLIC.ORG

January 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

In today’s second reading we hear the teachings of Saint Paul to the members of the Church at Ephesus. He proclaims that he, and they, are stewards of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and therefore stewards of God’s loving, unifying and inclusive grace. He also proclaims that the Holy Spirit is at work within each of them, if only they would be open to the Spirit. Today, our world races by with intolerance, violence, desperate poverty, fear and division. At the beginning of this New Year, perhaps it is appropriate to reflect on Saint Paul’s words and ask ourselves how we can be good stewards of the gospel today. How will we allow the Holy Spirit to work within us? How can we be better stewards of Christ’s justice and peace?



Stewards of Treasure  
Weekly Collections, Dec 27 & 28, 2025

Collection (including Misa de Gallo)	\$	3,388.24
Votive Candles	\$	588.00
Mass Intentions (includes online)	\$	80.00
Gift Shop	\$	659.50
Food Pantry	\$	13.00
2026 Calendar Sales	\$	950.00
Christmas Eve and Day	\$	9,343.00
2nd Collection – Catholic Ministries		912.50
Annual Appeal (includes online)	\$	
Building Maintenance	\$	6,000.00
Online Church Offering	\$	720.80
Online Building Maintenance	\$	200.00

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



\*There will be a second collection on January 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> for Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal. Please make checks payable to Saint Raphael Catholic Church.

\*Volunteers are needed to remove and pack up the Christmas decorations on Saturday January 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 8AM. Please come and help if you are able.

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

\*Words of gratitude to Julia Pascual of EleEle for the gold plating of the two chalices used in our parish for both the historic and new church.

\*Memorial service of Mr. Maurice Cadiam 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

\*The 2026 schedule for historic Church cleaning and Gift shop weekly volunteers is now posted on the bulletin board.

\*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 60:1-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. The term “Epiphany” is derived from a Greek word meaning “to reveal.” It is a celebration of God’s revelation. Indeed, on Christmas Day, God disclosed Himself in His incarnate Son, the Saviour of humanity.

Yet, Epiphany signifies a distinct and extraordinary moment of divine revelation. On this day, the three wise men, also known as magi or kings from the East, visited and honoured the Christ Child. Through this act, God’s glory was revealed and made manifest to the entire world, symbolised by the presence of the magi.

The revelation of God through the Epiphany underscores that His salvation, made possible through the Incarnation, is universal. It is inclusive and does not discriminate. Though Jesus was born at a specific time and place, the grace He brings transcends all boundaries and limitations.

Consequently, Epiphany serves as a powerful reminder to reject all forms of exclusivity, discrimination, and sectarianism that foster division, hatred, and hostility in the name of religion.

God cannot be claimed as the exclusive possession of any individual or group. His grace is universal, and His revelation cannot be confined or restricted. Religion should not serve as a fortress to enclose God or a barrier to exclude others.

Therefore, the celebration of Epiphany is a resounding call to reject religious extremism and communal violence. It exposes the absurdity of individuals who, under the guise of religiosity, act contrary to its essence.

Such actions often degrade into inhumane cruelty, inflicting suffering upon others. These individuals arrogantly position themselves as self-appointed guardians of God, usurping divine authority and acting as if they were gods themselves.

In truth, God’s revelation has not reached the hearts of such individuals. In their efforts to project themselves as mediators of God’s grace, they, in fact, obstruct it. They resemble King Herod in the Gospel, who, upon hearing of the Messiah’s birth, felt threatened and schemed to destroy the incarnate God.

In contrast, the celebration of Epiphany invites us to emulate the wisdom of the magi. These men recognised Jesus as the Saviour and Liberator. They earnestly sought a personal encounter with Him, employing their knowledge, intelligence, and resources—such as scripture and astronomy—to discern His presence.

Their unwavering determination and openness to divine guidance, exemplified by their following of the star, led them on a challenging journey. They demonstrated profound humility and faith by kneeling before the Christ Child and offering Him homage.

The magi’s dedication was richly rewarded with the rare privilege of encountering the Saviour of the world—a grace denied to many in His immediate surroundings.

