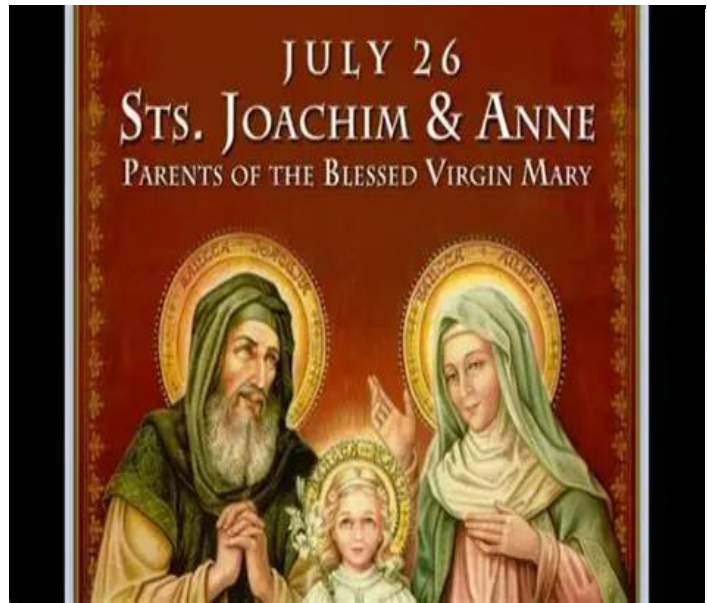


HAPA TRAIL WALK- KOLOA PLANTATION DAY CELEBRATION



The PPC members under the leadership of Jacquelyn Contrades the chairperson, served coffee, bottled water and donuts to participants of the annual Hapa Trail Walk. Julie Souza, Mercedes Casticimo and Leonard Vierra conducted the Old Historical Church tour before the walk.



OLD HISTORICAL CHURCH



NEW CHURCH

ST. RAPHAEL CHURCH
Oldest Catholic Church on Kauai – est. 1841
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BOTH CHURCHES – SAME ADDRESS

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Ronaldo Guzman, MS – Pastor
Dcn. Bambi Emayo – Deacon
Office Secretary – Sr. Roselyne Mawpat, MSMHC

Parish Accounting Manager:
Michele Lum

Volunteer Accountant:
Mercedes Casticimo (as needed)

Volunteer Bookkeeper:
Marina Pascua

Volunteer - PDS
Laure Dietterle

Religious Education Director:
Sr. Roselyne Mawpat, MSMHC

Food Pantry:
Benymar Tapucol

Filipino Catholic Club:
Lydia Rebugio

Pastoral Council:
Jacquelyn Contrades

Finance Council:
Jeanette Liberato

Baptism: Submit application form and required papers to the Parish Office. Baptism class will be scheduled upon receipt of completed applications. Baptism is 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.



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 26, 2026

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

- Daily Mass Monday – Friday:** 7:00 AM (Old Church)
- Wednesday:** O.L.P.H Novena (After Mass)
- Thursday:** Our Lady Of La Salette Novena (After Mass)
- Saturday:** Novena to St. Raphael & Rosary (7.30 AM. Mass – 8.00 AM)
- Healing Mass:** (Every First Saturday only)- 8.00 AM
- Saturday (Vigil Mass):** 5.00 PM (NewChurch)
- Sunday (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

July Birthdays & August

Jeanette Liberato 27
Abbene Theodore 27
Victorino Lim 27
Cody Ishiguro 28
Maragret Kaneshiro 31
Kamryn Yates 31
Aleesha Olshefski 31
Wilfredo Rabena 1
Christopher Snay 1
Kevin Egan 1
Christian Rivera 2
Shyla Olshefski 2



May God bless you and grant you
the wishes of your Heart

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A profound stewardship prayer is offered by the young King Solomon in today’s first reading. He asks the Lord to give him an understanding heart, compassion towards God’s people and the insight to distinguish right from wrong. An understanding heart, or wisdom, is a gift from God. It is a gift that enables us to make good decisions and prudent choices. Cultivating and sharing this gift is essential, especially when poor decisions and lack of compassion have consequences that affect the lives of others. During these disquieting times, are we asking God for an understanding heart? Are we exercising good stewardship over the gift of wisdom? Are we sharing our compassionate hearts with others?

New Columbarium

We are happy to announce the new St. Raphael cremation Niche Columbaria project on the parish grounds. For the first time, we can offer **NON-REGISTERED** as well as Registered Parishioners the opportunity to have their remains interred at St. Raphael.

The new columbaria niches allow the committal of cremated remains in a final resting place on Holy ground amongst our St. Raphael parish community. Each niche can accommodate the remains of up to two individuals.

Your purchase of a niche helps support St. Raphael and the Diocese community. For more information or to answer any questions, please contact: Duane Pavao, Director of cemeteries, 808-783-6778, dpavao@cfcsmmission.org. Elly Mae Kalilikane, Family Service Advisor, 808-727-1024, mkalilikane@cfcsmmission.org.



Stewards of Treasure

Weekly Collections July 18 – 19, 2026

Collection	\$	3,489.00
Votive Candles	\$	232.00
Mass Intentions	\$	110.00
Gift Shop	\$	1227.50
Food Pantry (Cash)	\$	5.00
Second Collection (CMAA)	\$	1,366.00
Building Maintenance	\$	10.00
Online Church Offering	\$	331.60

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



***Our Parish Office will be closed on July 28,2026 in observance of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Elect, Michael Castori, SJ. at co- Cathedral of St. Theresa, Honolulu.**

***Our Second Collection for next week August 1 & 2 will be for the Catholic Charities in Hawai’i, which serves all people, especially those with the greatest need, regardless of their faith or culture. Thank you for your generosity.**

***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:

straphaelkauai.org

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading

1 Kings 3:5,7-12
Solomon pleases God when he asks for a wise and understanding heart to better govern the people.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 119:57,72,76-77,127-130
The law of the Lord is more precious than silver and gold.

Second Gospel Reading

Romans 8:28-30
God chose us to be conformed to the image of his Son.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:44-52 (shorter form: Matthew 13:44-46)
Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of Heaven.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today’s Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew’s Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus’ teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. In this week’s Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables.

The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

The third parable that Jesus proposes in today’s Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the Sower heard in last week’s Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Today’s Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who “brings from his storeroom both the new and the old.” The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus’ “new” teaching. Jesus’ teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light.



Stewardship Prayer

Loving Father! I desire to spend my life living in collaboration with You as a disciple of Your son Jesus. I am truly grateful for the numerous gifts that You have given me. I acknowledge that everything that I have and everything that I am are Your gifts. As I approach the Eucharist, I bring a portion of Your gifts as my offering. I bring the time that I spend with You in prayer. I bring what I have done in Your service. I bring a just portion of my treasure. I pray that You grant me the wisdom and strength to live my life as a reflection of Your love. I pray that my participation in the Eucharist and my sacrificial offering is pleasing to You. I ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.