

**STEWARDSHIP SAINT for July Saint Paul's Friends and Fellow Missionaries:
Saints Prisca and Aquila**

Prisca and Aquila were a prominent married couple who were missionaries, established churches and played an active role in the evangelizing ministry of Saint Paul. They are mentioned six times in four different texts of the New Testament. Prisca and Aquila were of Jewish heritage and two of the earliest known Christian converts who lived in Rome. They were forced to leave Italy for a short time because of Emperor Claudius' edict in the year 49 C.E., prohibiting Jews from living in Rome. Paul visited Prisca and Aquila in Corinth and discovered they were tentmakers like himself, so he stayed with them and they worked together (Acts 18:1-3). When Paul left Corinth, Prisca and Aquila left with him but stopped at Ephesus while he traveled on to Syria. In Ephesus the couple gave catechetical instruction to Apollos, a Jew from Alexandria (Acts 18:18-19, 24-26). They returned to Rome when the expulsion was eventually lifted and Paul sent them greetings there, referring to them with great affection: "My greetings to Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their own necks to save my life; to them, thanks not only from me, but from all the churches among the gentiles ..." (Rom.16:3-4). Paul then added: "...and my greeting to the church at their house" (Rom.16:4), a reminder that Christians in the New Testament era gathered for the Eucharistic celebration in private homes and not in separate church buildings. At some point, the couple left Rome again and moved to Ephesus. When Paul wrote from there to the church at Corinth in the year 57, he included "many greetings" from Prisca and Aquila and from the church that met at their house (1 Cor. 16:19). Paul's inclusion of them in his greetings implies that Prisca and Aquila were also involved in the establishment of that church along with Paul. And when Paul wrote to Timothy from prison, he sent Prisca and Aquila his greetings as well (2 Tim. 4:19). The Roman Martyrology states that Prisca and Aquila died in Asia Minor, but some church historians believe the tradition that the couple were martyred in Rome, in part, because of the existence of the Church of St. Prisca on Aventine Hill, the southernmost of Rome's seven hills. The church is believed by many archeologists to be the site of the house of Prisca and Aquila. Their feast day is July 8



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BOTH CHURCHES – SAME ADDRESS

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Ronaldo Guzman, MS – Pastor
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Parish Accounting Manager:
 Michele Lum

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Volunteer Bookkeeper:
 Marina Pascua

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 Laure Dietterle

Religious Education Director:
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 Benymar Tapucol

Filipino Catholic Club:
 Lydia Rebugio

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 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.

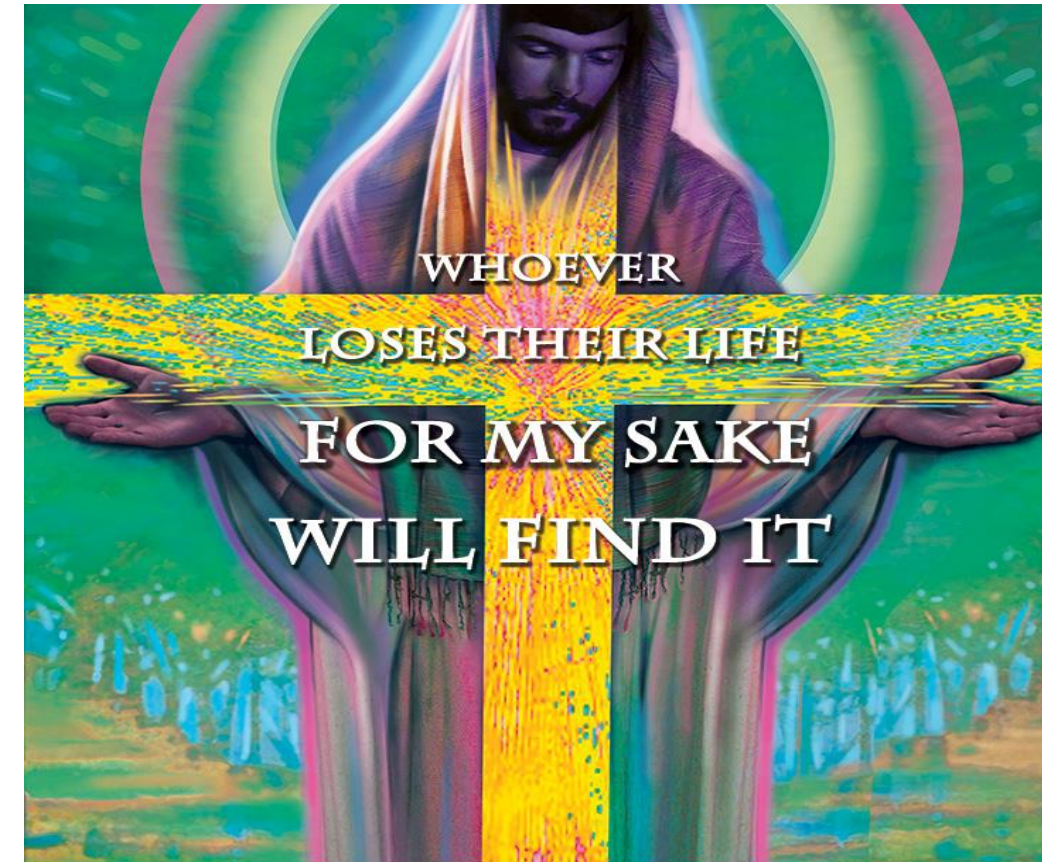
First Holy Communion and Confirmation: Contact the Office for more information.

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.



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 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

Emmanuel Melchor 1
Julius Crescines 2
Darian Gerardo 2
Hazel Ruiz 2
Qiare Furuta 4
Laureana Rendon 4
Griselda Pablo 5



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

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@cfcsmission.org. Elly Mae Kalilikane, Family Service Advisor, 808-727-1024, mkalilikane@cfcsmission.org.

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.

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's gospel reading the Twelve hear Jesus speak these words: "Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." This is the first time Matthew mentions the word "cross" in his Gospel, and it is not in direct reference to Jesus' crucifixion but as a prerequisite to following him. Good stewards recognize that the call to discipleship requires them to "take up the cross" and align their goals in life and their fate with that of Jesus, that is, with suffering, opposition, resistance and even death. Reflect this week on the crosses you need to take up daily in order to comprehend the way of Jesus Christ.



Stewards of Treasure

Weekly Collections June 20 – 21, 2026

Collection	\$	4,160.00
Votive Candles	\$	403.00
Mass Intentions	\$	110.00
Gift Shop	\$	242.50
Food Pantry (Cash)	\$	5.00
Building Maintenance Fund	\$	500.00
Online Church Offering	\$	202.10

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



***We are having a Second Collection for Peter's Pence this weekend. This collection funds the ongoing activities of the Holy See and helps the Holy Father reach out to people suffering in our world. Thank you.**

***Our Parish Office will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of a Diocesan Holiday for Independence Day.**

***On Saturday July 4, the Healing Mass will be at 8:00AM.**

***Our Gift Shop is open after mass on weekends and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9AM to 12PM.**



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

2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16a

Hospitality extended to Elisha will be rewarded.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 89:2-3,16-19

Sing God's praises forever.

Second Reading

Romans 6:3-4,8-11

Through Christ we are dead to sin but alive in God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus outlines the costs and rewards of discipleship.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we have heard Jesus offering to his disciples during the past few weeks. In this passage, Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. Once again, our understanding of the Gospel is strengthened by considering the context in which it was written and the perspective of Matthew's audience.

The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew's Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth—choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. For many in Matthew's community, this choice brought division to their family.

Matthew also outlines the reward of hospitality offered to Jesus' followers. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship yet reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed him.

Today's Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love.

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.

