

*Holy Week and Easter Schedule*



**PALM SUNDAY – NEW CHURCH**

March 23 – 5PM  
March 24 – 7AM and 9:30AM

March 25 – Holy Monday Morning Mass (7AM – Old Historical Church)  
March 26 – Holy Tuesday Morning Mass (7AM – Old Historical Church)  
March 27 – Holy Wednesday Morning Mass (7AM – Old Historical Church)

**HOLY THURSDAY – MARCH 28**

7PM – The Lord’s Supper  
Procession  
Holy Oils  
Transfer of the Blessed Sacrament  
to the Old Historical Church (Altar of Repository)  
Adoration in Old Historical Church until 9PM  
Rice Bowl Collection  
Bring a bell to ring during Gloria song

**GOOD FRIDAY – NEW CHURCH – MARCH 29**

2PM – Stations of the Cross  
3PM – Liturgy of the Word and Veneration of the Cross

**EASTER VIGIL – SATURDAY, MARCH 30 – 7PM – NEW CHURCH**

Bring a bell to ring during Gloria song

**EASTER SUNDAY – NEW CHURCH, MARCH 31**

7AM and 9:30AM  
Egg Hunt after the 9:30AM Mass

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK – NEW CHURCH AFTER MASS**

Sunday, March 31 – 7AM and 9:30AM

**PENTECOST VIGIL – SATURDAY, MAY 18– 5PM - NEW CHURCH**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY – MAY 19 – NEW CHURCH**



**Stations-of-the Cross**

Every Friday at 6:00PM During Lent  
Weather permitting, on the lawn  
fronting the New Church. If it rains,  
it will be inside the New Church.



OLD HISTORICAL CHURCH

**PASTORAL STAFF**

Rev. Rizal Pedro Acosta, MS – Pastor  
Office Secretary – Rose Dela Cruz

Parish Accounting Manager:  
Michele Lum

Volunteer Accountant:  
Mercedes Casticimo (as needed)

Volunteer Bookkeeper:  
Marina Pascua

Volunteer - PDS  
Laure Dietterle  
Laurel Busse

Religious Education Director:  
Allison Carveiro

Food Pantry:  
Benymar Tapucol

Filipino Catholic Club:  
Lydia Rebugio

Pastoral Council:  
Paul Roberts - Chairperson

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.

**RCIA:** Contact the Parish Office for more information.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact the Parish Office for scheduling the visit.

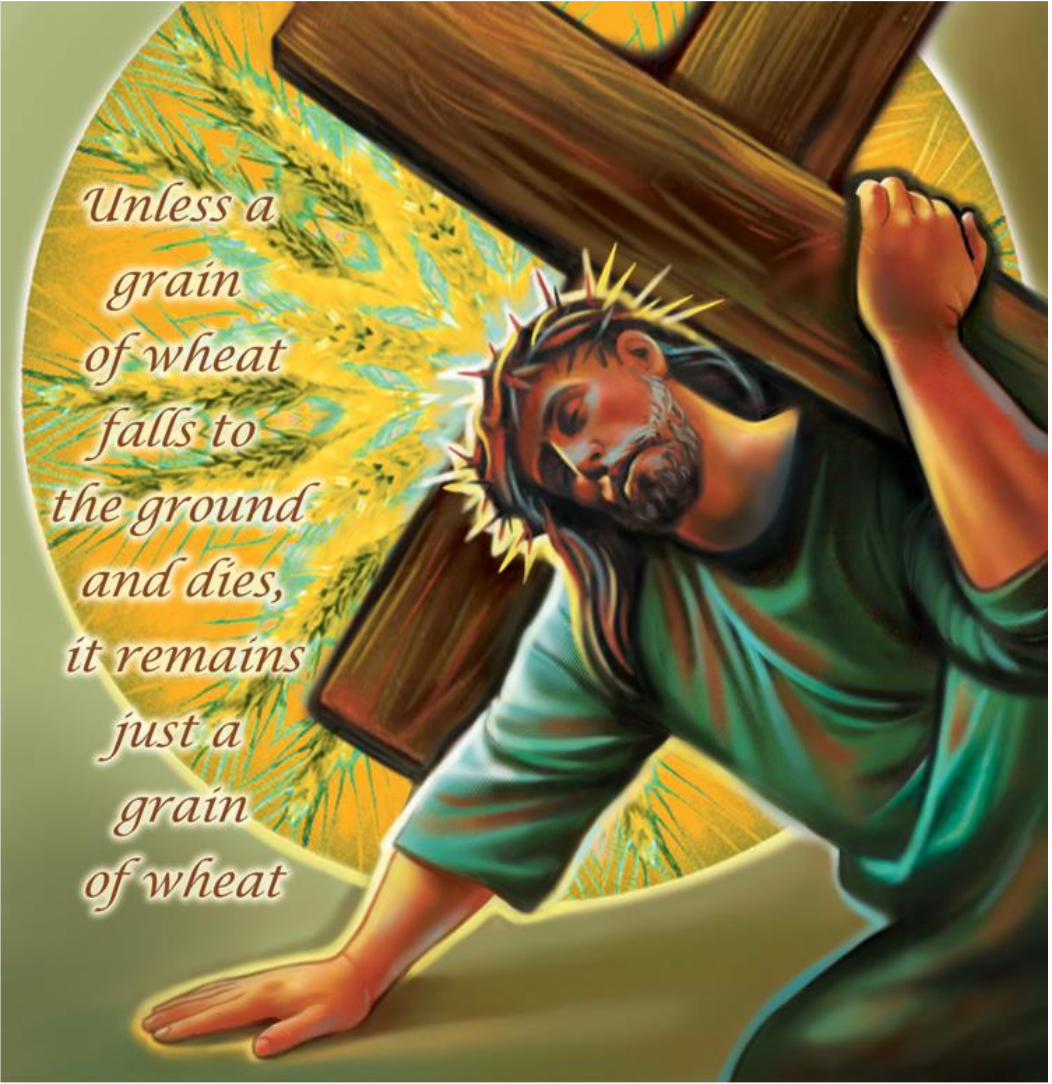
**Funerals:** Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

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NEW CHURCH

**BOTH CHURCHES – SAME ADDRESS**



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*Fifth Sunday of Lent*  
*March 17, 2024*

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

**Monday – Friday:** 7:00 AM (Old Church) **Wednesday:** 7:00 AM (Old Church) followed by Novena

**Saturday:** 5:00 PM (New Church) **Sunday:** 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

**National Eucharistic Revival Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, you give us your flesh and blood for the life of the world, and you desire that all people come to the Supper of the Sacrifice of the Lamb. Renew in your Church the truth, beauty, and goodness contained in the Most Blessed Eucharist.

Jesus **living** in the Eucharist, come and live in me.

Jesus’ **healing** in the Eucharist, come and heal me.

Jesus **sacrificing yourself** in the Eucharist, come and suffer in me.

Jesus **rising** in the Eucharist, come and rise to new life in me.

Jesus **loving** in the Eucharist, come and love in me.

Lord Jesus Christ, through the paschal mystery of your death and resurrection made present in every Holy Mass, pour out your healing love on your Church and on our world. Grant that as we lift you up during this time of Eucharistic Revival, your Holy Spirit may draw all people to join us at this Banquet of Life. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Our Lady of Peace, Mother of the Eucharist, Pray for us.

*In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.*



March Birthdays

Zariah Bukoski 17  
Gabrielle Gregorius 17  
Mary Keller 18  
Marlon Calzado 19  
Stephen Paul Ruiz 19  
Avery Casticimo 20  
Donald Horcher 20



May God richly bless you and grant the wishes of your heart!

VICARIATE OF KAUAI EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

WHEN: JUNE 8, 2024

WHERE: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

MASS AT 8:00 AM FOLLOWED BY A LIVE STREAMING FROM MAUI – PRESENTED BY FR. RAFAEL CAPO. THERE WILL BE NO 7 AM MASS AT ICP. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN.



We are looking for Musicians and Singers for the 5 PM and 7 AM Mass. Please contact any of the choir members during those masses.

A Stewardship Moment

The Gospel story of Jesus inviting his disciples into a great mystery with curious pronouncements: Those who love their lives just as they are will lose them. If a grain of wheat dies, it will bear much fruit...What does Jesus mean? The climactic event of Jesus' passion and death is drawing closer; a time when the great confrontation between Jesus and the powers of darkness take place. When Jesus is lifted up, he will draw all to himself. The Christian steward knows life can't be lived in complacency. We are called to die to self, bear more fruit, be raised up with Jesus. Jesus brings discomfort to those who are comfortable. Jesus urges us to give witness in his name. How will we respond?



Stewards of Treasure  
Weekly Collections , March 10, 2024

Collection	\$ 4,128.00
Votive Candles	\$ 443.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 42.00
Gift Shop	\$ 1,126.50
Filipino Catholic Club Membership Dues	\$ 12.00
Building Maintenance Fund	\$ 1,200.00
Second Collection – Catholic Relief Fund	\$ 1,151.00
Online Church Offering	\$ 352.70

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



\*We will have a Second Collection on March 30 & 31 for Ohana in Christ. Please make your checks payable to Ohana in Christ. Thank you.

\*Lenten Recollection for St. Raphael Parishioners had been collaborated by Father Rizal with Holy Cross Church. It will be on March 20 at 6 PM at Holy Cross. You are all invited.

\*St. Raphael Church's drive thru Food Pantry distribution will be on Thursday, March 21 from 4:30PM to 6PM.

\*In preparation of Palm Sunday, we are looking for fellow parishioners to assist with cutting of Olive branches on Friday, March 22 at 8AM. Please bring your pruning shears. Thank you.

\*We will be having an Easter Egg hunt on Easter Sunday after the 9:30AM Mass. Donations of plastic eggs and candies are now accepted in the Parish Office. Last day to donate will be on Holy Thursday. Thank you for your generosity.

\*Rice Bowls will be collected on Holy Thursday, please help yourself to the Rice Bowls that are located at the entrance of the Church to help deepen our personal experience of Lent, devote our Lenten prayers, fasting, and gifts to transform our relationship with God and neighbor.

\*Our Gift Shop is open after mass on weekends. Weekday schedule is 8 am to 2 pm. Thank you.



MAHALO for celebrating with us 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 and considered St. Raphael Church your "home" away from home.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Jeremiah tells the people that the Lord will make a new covenant with them, planting the law within their hearts.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,14-15

A prayer for God's mercy and forgiveness

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:7-9

Through his sufferings, Jesus gained salvation for all who obey him.

Gospel Reading

John 12:20-33

Jesus teaches his disciples about the way in which he will be glorified by God, and a voice from heaven is heard to affirm this teaching.

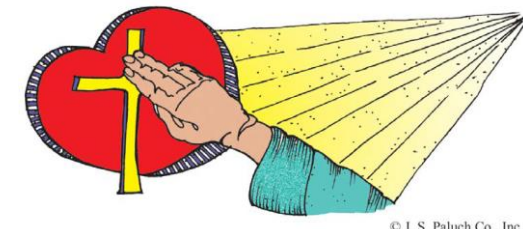
Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. We are reading much further into John's Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. We again see evidence of the significance of the raising of Lazarus to this event; John reports that the crowds also gathered to see Lazarus.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John does not record Jesus' anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before his arrest. Although comparable words are found in today's reading, Jesus gives a confident response to the question he raises when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration—events reported in the Synoptic Gospels but not in John's Gospel—affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in him.

In today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand his passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.



I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

— Jeremiah 31:33

Prayer for Lent

Father of mercies and God of all consolation, you sent your only Son to give your people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of our sins, because of the tender mercy of our God by which the daybreak from on high will visit us to shine on those who sit in darkness and death's shadow, to guide our feet into the path of peace. Deliver us from the darkness that blinds us; free us from the sins that bind us; fill us with the joy of your forgiveness through the Death and Resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.