

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

7AM and 9:30AM



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.



9-DAY NOVENA TO DIVINE MERCY

MARCH 29 – 1 PM

MARCH 30 – 6 PM

MARCH 31 – 8 AM

APRIL 1 – APRIL 6 – 6 PM

APRIL 7 - FEAST DAY – 8 AM



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



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 24, 2024

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

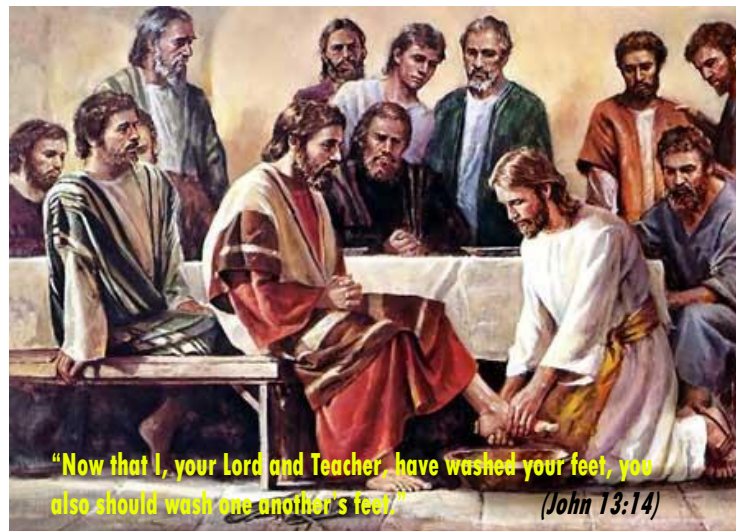
Monday – Friday: 7:00 AM (Old Church) **Wednesday:** 7:00 AM (Old Church) followed by Novena

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

Maundy Holy Thursday is a day to remember the Last Supper and Jesus washing the disciples' feet, both preparing for the events of Good Friday.



"Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet." (John 13:14)

March Birthdays

Olivia Bukoski 26
Paul Brun 27
Ben Asuncion 31
Allessandra Rivera 31
Ryan Snay 31



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.**



FUNERAL SERVICES FOR THE LATE STEPHEN PATRICK RUIZ



DATE: APRIL 6, 2024
VISITATION: 8:30 AM
MASS: 10:00AM

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

This weekend we participate in the proclamation of the passion and death of Jesus according to the Gospel of Mark. In the extended version of this weekend's Gospel reading, Jesus is at Gethsemane, praying to his Father, in much emotional distress. He knows he can save himself. He can escape over the Mount of Olives in the dead of night and make his way safely into the Judean desert. Instead, Jesus chooses obedience to his Father and waits for his persecutors. As Saint Paul puts it in the second reading, Jesus is "obedient to the point of death." Jesus' obedience is a lesson for those who are good stewards of their life in Christ. Let us reflect on how we might be more obedient to the will of God instead of our own will.



Stewards of Treasure Weekly Collections , March 17, 2024

Collection	\$ 4,007.00
Votive Candles	\$ 441.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 191.00
Gift Shop	\$ 662.50
Building Maintenance Fund	\$ 200.00
Online Church Offering	\$ 242.70

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.

*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 Parish Office will be closed on Monday, March 25 in observance of Prince Kuhio Day Holiday.

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



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: st-raphael-kauai.org



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
Isaiah 50:4-7
The Lord's servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 22:8-9,17-18,19-20,23-24
A cry for help to the Lord in the face of evildoers

Second Reading
Philippians 2:6-11
Christ was obedient even to death, but God has exalted him.

Gospel Reading
Mark 14:1–15:47 (shorter form: Mark 15:1-39)
Jesus is sentenced to death and crucified. The centurion who witnessed his death declared, "This man was the Son of God."

Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the Triduum—three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they blessed God and shouted "Hosanna!" This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

At the Liturgy of the Word on Palm Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle B, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Mark. We will hear these events proclaimed again when we celebrate the Triduum later in the week. On Good Friday, we will read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' passion and death are presented as the consequence of the tension between the Jewish authorities and Jesus that had been building throughout his public ministry. This tension reached its breaking point when Jesus drove the merchants and moneychangers from the Temple. After this event, the chief priests and scribes began seeking a way to put Jesus to death, and yet, this is only the surface explanation for his death.

When Jesus was arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin—the council of Jewish priests, scribes, and elders—he was charged with blasphemy, citing his threat to the Temple. When he was brought before Pilate, however, the religious authorities presented his crime as a political one, charging that Jesus claimed to be king of the Jews. In continuity with a theme of Mark's Gospel, the messianic claim of Jesus is widely misunderstood.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are rarely models of faith and do little to invoke confidence in their capacity to continue his ministry after his death. They fare no better in Mark's narrative of Jesus' passion and death. At the Last Supper, the disciples insisted that none among them would betray Jesus. When Jesus predicted that their faith would be shaken in the events ahead, Peter and the other disciples protested vehemently. Yet in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus returned three times to find them sleeping. Jesus prayed in agony over his impending fate while his disciples slumbered through the night. Just as Jesus predicted, Peter denied Jesus, and the disciples were absent during Jesus' passion and death. Only the women who had been followers of Jesus in Galilee are said to have been present at the Crucifixion, but they remained at a distance.

Throughout this Gospel, Mark challenges the reader to consider the claim with which the Gospel begins: Jesus is the Son of God. When we read Mark's account of the passion, we begin to comprehend the deeper theological statement being made about Jesus' death. In Mark's telling of the passion narrative, Jesus understood his death to have been preordained, and he accepted this death in obedience to God's will. Jewish Scripture is quoted only once, but there are several references to the fulfillment of the Scriptures. Jesus understood his anointing in Bethany as an anticipation of his burial, and he announced that this story would be told together with the Gospel throughout the world. Jesus predicted his betrayal by Judas as well as Peter's denial. At his arrest, Jesus acknowledged that the preordained time had arrived. Jesus was both confident and silent before his accusers. After he was sentenced to death, Jesus did not speak again until his final cry from the cross. The bystanders misunderstood and believed that he was calling for Elijah. The Roman centurion, however, affirmed what Mark has presented throughout this Gospel: Jesus is the Son of God. Nowhere was this revealed more fully than in his death on the cross.

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son.

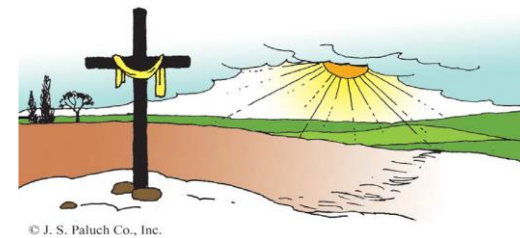
National Eucharistic Revival Prayer

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.



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**[Christ Jesus] humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.**

— *Philippians 2:8*