

## Holy Week and Easter Schedule

### CHRISM MASS – TUESDAY – MARCH 5

6 PM - NEW CHURCH  
BISHOP LARRY SILVA – PRESIDER  
ST. RAPHAEL CHURCH - HOST

### 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  
Presentation of Chrism Oil  
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



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.

### ST. RAPHAEL CHURCH

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NEW CHURCH

**BOTH CHURCHES – SAME ADDRESS**

DESTROY  
THIS TEMPLE  
AND  
IN THREE DAYS  
I WILL  
RAISE  
IT UP



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*Third Sunday of Lent*

*March 3, 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



March Birthdays

Richard Robles 04  
Fe Ballesteros 05  
Cherina Medeiros 05  
Brandon Allianic 06  
Mark Rivera 06



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

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

- March 11 - 6:00PM at St. Raphael Church
- March 12 - 6:00PM at Holy Cross Church
- March 14 - 6:00PM at Immaculate Conception Church
- March 18 - 6:00PM at St. Theresa Church
- March 19 - 6:00PM at St. Catherine Church

Please consider attending the Lenten Penance Service at other Churches if you are unable to attend at St. Raphael Church.

A Stewardship Moment

The Gospel story of Jesus’ cleansing of the Temple, a familiar story. The prophets Jeremiah, Zechariah and Malachi prophesied that when the Kingdom of God was at hand, the Temple would be cleansed of all activities unworthy of an encounter with God. Christians are often referred to as “Temples of the Lord.” As stewards of a “Holy Temple” God has entrusted to each one of us, what are we doing to be cleansed of activities unworthy of an encounter with the Lord? This week, reflect on one thing you can do to cleanse the Temple God has given you so that it becomes a more inviting home for Christ Jesus.



Stewards of Treasure  
Weekly Collections , February 25, 2024

Collection	\$ 4,488.50
Votive Candles	\$ 351.50
Mass Intentions	\$ 420.00
Gift Shop	\$ 769.00
Food Pantry	\$ 40.00
Filipino Catholic Club Membership Dues	\$ 48.00
Filipino Catholic Club Donation	\$ 1.00
Funerals	\$ 300.00
Building Maintenance Fund	\$ 200.00
Online Church Offering	\$ 314.20
Online Building Maintenance Fund	\$ 200.00

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



\*The Chrism Mass will be held on Tuesday, March 5 at 6 PM in the New Church hosted by St. Raphael Church. Presider is the Most Reverend Bishop Larry Silva.

\*There will be a Second Collection on March 9 & 10 for Catholic Relief Services. Please make your checks payable to St. Raphael Church. Thank you.

\*Chairperson of various Ministries will have a meeting this Sunday, March 3 after the 9:30 AM mass in the Middle room.

\*There will be a Healing Mass on Monday, March 4 at 6 PM at St Theresa Church in Kekaha and on Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30 PM at Holy Cross Church in Kalaheo. Fr. Mike Barry from Ireland will come to pray with us. Come and experience Lord Jesus' Healing. Invite a family member, friend or a neighbor. All are welcome!

\*Please help yourself to the Rice Bowls that are located at the entrance of the Church, to help your Lenten journey.

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



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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

Exodus 20:1-17 (or shorter form, Exodus 20:1-3,7-8,12-17)  
Moses is given the Ten Commandments.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 19:8,9,10,11  
A prayer of praise to God who gives us his commandments

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:22-25  
Paul preaches Christ crucified to the Corinthians.

Gospel Reading

John 2:13-25  
Jesus drives out the moneychangers from the Temple and says that he will destroy the temple and raise it up again.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus' action, we must learn more about the activities that were going on in the temple area. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice, and merchants sold animals to worshipers. Moneychangers exchanged Roman coins, which bore the image of the Roman emperor, for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax.

Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion. The Gospel of John, however, places this event much earlier in Jesus' public ministry than do the Synoptic Gospels. In John's Gospel this event occurs at the very beginning of Jesus' ministry, after his first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana.

We must read the Gospel of John carefully, especially in its presentation of Jesus' relationship to Judaism. The Gospel of John tends to reflect greater tension and animosity between Jesus and the Jewish authorities than the Synoptic Gospels. The Gospel of John was the last of the four Gospels to be written, and its narrative reflects the growing divide between the Jewish community and the early Christian community. Thus, greater emphasis on the distinction between Christianity and Judaism is found in John's Gospel.

Reflecting upon the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem (A.D. 70), John recalls Jesus' cleansing of the Temple and uses that story to interpret this later event. John explains to his audience, an early Christian community, that temple worship would no longer be necessary because it was surpassed in the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. With greater frequency than the other Evangelists, John intersperses post-Resurrection reflections of this Christian community in his narrative.

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection.

During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer.

Lenten Prayer

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.



I, the LORD, am your God . . .  
You shall not have other gods besides me.  
— Exodus 20:2a, 3