



OLD HISTORICAL CHURCH

**ST. RAPHAEL CHURCH**  
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NEW CHURCH

**BOTH CHURCHES – SAME ADDRESS**



### 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.

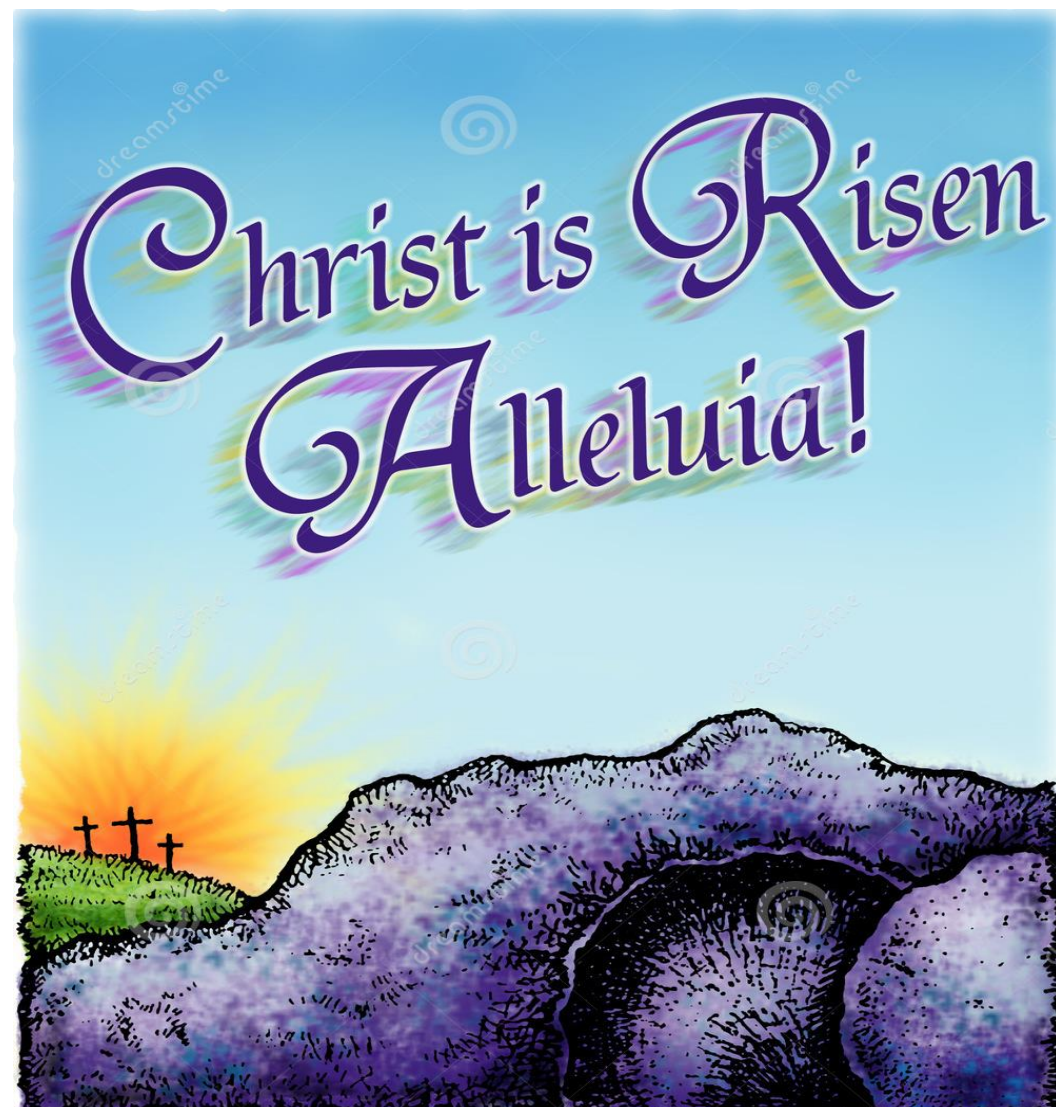
**First Holy Communion and Confirmation:** Contact the Office for more information.

**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.



*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*  
*March 31, 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



## April Birthdays

Aries Rivera 01  
Keegan Bukoski 03  
Josephine Bernoski 03  
Jax Ruiz 04  
Ron Domingo 05



*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: 9:00 AM**  
**MASS: 10:30 AM**



*Jesus Christ has risen today! For those good stewards of their faith who die with Jesus, they rise with Christ their savior every day. They are an Easter people. Our Savior is active, alive, and transforming us and our communities of faith, even the world, at this very moment. Easter is a time of joy, a time of celebration. To have faith in the risen Lord is also to believe that we are disciples who bear witness to Christ in a broken and troubled world. To be good stewards of this faith obliges us to be living witnesses to Christ's peace at home and in public. Jesus cannot be found buried in some long forgotten time, in some far away land. He is risen. He lives within each one of us. Alleluia!*



### Stewards of Treasure Weekly Collections , March 24, 2024

Collection	\$ 5,056.00
Votive Candles	\$ 269.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 77.00
Gift Shop	\$ 859.90
Building Maintenance Fund	\$ 200.00
Filipino Catholic Club Membership Dues	\$ 72.00
Online Church Offering	\$ 2,817.70
Online Building Maintenance Fund	\$ 200.00

*MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT*



**\*We have a Second Collection this weekend for Ohana in Christ. Please make your checks payable to Ohana in Christ. Thank you.**

**\*We will have an Easter Egg hunt this Easter Sunday and also Anointing of the sick after the 9:30 AM Mass.**

**\*Father Rizal will be attending a La Salette meeting from April 1 to April 4 in Maui. There will be no mass and only Communion Service in the Old Historical Church at 7 AM.**

**\*April schedule for Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Second Quarter Lector's schedules are available for pickup on the bulletin board outside the New Church.**

**\*Our Parish Office will be closed on Monday, April 1 in observance of Good Friday Holiday.**

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

### 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**



**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

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43

Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23

Rejoice in this day of the Lord.

### Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Colossians: Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above.

1 Corinthians: Let us celebrate this feast with new yeast.

### Gospel Reading

John 20:1-9

Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.

### Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

### 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.*



**I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.**

— Psalm 118:17