

Fat Tuesday



OLD HISTORICAL CHURCH

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NEW CHURCH

BOTH CHURCHES – SAME ADDRESS

Rite of Election



PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Ronaldo Guzman, MS – Pastor
 Dcn. Bambi Emayo – Deacon
 Office Secretary – Sr. Roselyne Mawpat, MSMHC

Parish Accounting Manager:
 Michele Lum

Volunteer Accountant:
 Mercedes Casticimo (as needed)

Volunteer Bookkeeper:
 Marina Pascua

Volunteer - PDS
 Laure Dietterle

Religious Education Director:
 Sr. Roselyne Mawpat, MSMHC

Food Pantry:
 Benymar Tapucol

Filipino Catholic Club:
 Lydia Rebugio

Pastoral Council:
 TBE

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 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.

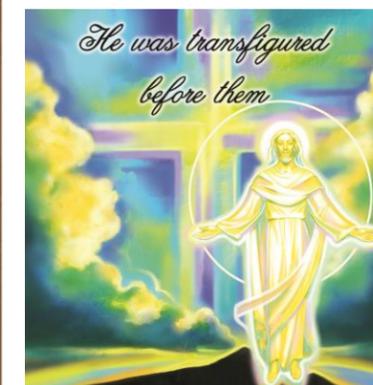
Funerals: Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.



Second Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2026

From the cloud came a voice that said,
 "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
 listen to him."
 Matthew 17:5



Change

Lent is all about change and change is usually not easy. In order to change we have to leave something behind. Today we hear about a very old man who decides to answer God's call. Abram experiences a tremendous amount of change when he leaves everything behind, risking it all for God's promise. Jesus changes, is transfigured, right before the eyes of his disciples. The Lenten scriptures issue the call for us to change, to be transfigured, so that we, too, will soon share in the glory of God. What is it that the Lord is asking us to leave behind? Are we willing to take the risk for the promise made by God? These questions are at the heart of the Lenten journey of conversion.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Catholic Daily Mass Monday – Friday: 7:00 AM (Old Church) Wednesday: 7:00 AM (Old Church) followed by Novena; Saturday: 8:00AM (Old church). Healing Mass: Every 1st Saturday

Saturday (obligation mass): 5:00 PM (New Church)

Sunday (obligation 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



2026 LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES
6 p.m.



March 16 (Mon.)	St. Raphael Church	Koloa
March 17 (Tues.)	St. Theresa Church	Kekaha
March 18 (Wed.)	Holy Cross Church	Kalaheo
March 23 (Mon.)	St. Catherine Church	Kapaa
March 24 (Tues.)	Immaculate Conception Church	Lihue

March Birthdays

Richard Robels 4
 Fe Ballesteros 5
 Cherina Medeiros 5
 Brandon Lance Allianic 6
 Mark Rivera 6



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



Stations-of-the Cross

Every Friday at 5:30 PM during
 Lent.
 Weather permitting, on the lawn
 fronting the New Church.



Second Sunday of Lent

In today's second reading, Timothy is issued a strong directive: "Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." For the early Christians this could mean torture and execution. For most Christians today enduring hardship for the Gospel might include accepting ridicule or mockery, or the suggestion that we lack sophistication. Nevertheless, in his letters, Saint Paul is adamant that we should not be ashamed of being followers of Christ. Good stewards are not ashamed of their allegiance to Christ. They do not hide their faith. Reflect on this question: Are you willing to speak about following Christ Jesus no matter who your listeners happen to be?



Stewards of Treasure
 Weekly Collections, February 22, 2026

Collection	\$	7,348.00
Votive Candles	\$	408.00
Mass Intentions	\$	136.00
Gift Shop	\$	1,554.85
Food Pantry	\$	185.00
Building Maintenance (includes Laulima)	\$	500.00
2 nd Collection CMAA	\$	917.00
Online Church Offering	\$	237.85

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



*St. Raphael Lenten Penance (Reconciliation) Service will be on Monday, March 16th at 6.00pm in the New Church. Please consider attending the Lenten Penance Service at other Churches if you are unable to attend at St. Raphael Church.

*The Chrism Mass will be held on Thursday, March 26 at 6 PM at Immaculate Conception Church presided by the Most Reverend Bishop Larry Silva. St. Raphael's Catechumens are encouraged to attend.

*Please help yourself with the Rice Bowls that are located at the entrance of the Church to help your Lenten journey. Rice Bowls will be collected on Holy Thursday, April 2. Thank you.

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

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.



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TODAY'S READINGS, SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a
 God promises Abram a great blessing.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33:4-5,18-20,22
 God's mercy is upon those who trust in God.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:8b-10
 Through God's grace we are called to holiness.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 17:1-9
 Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

Background on the Gospel Reading

For the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert to his Transfiguration. Each year on the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

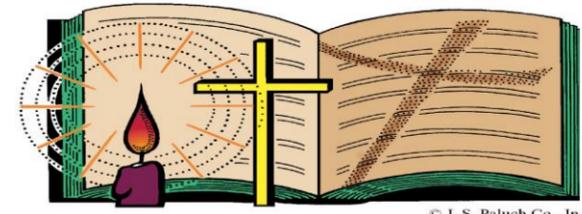
The story of Jesus' Transfiguration is told in the three Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In each of those Gospels, the Transfiguration follows Jesus' first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, his Resurrection.

On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word.

The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples: Peter, James, and John. In Matthew's Gospel, those disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. The three men are identified as an "inner circle" among Jesus' disciples when Jesus asks them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.

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.



Christ Jesus . . .
 destroyed death and brought life and
 immortality to light through the gospel.
 — 2 Timothy 1:10b

