

## First Scrutiny of Catechumens



The kids, altar servers, along with their parents clean up the planters' box



OLD HISTORICAL CHURCH

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NEW CHURCH

**BOTH CHURCHES – SAME ADDRESS**

### 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.

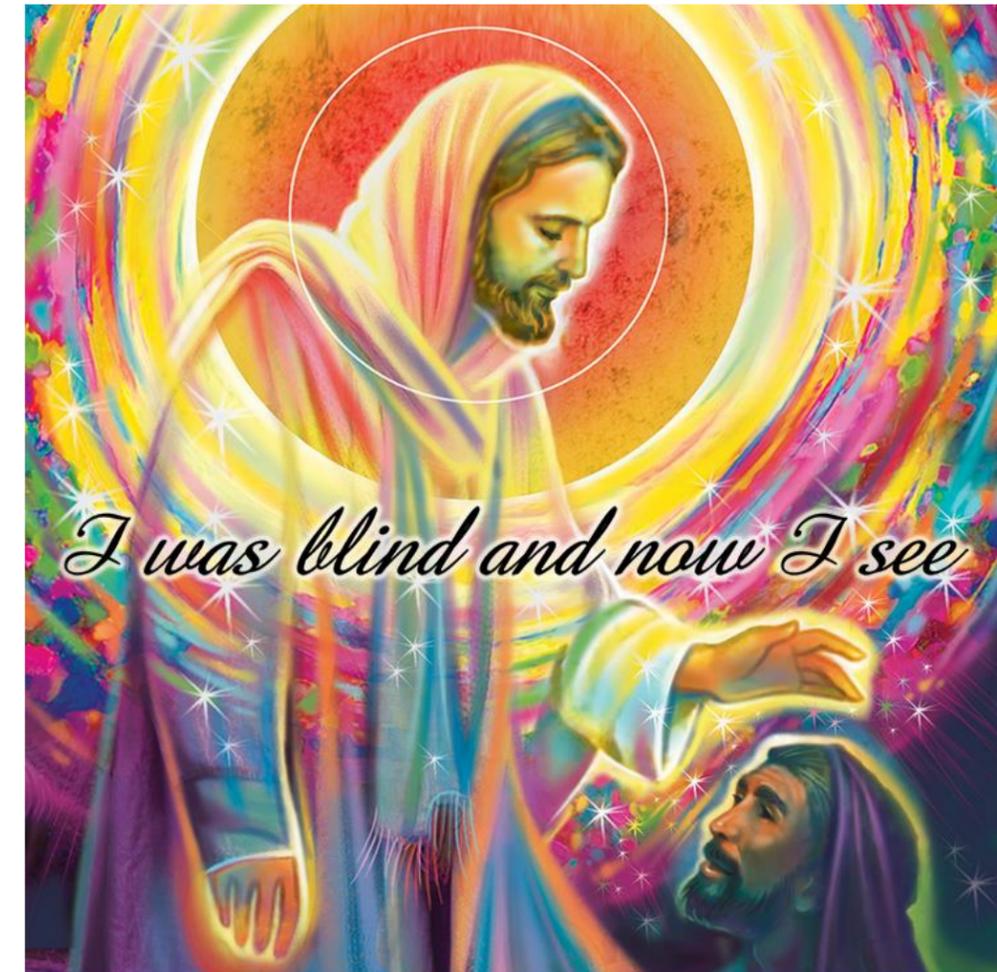
**First Holy Communion and Confirmation:** Contact the Office for more information.

**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.



## Fourth Sunday of Lent

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

**Daily Mass Monday – Friday:** 7:00 AM (Old Church)

**Wednesday:** O.L.P.H Novena (After Mass)

**Thursday:** Our Lady Of La Salette Novena (After Mass)

**Saturday:** Novena to St. Raphael 7.30 AM. Mass – 8.00 AM

**Healing Mass:** (Every First Saturday only)- 8.00 AM

**Saturday (Vigil Mass):** 5.00 PM (NewChurch)

**Sunday (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

## March Birthdays

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



*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.



### 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.

### Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saint Paul gives us a wakeup call. As stewards of the light of Christ, we are to reflect that light with the help of the Holy Spirit. If Christ's work has transformed and illuminated our lives, there should be a change. The light International Catholic Stewardship Council of Christ's active presence should be at work in us. And as the light shines within us, we take on the properties of that light and we shine too. We are used by God to shine the light of Christ in the lives of others. A challenging Lenten reflection: Is the light of Christ shining in our hearts? Is the light of Christ reflecting out from us to others?

### Stewards of Treasure



### Weekly Collections. March 1, 2026

Collection	\$	4,891.00
Votive Candles	\$	453.00
Mass Intentions	\$	110.00
Gift Shop	\$	467.50
Food Pantry	\$	10.00
Building Maintenance	\$	500.00
Filipino Catholic Club (Membership dues)	\$	72.00
Baptism	\$	100.00
Calendars	\$	50.00
Laulima	\$	500.00
Rebate	\$	14.91
Filipino Club Ministry		20.00
Online Church Offering	\$	573.60

*MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*St. Raphael Lenten Penance Service will be on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm in the New Church. If you are unable to do so, other parishes schedules are printed at the back of our bulletin.

\*Consider getting a Rice Bowl box located at the entrance of the Church. Giving something to those in need is helping you achieve your Lenten journey. Funds collected will be used to provide food for the hungry in many countries of the world including our own community.

\*On Wednesday, March 19, the Solemnity of St. Joseph there will be 2 masses in the Old Church to celebrates, one at 7.00 AM & another one is at 6.00 PM. Food pantry distribution will be on the same day from 4.30PM to 6.00PM.

\*The upcoming columbarium meetings will take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of March, Saturday and Sunday. Kindly spare your time to attend the meeting on these two days for those who are interested to know more about it.

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



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](http://st-raphael-kauai.org)

### TODAY'S READINGS, Third SUNDAY OF LENT

#### First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a

Samuel is sent to anoint David as king.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23:1-6

The Lord is our shepherd.

#### Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

The Ephesians are told to live as children of light.

#### Gospel Reading

John 9:1-41 (shorter form: John 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38)

Jesus heals the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man.

#### Background on the Gospel Reading

As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John. In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man. The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind. As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.

### 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.*

