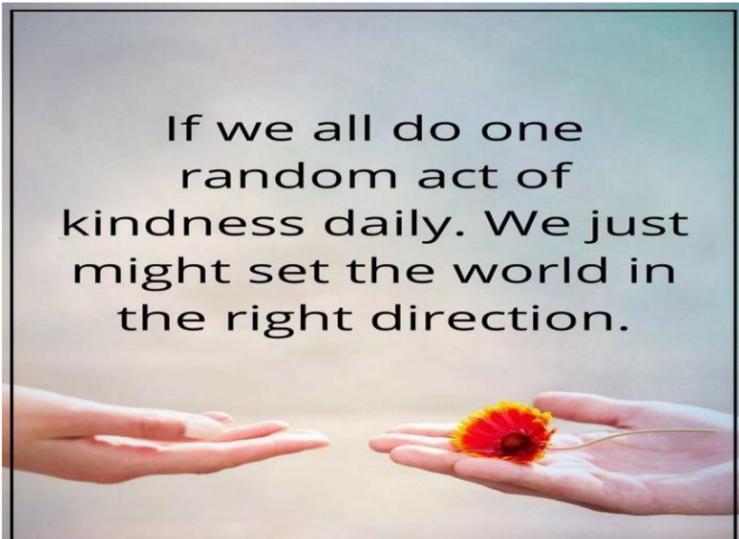


Mahalo to all the volunteers who came forward in rendering their service for the planting of new grass around the Handicapped areas



Holy Oils

- + 1) first oil is **Chrism**, marked with the letters: S.C. (*sanctum chrisma* for Holy Chrism), a mix of oil and perfume and is used at holy moments – baptism, confirmation, ordination, and the dedication of a church and altar
- + 2) next, we have the **Oil of the Sick**, marked with the letters: O.I. (*oleum infirmorum* for Oil of the Infirm or Sick). This oil is used to anoint those who are ill
- + 3) finally we have the **Oil of the Catechumens**, marked with the letters: O.I. (*oleum sanctum* for Oil of the catechumens) used to anoint the Catechumens (individuals who are seeking to come into full communion with the Catholic Church)



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PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Ronaldo Guzman, MS – Pastor
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 Michele Lum

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 Mercedes Casticimo (as needed)

Volunteer Bookkeeper:
 Marina Pascua

Volunteer - PDS
 Laure Dietterle

Religious Education Director:
 Sr. Roselyne Mawpat, MSMHC

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 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.



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Fifth 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

March Birthdays

Olivia Bukoski 26
Paul Brun 27



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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jesus called to his friend from the dead, "Lazarus, come out!" It is the same call our Lord makes to us unceasingly: "Come out!" Jesus calls us from our tomb of doubt and unbelief, from the darkness of our fear and anxieties, from the depths of our weaknesses and lack of hope. Christian stewards pray for an open heart so that they may hear the voice of the Lord, heed the continuous call to come away from their former way of living and reprioritize their lives in the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Do we believe Christ has the power to transform our lives? Do we take time to listen for his call?



Stewards of Treasure Weekly Collections, March 1, 2026

Collection	\$	4,499.00
Votive Candles	\$	446.00
Mass Intentions	\$	110.00
Gift Shop	\$	754.00
Food Pantry (Cash)	\$	5.00
Building Maintenance Fund	\$	1,600.00
Filipino Catholic Club (Membership dues)	\$	48.00
Marriage rehearsal	\$	100.00
Food Pantry (Check)	\$	1,000.00
Filipino Club (Donation)	\$	75.00
Second Collection (Catholic Relief Service)	\$	926.00
Online Church Offering	\$	

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The Chrism Mass will be held on Thursday, March 26 at 6 PM at Immaculate Conception Church presided by Most Reverend Bishop Larry Silva. St. Raphael's Catechumens are encouraged to attend. As a Diocesan Schedule of Holidays for Prince Kuhio Day, our Parish Office will be closed on this day.

*In preparation of Palm Sunday, we are looking for volunteers to assist with cutting of Olive branches on Friday, March 27 at 8AM. Please bring your pruning shears. Thank you.

*The Solemn Procession, the Blessing of the Palms and Olive branches will be on Saturday, March 28 at 4.30pm. The ceremony will begin at the old church and proceed towards the New Church.

*On Palm Sunday, blessings of the palms and olives branches will be at 7.30 AM & 9.30 AM in the New Church. There will be no procession.

*Poverty leaves children around the world hungry. When they missed meals they missed milestones. This Lent, your gift to CRS Rice Bowls brings food relief and hope to families in need. Pick up a Rice Bowl Box.

*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:

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TODAY'S READINGS, FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

God will open the graves and restore the people of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 130:1-8

With the Lord is forgiveness and mercy.

Second Reading

Romans 8:8-11

The Spirit of God dwells in you.

Gospel Reading

John 11:1-45 (shorter version John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33b-45)

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Our Gospel on this day, the fifth Sunday of Lent, is again taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading from John continues the break from Cycle A's focus on the Gospel of Matthew. Today's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. As our catechumens move closer to the celebration of their Baptisms at the Triduum, today's reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life. The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders' growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy. Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus' obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus's resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples fear for his life. Thomas declares that he and the other disciples should prepare to die with Jesus.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus' weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha's sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus's tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus' death. Set against the backdrop of Jesus' impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb. With our catechumens preparing for their Baptism at Easter, the Gospel today calls us to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin's power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.

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.

