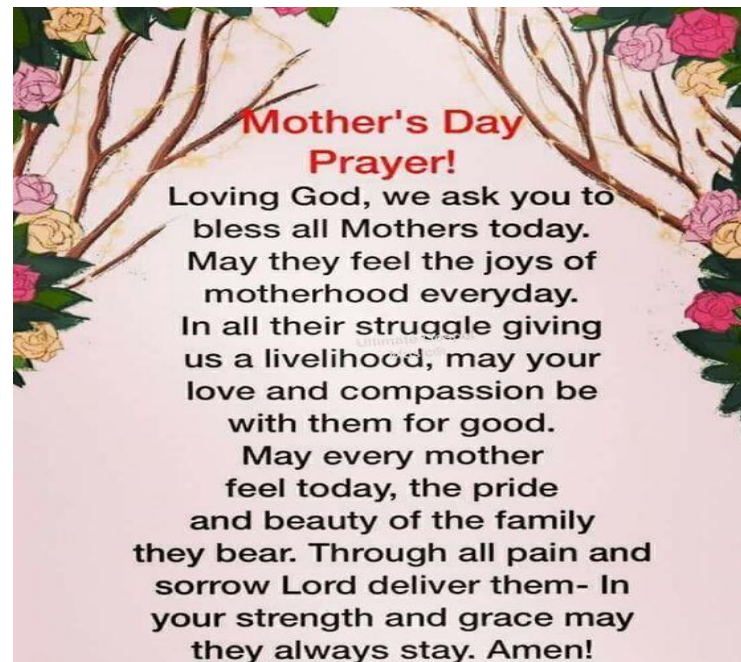


Confirmation of Linus Richard Smith and Zita Lake Smith at Holy Cross Church by Bishop Larry Silva



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NEW CHURCH

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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:
 Jacquelyn Contrades

Finance Council:
 TBE

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.



*Sixth Sunday of Easter
 May 10, 2026*

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 & Rosary (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

May Birthdays

Evelyn Baring 11
 Xarika Casticimo 11
 Roane Snay 11
 Benymar, Jr. Tapucol 11
 Sarah Littman 11
 Kevin Melchor 13
 Kaiea Albao 14
 Avery Cozby 16
 Rhonda Fu 16
 Aurel Domingo 17



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

Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation will be collecting donations to support recovery efforts specifically for our parishes and schools who were impacted by the Kona low storms that hit our islands last month. Insurance will not cover all of their damages, so this fund was established to support our parishes and schools who were impacted. If you want to donate just open the link. Much appreciated.

<https://www.hawaiicatholiccommunityfoundation.org/support-flood-relief-efforts/>



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: straphaelkauai.org

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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Philip understood very well Jesus' words: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." We learn of Philip's devotion to prayer, evangelizing and healing in the region of Samaria; made up of communities that would not be very receptive to the followers of Jesus. Philip is a model steward, living his discipleship day by day in the Lord without being obstructed by feelings of what cost his actions might entail. Good stewards summon the courage to proclaim the Lord and to serve Him by ministering to others. As an Easter people, eager to rejoice in the Lord, it is important to reflect on how we are living out our own commitment to discipleship.



Stewards of Treasure

Weekly Collections May 2 - 3, 2026

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| Collection | \$ | 4,492.00 |
| Votive Candles | \$ | 539.00 |
| Mass Intentions | \$ | 307.00 |
| Gift Shop | \$ | 506.00 |
| Food Pantry (Cash) | \$ | 5.00 |
| Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund | \$ | 10.00 |
| Online Church Offering | \$ | 1,688.90 |

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



*We call all the graduates for school year 2026 to submit their name to the Parish Office by May 17 and the succeeding Sunday. You will be recognized on May 31 on Sunday during the 9:30 morning Mass. Please wear your cap and gown.

*The second collection for the next Sunday May 16 and 17, will be for the catholic Communication Campaign. CCC is to evangelize and connect people of the world to Christ through the internet, television, radio, and print media. A percentage of your generous donations are kept here in the Diocese of Honolulu to fund local communication efforts

*St. Raphael Church's drive thru Food Pantry distribution will be on Thursday, May 21 from 4:30 PM – 6 PM.

*Parents and guardians of Santa Cruzan participants are requested to attend a follow-up meeting on May 17 after 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. The meeting will take place in the Parish Hall in preparation for the May 30 celebration.

* Let us welcome and congratulate our brothers and sisters who have generously accepted the call to serve as members of our parish Pastoral Council (PPC) for the year 2026-2028. We are deeply grateful for their willingness to assist our pastor in shepherding the parish of Saint Raphael, including our guests and visitors.

Chairperson: Jackie Contrades

Vice- chair: Kevin McNulty

Members:

1.Chuck Brady, 2. Mercedes Castisimo, 3. Leonard Vierra,

4. Steve Mucilnickar, 5. Jeannine Ryan

Secretary: Cecelia Silva

Let us keep them in our prayer, that they may serve with wholehearted dedication and be blessed by the Lord with wisdom, enthusiasm, and a spirit of collaboration as they share new ideas, hopes, and vision for our parish community.

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

TODAY'S READINGS, SIXTH Sunday of Easter

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8,14-17

The people of Samaria accept the Gospel of Jesus proclaimed to them by Philip.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 66:1-7,16,20

Sing praise to God, all the earth.

Second Reading

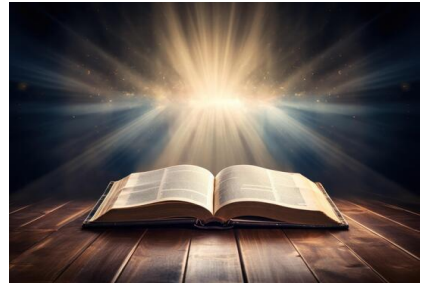
1 Peter 3:15-18

Be ready to give explanation for your hope in Christ.

Gospel Reading

John 14:15-21

Jesus promises his disciples that he will send them another advocate, the Spirit of truth.



Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel is a continuation of last week's Gospel: Jesus is speaking to his disciples at the Last Supper. In today's reading Jesus offers encouragement to his disciples, who will soon see him crucified. He reassures them that even though he will leave them, he will not abandon them. Instead, he will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus.

Jesus uses the term *Advocate* to describe the Holy Spirit, whom the disciples will receive. Another word used to describe the Holy Spirit is *Paraclete*, a legal term meaning "one who offers defense for another." Note that Jesus says that he will send "another Advocate." Jesus himself is the first advocate, interceding for his disciples with the Father.

In today's reading Jesus contrasts his impending departure with the permanence of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus will leave to return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. They will also understand that they too participate in the communion between the father and the son: "On that day you will realize that I am in my father and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20).

Today's reading is one example of the contrast that John's Gospel presents between the community of disciples, to whom God will reveal himself, and the unbelieving world, which will remain in darkness. The unbelieving world cannot accept the "Spirit of truth," whom the disciples will receive. Only through the Spirit will God's revelation and love be known.

Prayer for Easter

Loving Father, we know the truth of the Easter proclamation. Christ is risen and with him all creation! Light replaces darkness, joy replaces sadness, life replaces death. Through the power of your Spirit, there is no failure his love and mercy cannot reverse, no humiliation he cannot exchange with blessing, no anger he cannot dissolve, no routine he cannot transform. All is embraced by the victory of your son's cross and resurrection. Help us always be good stewards of Easter's light, see Resurrection as a daily event, and yearn for the love of Christ as intensely as he yearns for our love. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.