

Members of St Raphael's Filipino Catholic Club made leis to sell for Mother's Day for their fundraising.



To celebrate Mother's Day last week, three mothers did the offerings at the 9:30 am mass. Photo from left to right: Lourdes Barroe, Evelyn Baring and Pam Muana.



New Columbarium

We are happy to announce the new St. Raphael cremation Niche Columbaria project on the Parish grounds. For the first time, we can offer **NON-Registered** as well as **Registered Parishioners** the opportunity to have their remains interred at St. Raphael.

The new columbaria niches allow the committal of cremated remains in a final resting place on Holy ground amongst our St. Raphael parish community. Each niche can accommodate the remains of up to two individuals

Your purchase of a niche helps support St. Raphael and the Diocese community.

For more information or to answer any questions, please contact:

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and below the photo I wrote the following. St. Raphael columbarium will look similar to the one in the image except it will be 4 niches high by 8 niches wide and double sided.



OLD HISTORICAL CHURCH



NEW CHURCH

ST. RAPHAEL CHURCH

Oldest Catholic Church on Kauai – est. 1841

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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.

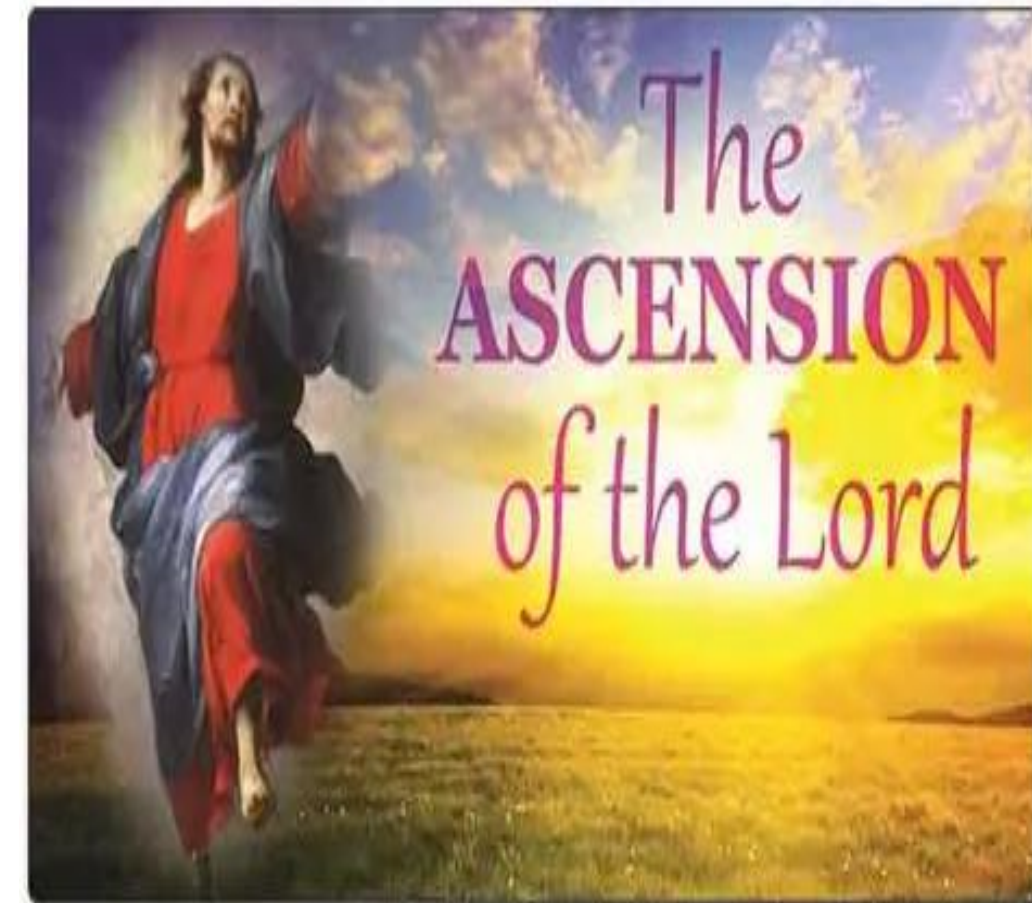
First Holy Communion and Confirmation: Contact the Office for more information.

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.



May 17, 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

Helen Gerardo 18
Jason Felipe 19
Todd Brooks 19
Gerardo Ballesteros 20
Lynn Bukoski 21
James Gause Jr 22



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.

Ascension of the Lord

In today's second reading, we hear it proclaimed that we are blessed if we share in the sufferings of Christ. What then does it mean to "share in His sufferings" in this context? Most of us do not live in a part of the world where we could be killed for being a follower of Jesus. But we could face or "suffer" mockery, ridicule and disapproval from others. Far too often, and for various reasons, those who profess faith in Christ act as though they are ashamed of him. But to act ashamed is the same as a denial. Stewards of the Good News are never ashamed to reveal their love for the Lord. How do you reveal to others that you are a follower of Christ each day?



Stewards of Treasure

Weekly Collections May 9 – 10, 2026

Collection	\$	5173.00
Votive Candles	\$	525.00
Mass Intentions	\$	123.00
Gift Shop	\$	884.50
Food Pantry (Cash)	\$	125.00
Mother's Day Leis	\$	337.00
Online Church Offering	\$	323.00

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Calling all graduates for year 2026. Please submit your name to the Parish Office by Friday, May 22. You will be recognized on May 31 on Sunday during the 9:30 morning Mass. Please use your cap and gown.

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

*We would like to invite everyone to witness the culmination of the month of May, highlighted by the Santa Cruzan, on May 30 (Saturday) at 3:30 in the afternoon. Children and teenagers will represent various theological beliefs and character connected to the funding of the Holy Cross by Queen Helena, mother of Emperor Constantine.

*The entire parish of St. Raphael, led by our pastor, would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the members of the past Parish Pastoral council (PPC). Thank you for everything you have done for our faith community.

*Our Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Diocesan Holiday for Memorial Day.

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



Memorial Day

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Jesus is taken up to heaven in the presence of the apostles.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 47:2-3,6-9

Sing praise to God as he mounts his throne.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at his right hand.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus charges his disciples to make disciples of all nations and promises to be with them forever.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb to Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, to the commission that Jesus gives his disciples in today's Gospel.

The Final Commission, as this Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, the most important events happen on the mountaintop, and Matthew has used this motif throughout his Gospel. Earlier in Matthew's Gospel, Peter, James, and John had seen Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop (Matthew 17:1-8). Also, in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in what we now call the Sermon on the Mount.

Here we are told that the eleven disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (cf. Matthew 28:9-10). They see Jesus, and both worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptize and teach, "to make disciples of all nations." It is a task which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples for; recall that Jesus had sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal (cf. Matthew 10:1-15). However, earlier the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this Final Commission, the eleven are told to go to "all nations." The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people; the task now is to baptize and to teach.

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity, one of the clearest attestations found in Scripture for baptism in the name of the Trinity. In the Acts of the Apostles and in the Letters of Paul, baptism is more frequently offered "in the name of Jesus."

The ending of Matthew's Gospel can be understood as the beginning of the Church. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue to teach in his name and to bring others into the community of disciples through baptism. The Gospel ends, as it had begun, with the promise that Jesus will continue to be Emmanuel, "God with us" (cf. Matthew 1:23), for all eternity.

The Ascension of the Lord Prayer

Heavenly Father, your son ascended in great triumph to sit at your right hand. You sent your spirit to watch over us, guide us and detach us to be better stewards of your abundant gifts. May this spirit of wisdom make us better stewards of our planet. May your spirit increase our awareness of the dignity of every human life and show us the way to be better stewards of our neighbor. and through your spirit, may we be inspired every day to live in accordance with the Gospel, and to give witness to our risen Lord. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

