

*First PPC meeting with all ministry coordinators*



**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: Duane Pavao, Director of cemeteries, 808-783-6778, [dpavao@cfcsmision.org](mailto:dpavao@cfcsmision.org). Elly Mae Kalilikane, Family Service Advisor, 808-727-1024, [mkalilikane@cfcsmision.org](mailto:mkalilikane@cfcsmision.org)

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 ContC MEETINGGrades

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 24, 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

Lorene Sit 25  
Ulii Castor 26  
Emilia Melchor 26  
Jayson Tabil 30



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

Every priest serving in the Diocese of Honolulu is entitled to a one-month vacation. Father Ron, our pastor, will be taking his three-week vacation from June 1 to June 25, 2026.

A guest priest will be available for daily Mass and confession, and sick calls. Please contact the parish office if you need to schedule an appointment.



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](http://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.

### Pentecost Sunday

This weekend we celebrate the feast of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit among the believers of the early Church. Saint Paul reminds us of the special power the Holy Spirit has bestowed upon us and how that power gives us the potential to live extraordinary lives of faith. Good stewards recognize this power and use their gifts, through God's channel of grace, to transform their lives and the lives of others, and thus hasten God's Kingdom. Good stewards know that it is through the Holy Spirit that they can proclaim: "Jesus is Lord." Do we believe that Jesus is Our Lord? If so, how do we show it?



### Stewards of Treasure

#### Weekly Collections May 16 – 17, 2026

|                                 |    |          |
|---------------------------------|----|----------|
| Collection                      | \$ | 3,817.00 |
| Votive Candles                  | \$ | 437.00   |
| Mass Intentions                 | \$ | 50.00    |
| Gift Shop                       | \$ | 1,159.08 |
| Food Pantry (Cash)              | \$ | 35.00    |
| Building Maintenance Fund       | \$ | 300.00   |
| Calendar                        | \$ | 40.00    |
| Diocesan priest retired Fund    | \$ | 130.00   |
| Catholic communication Campaign | \$ | 949.00   |
| Online Church Offering          | \$ | 473.10   |

**MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT**



\*We will recognize the 2026 Graduates on May 31, during the 9:30 AM. Mass. Please use your cap & gown.

\*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.

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

\*There will be a second collection on May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> for Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA).

\*June 6, we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. We warmly invite everyone to join in the procession of the Blessed Sacrament immediately after the 9:30 AM Mass. Come, walk in faith, and pray with us for World Peace.

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



## TODAY'S READINGS

### First Reading

*Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11*

The Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles gathered in Jerusalem.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 104:1,24,29-31,34*

God's Spirit renews the earth.

### Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13*

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

### Gospel Reading

*John 20:19-23*

Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

### Background on the Gospel Reading

The Season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is enough that we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

We already heard today's Gospel proclaimed on the [Second Sunday of Easter](#) this year (Lectionary Cycle A). That Gospel passage, however, also included the description of Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam at the time of Creation. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath."

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiving of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

### The Pentecost Prayer

*Breathe in me O Holy Spirit that my thoughts may all be holy; Act in me O Holy Spirit that my works, too, may be holy; Draw my heart O Holy Spirit that I love but what is holy; Strengthen me O Holy Spirit to defend that is holy; Guard me then O Holy Spirit that I always may be holy. Amen.*

