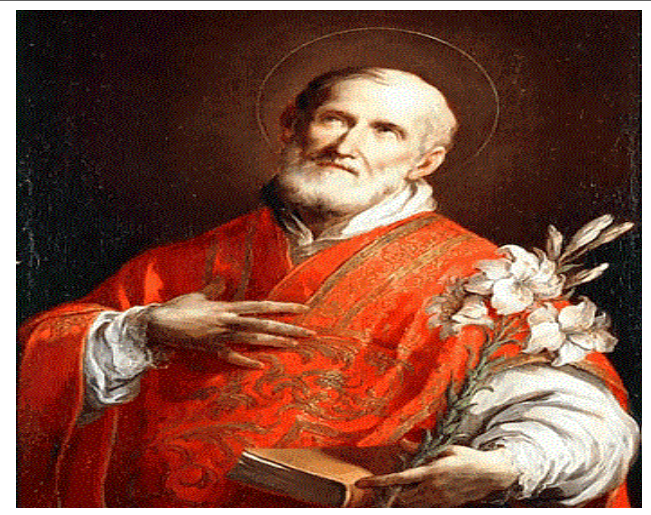


*Stewardship Saint for May
Saint Philip Neri*



Philip Neri was born in 1515 in Florence, Italy, during a time of intensive reform and vigorous renewal in the Church. The Council of Trent convened on three occasions during his lifetime. He went to Rome in 1532 where he lived in extreme poverty but devoted himself to visiting the sick and helping poor children. With his engaging style, he evangelized young Florentines of the banking and merchant class. He arranged informal prayer and discussion groups. In 1548 he established an organization to provide hospitality for pilgrims to Rome and to care for shut ins. At the urging of his confessor, Philip at age 36 was ordained a priest. He soon earned a reputation for being an outstanding confessor and spiritual director; gifted with being able to pierce the pretenses and illusions of others and to help them see the truth about themselves. He received penitents and visitors from all walks of life, from cardinals to the very poor. Many were attracted by the warmth of his personality, his wit, unpretentiousness and cheerfulness. Some of Philip's followers became priests. Five of them lived together with him in community and began to share a common life under his direction. The group eventually grew and became the Congregation of the Oratory, which was approved in 1575. They are best known in England through their most famous member, Cardinal John Henry Newman. Philip and the Oratorian introduced a new style of personal spirituality for the laity and encouraged them to give public testimony to their faith, put on theatrical productions and compose and play songs with religious themes. Philip suffered a stroke on May 25, 1595, and died the next morning. He was canonized a saint in 1622, although many church leaders considered him a saint even in his lifetime. He was known as the "apostle of Rome" for evangelizing and reviving a spirit of faith among the city's populace. His many friends included St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Francis Xavier, St. Charles Borromeo and St. Francis de Sales. He is the patron saint of the city of Rome. His feast day is May 26.

Mother's Day: A Stewardship Reflection

May 10 is Mother's Day and what theme is more universal than motherhood? We Catholics prize that nurturing relationship so highly that we call our Church, "Holy Mother," and we venerate Mary, the mother of Jesus, for her pivotal role in the life of our Lord and savior.

Yet, Mother's Day can bring with it a plethora of emotion and memories. Any mother can attest to the difficulty and challenge of the task of parenting. And mothers come in all shapes and sizes. Some mothers are birth mothers, some are adoptive. Some mothers are the grandmas or aunts who raised us. Some mothers left us far too soon. Some mothers are the people we rebelled against; some mothers are the women we idolized. Most often, our mothers were probably both. It's a complex relationship, this parenting.

During the month of May, we honor and remember not just our own moms, but Mary, the mother of God. We see her as the great symbol of motherhood and as our role model. Let us ask Mary's intercession, so that in our endeavors to be good stewards and to raise good stewards, to nurture in the faith those entrusted to us, she might come to our assistance and guide us with her motherly understanding. And on Mother's Day, we ask Mary to bless all mothers, especially our own.

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OLD HISTORICAL CHURCH

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.

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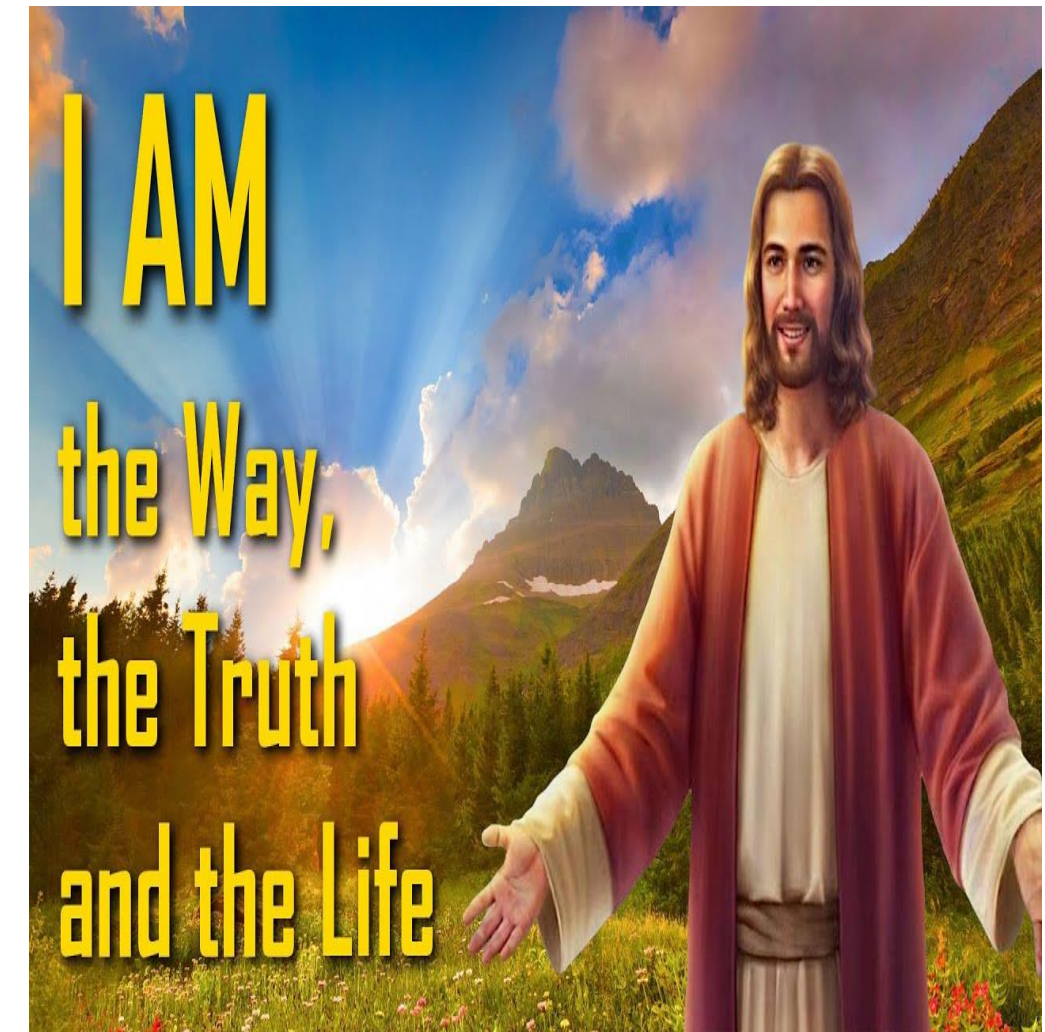
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NEW CHURCH



*Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 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



Dinah Aquino Tavares 4
 Tammy Brillantes 4
 Alexis Gregorius 5
 Kobi Gregorius 5
 Molly Bahouth 6
 James Thesken 6
 Troy Kaneshiro 8
 Pamela Muana 9
 Sutton Janna Remigio 9
 Gilbert Asuncion 10
 Lourdes Barros 10
 Alyssa Kaneshiro 10

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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we see how the first community of Christians gathered together to discern and resolve how to care for each other's needs. As good stewards of the sisters and brothers who gathered around the Eucharistic table, the community of faith selected those among them who were to ensure that no one was neglected. How do we resolve to serve the needs of our parish family? How do we ensure that those who might be perceived to be the least of our brothers and sisters are not left alone and neglected?



Stewards of Treasure

Weekly Collections April 25 - 26, 2026

Collection	\$	3,444.00
Votive Candles	\$	550.00
Mass Intentions	\$	52.00
Gift Shop	\$	862.00
Food Pantry (Cash)	\$	5.00
Marriages	\$	100.00
Building Maintenance Fund	\$	11,400.00
Filipino Catholic Club (Membership dues)	\$	172.00
Calendars	\$	30.00
Online Church Offering	\$	338.00
Online Building Maintenance Fund	\$	200.00
Online Second Collection	\$	51.50

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



*To all parents and family members joining this year's Holy Cross (Santa Cruzan) we invite you to our first meeting on Sunday May 2, right after the 9:30 AM Mass. We'll gather in the parish hall to begin planning together. We look forward to seeing you there and starting this beautiful tradition as a community.

*Elections for our Parish Council Chair and Vice Chair is this week. Get your ballot from our representative after you register. Please cast your vote by depositing your ballot at the ballot box at the entrance of the Church. You cannot vote more than once. One ballot per person.

*The First meeting of the New Parish Council will take place on Wednesday May 13, at 6:15 PM in the Parish Hall. We look forward to gathering with all ministry heads or coordinators as we begin our work with renewed energy and hope.

*Our Parish secretary will be out of the office on Tuesday, May 5 and Wednesday, May 6. We kindly ask that you visit us again on Thursday, when the parish office will open. We appreciate your patience and wish you a blessed week.

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

TODAY'S READINGS, FIFTH Sunday of Easter

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

The early Christian community chooses seven people to serve at table so that the Twelve can devote themselves to prayer and the ministry of the word.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,18-19

The Lord is merciful toward those who trust in him.

Second Reading

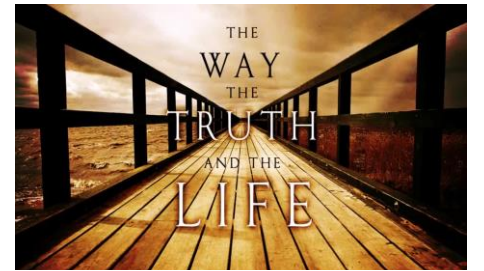
1 Peter 2:4-9

Those who have faith are chosen in Christ to be a holy priesthood.

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-12

Jesus tells his disciples, "I am the way and the truth and the life."



Background on the Gospel Reading

The readings for the last few Sundays have been about the Resurrection, but today's Gospel takes us back in time to an event in Jesus' life before his Passion. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples will be able to follow. Thomas, who will later doubt the disciples' reports that they have seen the Risen Lord, contradicts Jesus by saying that the disciples don't know where Jesus is going or how to get there. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now love God the Father.

Philip then makes a request that challenges Jesus' words. Philip wants Jesus to show the Father to the disciples. Recall that Jesus has just told his disciples, "If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." As a good teacher, Jesus responds to Philip by repeating and elaborating on what he has just told the disciples: they have seen and known Jesus, so they have seen and known the Father. Then Jesus offers another reassurance about his departure: because of faith in God and in Jesus, the disciples will do the work that Jesus has done and more.

The connection between Jesus and his Father, between Jesus' work and the work of the Father, is made clear in today's Gospel. Jesus is in the Father, and God the Father is in Jesus. As God spoke his name to Moses, "I am," so too Jesus speaks his name to his disciples: "I am the way and the truth and the life."

The revelation of the Trinity is completed in the passage that follows today's reading, and it is the Gospel for next Sunday. Because Jesus goes away, the Father will send in Jesus' name the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will continue the work of the Father and of Jesus.

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.