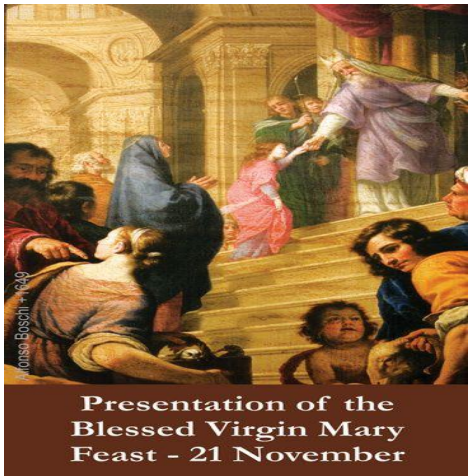




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Mary’s presentation was celebrated in Jerusalem in the sixth century. A church was built there in honor of this mystery. The Eastern Church was more interested in the feast, but it does appear in the West in the 11th century. Although the feast at times disappeared from the calendar, in the 16th century it became a feast of the universal Church.

As with Mary’s birth, we read of Mary’s presentation in the temple only in apocryphal literature. In what is recognized as an unhistorical account, the Protoevangelium of James tells us that Anna and Joachim offered Mary to God in the Temple when she was 3 years old. This was to carry out a promise made to God when Anna was still childless.

Though it cannot be proven historically, Mary’s presentation has an important theological purpose. It continues the impact of the feasts of the Immaculate Conception and of the birth of Mary. It emphasizes that the holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life on earth continued through her early childhood and beyond

Reflection

It is sometimes difficult for modern Westerners to appreciate a feast like this. The Eastern Church, however, was quite open to this feast and even somewhat insistent about celebrating it. Even though the feast has no basis in history, it stresses an important truth about Mary: From the beginning of her life, she was dedicated to God. She herself became a greater temple than any made by hands. God came to dwell in her in a marvelous manner and sanctified her for her unique role in God’s saving work. At the same time, the magnificence of Mary enriches her children. They—we—too are temples of God and sanctified in order that we might enjoy and share in God’s saving work.

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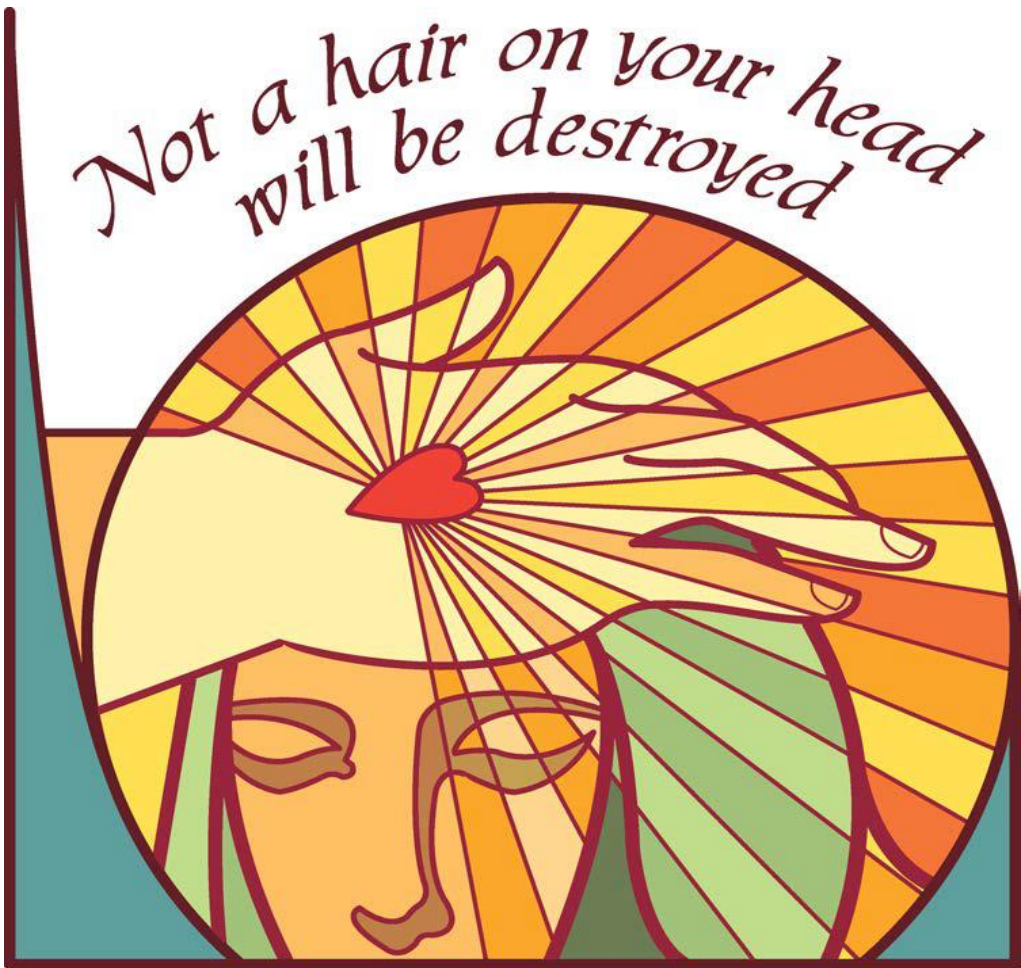


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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 16, 2025

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Catholic Daily Mass Monday – Friday: 7:00 AM (Old Church) **Wednesday:** 7:00 AM (Old Church)
followed by Novena; **Saturday:** 8:00AM (Old church)
Saturday (obligation mass): 5:00 PM (New Church)
Sunday (obligation 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

PASTORAL STAFF	
Rev. Ronaldo Guzman, MS – Pastor	
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Food Pantry:	
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Lydia Rebugio	
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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 are 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.	

November Birthdays

Kathy Hadwin Nov 17
Kevin Meehan Nov 17
Dolores Carbonel Nov 19
Tanner Rivera Nov 21
Ryan Sarmiento Nov 21
Eugene Ballesteros Nov 22



May God richly bless you and grant the wishes of your heart!

A Stewardship Prayer

My parish is composed of people like me. My stewardship helps make it what it is. It will be a place where Christ is found, *if I live in Christ.* It will bring Christ to the world, *if I carry Christ with me.* It will be friendly, *if I am.* It will be holy, *if I am.* Its pews will be filled, *if I help fill them.* It will do great work, *if I work.* It will be prayerful, *if I pray.* It will make generous gifts to many causes, *if I am a generous giver.* It will bring others into its worship, *if I invite and bring them.* It will be a parish of welcome and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, fruitfulness, and mercy, *if I am filled with these same things.* Therefore, with the help of God, through the Holy Spirit, and the intercession of Blessed Mary of the Assumption, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be.

Amen.

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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend of November 15/16, 2025

In today’s Gospel Jesus suggests that his disciples must be prepared to suffer ridicule, persecution and perhaps even death if they are to follow him. Sometimes we may wonder if enduring ridicule and scorn are what we really signed up International Catholic Stewardship Council for when we received the sacraments of initiation. Would we not rather sneak through life as painlessly as possible? Good stewards take their faith seriously and find comfort in the closing words of today’s Gospel: “You will be hated by all because of my name but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives.” Let us make it part of our daily prayer routine to ask the Holy Spirit for the courage to act in Jesus’ name no matter the consequences.



Stewards of Treasure
Weekly Collections, Nov 8&9, 2025

Collection	\$	4,509.00
Votive Candles	\$	339.00
Mass Intentions	\$	112.00
Gift Shop	\$	744.50
Food Pantry	\$	60.00
Bereavement	\$	
Marriage	\$	
2nd Collection for Miliary Service		1,220.00
	\$	
Tax Refund		13.96
Online Church Offering	\$	422.10
Online 2 nd collection	\$	20.60

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



- *There will be a second collection this weekend for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Please make checks payable to Saint Raphael Catholic Church.
- *Food Pantry distribution will be on Nov 10th from 4:30pm to 6pm
- *There will be communion service only in the old church from Nov 17 to Nov 21 at 7am due to the annual priest convocation in Oahu.
- *There will be a procession in honor of Christ the King following the 7AM mass on Sunday Nov 23rd.
- *If you know of a family in need for Christmas, please have them contact Catholic Charities at 808-241-4673 before Nov 22 to register for Santa’s Workshop. Limited to 150 recipients. First Come, First Serve.
- *Christmas decorating of the Church grounds will be held on Saturday Nov.29th and Dec. 6th at 8:00am. Volunteers are greatly needed. Please come and help make our church and grounds light up for Christmas and the Advent season
- *Our Gift Shop is open after mass on weekends and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9AM to 12PM.

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.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading

Malachi 3:19-20
The day of justice is coming, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 98:5-6,7-8,9
Sing praise to God, who rules with justice.

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
Paul urges the community to follow his example and to earn their keep.

Gospel Reading

Luke 21:5-19
Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and warns his followers that persecution will come before the end time.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In the context of Luke, today's Gospel appears near the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem, just prior to the events that will lead to his crucifixion. His warnings and predictions are ominous but can be read in many ways.

To those who first heard Luke's Gospel, those may have been words of encouragement. The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Romans was history (70 A.D.); Luke's Gospel, Catholic scholars propose, was written between 80 and 90 A.D. His audience was probably Gentile Christians. Luke here tries to interpret the fall of Jerusalem for them and to locate it in God's plans for humankind (salvation history). At the same time, Luke is suggesting to his audience that there will be a considerable elapse of time before Jesus' final coming. Luke's listeners have likely seen much upheaval and are anxious to know if these are the signs of Jesus' coming. Luke is urging greater patience.

In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus warns that his followers will face persecution for their beliefs. Luke presents persecution as an opportunity for the followers of Jesus for “It will lead to your giving testimony” (Luke 21:13). In persecution God's wisdom and power will be shown in the example of followers of Jesus. Perseverance in the face of persecution will lead to their salvation.

Here Jesus is assuring his followers that God is present to all believers, even in times of trouble. Ultimately, Jesus will witness to this with his own death. As disciples of Jesus, we try to follow his example, trusting in God's mercy and protection, even when we are facing difficulties.

Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

