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SAINT RAPHAEL LITURGICAL CALENDAR CELEBRATION 2025

DECEMBER:

- Dec 3rd Advent Penance Service in New Church 6PM
- Dec 8th Solemnity of Immaculate Conception in New Church 7AM (Holy Day of Obligation) and 6PM at Immaculate Conception in LIHUE not here in KOLOA
- Dec 12th at 6:30 PM, Movie Night (How the Grinch Stole Christmas). Sign up by Dec 7th. Food and Drink provided. Bring a blanket and chair
- Dec 16th thru Dec 24th Missa de Gallo 5AM each day in the Old Church
- Dec 21st St Raphael Christmas party at 4:30PM (courtyard)
- Dec 24th Christmas Eve Mass 5PM and 12:00AM (Midnight Mass) in the New Church
- Dec 25th Christmas Day Mass 9:30AM Mass only in the New Church
- Dec 31st New Years Eve Thanksgiving Mass 5PM in the New Church

JANUARY:

- January 1st New Years Day Mass, Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, 9:30AM in the New Church



OLD HISTORICAL CHURCH

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NEW CHURCH

BOTH CHURCHES – SAME ADDRESS

**“SPES NON CONFUNDIT”
HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT**



First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 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
Dcn. Bambi Emayo – Deacon
Office Secretary – TBA

Parish Accounting Manager:
Michele Lum

Volunteer Accountant:
Mercedes Casticimo (as needed)

Volunteer Bookkeeper:
Marina Pascua

Volunteer - PDS
Laure Dietterle

Religious Education Director:
TBA

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 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.

Nov/Dec Birthdays

Nov 29 Chayse Garcia
Nov 30 Rayn Snay
Dec 2 Milton Ceria
Dec 2 Angela Morehead
Dec 2 Benymar Tapucol
Dec 3 Wailana Bukoski
Dec 4 Amie Melchor
Dec 5 Christopher Liberato



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.

CATHOLIC.ORG

November 29 & 30, 2025

On this first Sunday of Advent Jesus urges his disciples to stay awake and prepare themselves for the Lord’s coming. Good stewards prepare themselves and await Christ’s judgment in joyous expectation. This attitude requires genuine spiritual maturity, of course; the kind that is cultivated by prayer, participation in the sacraments, loving attention to family and one’s communion of faith, and love for one’s neighbor. Are we prepared for the Lord’s second coming? Are we ready to receive Christ? Are we ready to look joyously for Christ’s judgment



Stewards of Treasure
Weekly Collections, Nov 22&23, 2025

Collection	\$	3,483.00
Votive Candles	\$	307.50
Mass Intentions (includes online)	\$	23.00
Gift Shop	\$	443.00
Food Pantry	\$	5.00
Bereavement	\$	
Thanksgiving day collection	\$	
2nd Collection	\$	
Youth	\$	
Online Church Offering	\$	232.10
Online 2 nd collection	\$	

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



***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**

***The Advent reconciliation service will be held in the new church on Dec 3rd at 6PM.**

***Movie Night on Dec 12th in courtyard. Sign up by Dec 7th. Food and drink provided. Bring a blanket and chair.**

***St Raphael Christmas party on Dec 21st at 4:30PM in the courtyard. Sign up will be available next week.**

***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

Isaiah 2:1-5

Isaiah describes his vision in which all nations are gathered together by God in peace.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 122:1-2,3-4,4-5,6-7,8-9

Rejoicing, let us enter the house of the Lord.

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

Be prepared, salvation is near.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus tells his disciples that the coming of the Son of Man will catch many people unprepared. Jesus tells his disciples that they are to always be ready for the day of the Lord.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory.

The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be.

The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know *that* our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.

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

