Recommissioning of Lectors & Extra- Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion







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LITURGICAL CALENDAR OF THE MONTH AND EVENTS

DECEMBER

Dec 7 -- Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Immaculate Conception at 5:30 PM in the Old Church
Dec 8 -- Solemnity of Immaculate Conception
Dec 16 -- Dec 24 -- Missa de Gallo at 5:00AM
Dec 17 --- Food Distribution at 4:30 – 6:00pm
Dec 20 --- Launching of the 185th Foundation Anniversary
Dec 24 --- Christmas Eve, Children's Mass at 5:00 PM & Midnight Mass
Dec 25 --- Christmas Day, Mass at 9:30 AM
Dec 31 --- Year End Thanksgiving Mass at 5:00 PM

JANUARY 2027:
January 01 New Year Day Mass, Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, 9:30AM in the New Church





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:
Jacquelyn Contrades

Finance Council:
Jeanette Liberato

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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NEW CHURCH

BOTH CHURCHES – SAME ADDRESS



First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 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

November & December Birthdays

Snay, Ryan 30
Ceria, Milton 2
Morehead, Angela 2
Tapucol, Benymar 2
Bukoski, Wailana 3
Melchor, Amie 4
Liberato, Christopher 5
Allianic, Elizabeth Linda 6



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

GIVE ONLINE

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.

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@cfcsmission.org. Elly Mae Kalilikane, Family Service Advisor,808-727-1024, **mkalilikane@cfcsmission.org.**



Stewards of Treasure

Weekly Collections Nov.21- Nov.22, 2026

Collection	$	4,018.00
Votive Candles	$	413.00
Mass Intentions	$	47.00
Gift Shop	$	288.50
Food Pantry (Cash)	$	5.00
Funerals	$	300.00
12/5 Vendor Fee	$	40.00
Building Maintenance Fund	$	500.00
Second Collection (Catholic Campaign)	$	
Online Church Offering	$	793.10

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



***There will be a Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary on December 7 (Monday) at the Old Historical Church at 5:30 in the afternoon for those who cannot attend the December 8 Mass.**

***The Solemnity of Immaculate Conception is a Holiday of Obligation. Mass will be held on December 8 at 7 AM in the New Church & 9:30 AM in the Old Church. The Fiesta Mass at Immaculate Conception in Lihue is at 6:00 PM.**

***We have a Second Collection next weekend December 12&13 for Retirement Fund for Religious. Please make your checks payable to St. Raphael Church. Thank you.**

***St. Raphael will be hosting a craft fair on December 5 in our property to raise funds in celebration of our 185th Foundation Anniversary. We invite you to come shop and support our local crafters and vendors. Your participation and support will make a difference! Thank you.**

***Our Gift Shop is open after mass on weekends and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9AM to 12PM, where you can pick up Advent Calendar from $1 each.**

TODAY'S READINGS



First Reading
Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7
Isaiah prays for the Lord's forgiveness of the people.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19
A prayer for the Lord's protection

Second Reading
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Paul gives thanks to God for the faith of the Corinthians.

Gospel Reading
Mark 13:33-37
Jesus warns his disciples to be watchful so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we begin the season of Advent, which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. The readings for Sunday Mass are arranged on a three-year cycle. Each year features a different Gospel—Matthew, Mark, or Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed throughout all three years. With this year's first Sunday of Advent, we begin Cycle B of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Mark. This week and next week, our readings from Mark's Gospel present two important Advent themes: the Lord's return at the end of time and John the Baptist's preparation for Jesus.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of Mark's Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark's account of Jesus' Passion. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples—Peter, James, John, and Andrew—who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face. Today's passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes. Scholars believe that Mark's Gospel was written around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70. Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times, times of conflict. They were likely beginning to face persecution as followers of Jesus. In this difficult time, it helped to recall that Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Early Christian communities took courage from Jesus' warning to remain alert and watchful, and they found in his words a way to persevere through suffering. Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

Advent prayer

Lord, as we journey through this Advent season, give us the wisdom to be good stewards of this time of grace, a time to be more prayerful, to listen more intently to Your Word; a time to allow our faith to grow and mature. Show us how to give witness to your Good News more fervently among our families, friends and those with whom we worship. Help us be more aware of those who are poor, lonely or suffering; and to serve them as if we were serving You. And fill our hearts with hope, so that we may make straight Your path with confidence and zeal and prepare for the joy of Your coming! We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen