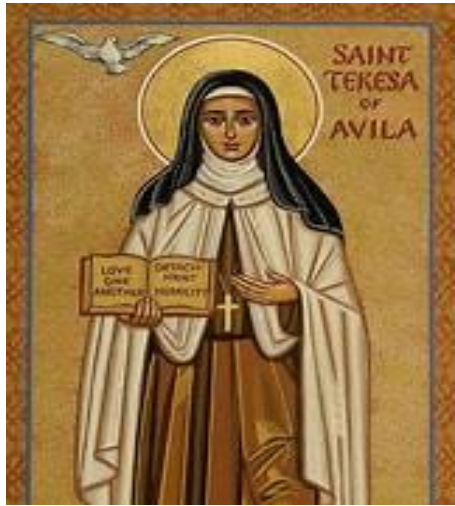
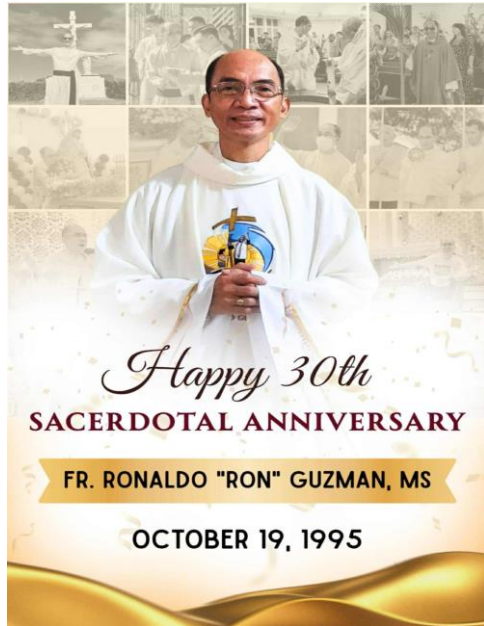




St. Teresa of Avila founded the Discalced Carmelite religious community of women and was one of the first two women to be named Doctor of the Church (with Catherine of Siena) because of her extraordinary contribution to Christian mysticism and spirituality. Born in 1515 to a large, aristocratic Castilian family in Avila, Spain, Teresa entered the Carmelite monastery when she was 20 years old. She spent a number of relatively average years in the convent before she experienced a vision that changed her life forever. In 1554, while praying before a statue of the crucified Christ, Teresa underwent a profound spiritual conversion. She later wrote: “When I fell to prayer again and looked at Christ hanging poor and naked upon the cross, I felt I could not bear to be rich.” She prayed that she might be as poor as Jesus.

St. Teresa of Avila, Doctor of the Church

Teresa had a number of mystical experiences centered on Christ’s passion. She was motivated by these visions to reform her religious community which had relaxed the observance of its original rule. In 1562, Teresa established a convent in Avila with thirteen other nuns where she felt the primitive Carmelite Rule could be strictly observed. Their communal life was marked by prayer, poverty, manual work, abstinence from meat and solitude. This convent would become the model for 16 other Discalced convents she would establish between 1562 and 1582 while traveling across the rugged Castilian countryside by mule. In 1567, she met St. John of the Cross, who she enlisted to extend her reform into the male side of the Carmelite community. St. Teresa was a prolific writer on the spiritual life and left a substantial body of writings on Christian mysticism. These works include the Way of Perfection and Meditations on the Song of Songs. Her masterpiece was the Interior Castle which was a disguised autobiography. For St. Teresa, the test of growth in the spiritual life was the extent one responded to Christ’s stewardship call to love one’s neighbor. Teresa died on October 4, 1582, and was canonized in 1622. She is the patron saint of Spain. Her feast day is October 15.



Please join us, as we celebrate Father Ron’s 30th Priesthood Ordination Anniversary on October 19, 2025. Lunch starts at 11:30 AM in the courtyard. RSVP before October 12. Sign-up sheets after weekend mass are available. We will also celebrate Deacon Bambi and Clarissa Emayo’s First Year Anniversary of serving our parish community. Please bring your favorite dessert.



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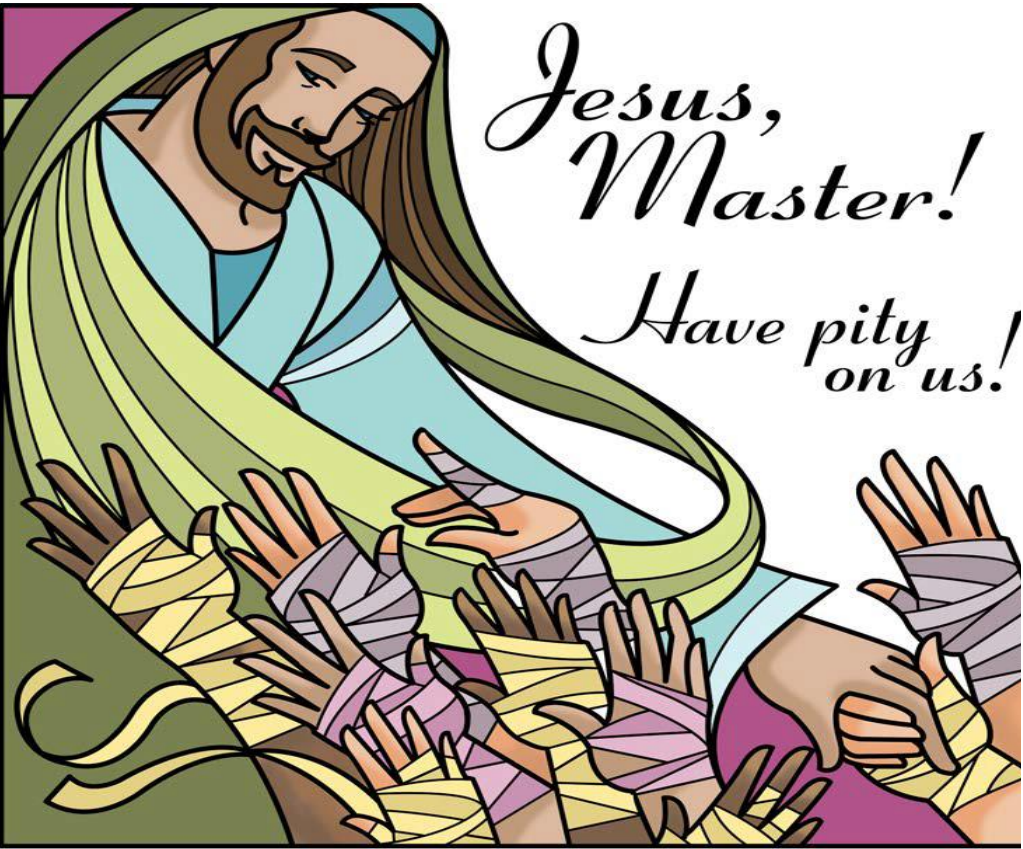


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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 12, 2025

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
Volunteer Office Secretary – Rose Dela Cruz

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.

October Birthdays

Darrell Acob 14
Josephine Felipe 14
Stanley Sarmiento 14
Jeffrey Rebugio 17
Julia Pascual 18

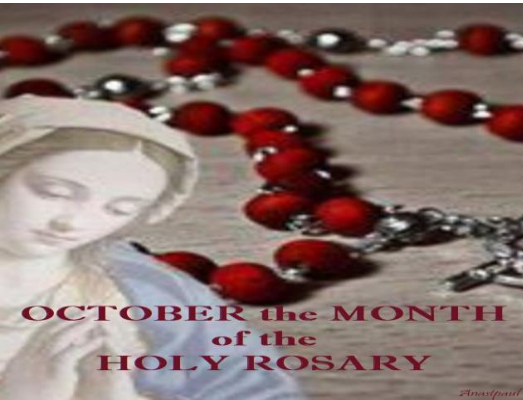


May God richly bless you and grant the wishes of your heart!

A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER for October

Gracious and Loving God We give you thanks for this time of year; a time of transformation that reveals the awe-inspiring gift of your creation. Teach us how to be good stewards of all the gifts you have given us; and show us how we may share those gifts generously, especially with those most in need of your loving care. Give us the strength to be good stewards of the Gospel, to love others as we love ourselves, and to follow in your Son's footsteps, until we find our way home to you. We pray this through your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen

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Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, we hear of the ten men afflicted with leprosy, and the one who glorifies God for being healed. It is a dramatic scene of gratitude. But in order for the miracle to happen in the first place, these men had to start walking in faith before their diseased conditions change one tiny bit. Good stewards of their faith realize that they cannot wait until their problems are over to start walking in faith. They praise God even in the darkest of nights, and in the worst of circumstances. Do we walk in faith, offering the Lord our gratitude even when we are in difficult circumstances?



Stewards of Treasure
Weekly Collections October 5, 2025

Collection	\$	3,088.00
Votive Candles	\$	285.00
Mass Intentions	\$	255.00
Food Pantry	\$	5.00
Gift Shop	\$	972.00
Second Collection for Ohana in Christ	\$	1,181.00
Online Church Offering	\$	489.05
Online 2 nd Collection for Ohana in Christ	\$	103.00

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



*St. Raphael Church's drive thru Food Pantry distribution will be on Thursday, October 16 from 4:30 PM – 6 PM.

*The Kauai Vicariate will have a Music Formation of all choir members on Saturday, October 18 from 8AM to 12PM at Immaculate Conception Parish Hall. Fr. Alfred Guerrero from the Diocese of Honolulu will be the speaker. Mandatory attendance to all choir members. Thank you.

*Lectors will have a meeting on Sunday, October 26 after the 9:30am mass in the Parish Hall.

*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.



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: st-raphael-kauai.org

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading

2 Kings 5:14-17
Naaman is cleansed of his leprosy and chooses to serve the God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 98:1,2-3,3-4
Rejoice! The salvation of God is made known to all.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-13
Those who remain faithful to Christ will share Christ's glory.

Gospel Reading

Luke 17:11-19
Jesus heals 10 lepers, and one, the Samaritan, returns to give thanks.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we hear about how Jesus, continuing on his journey to Jerusalem, heals 10 lepers. This story is a lesson about faith and reminds us that faith is sometimes found in unlikely places. Ten people afflicted with leprosy cry out to Jesus. Struck with pity, Jesus heals all 10. However, only one is described as glorifying God and returning to thank Jesus. The one who returns is a Samaritan, a foreigner. In the Jewish circles in which Jesus lived, Samaritans were looked down upon because of the differences between the two communities in their observance of Judaism. It is significant, therefore, that Jesus commends the Samaritan for his faith, which has been his salvation. Throughout Luke's Gospel, faith is found in surprising places.

Another lesson for us in this Gospel has to do with salvation. All 10 of the lepers were given the gift of healing, but in his gratitude to God for this gift, the Samaritan found salvation. Our salvation is found in recognizing the gifts we have been given and knowing to whom we must offer our thanks.

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

