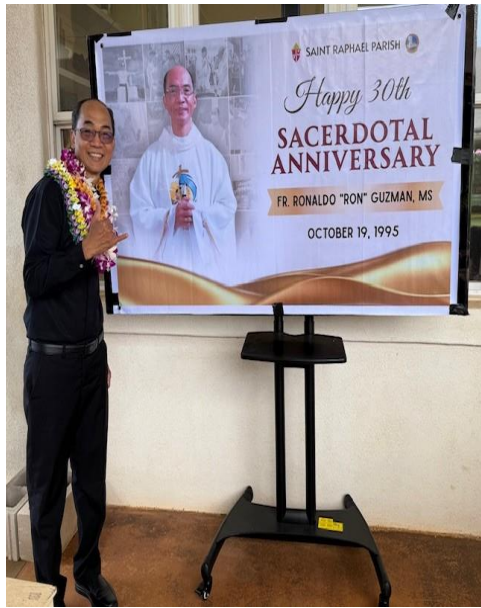


Father Ron's 30th Sacerdotal Anniversary & Deacon Bambi & Clarissa's 1st Anniversary



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NEW CHURCH

BOTH CHURCHES – SAME ADDRESS

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



All who
humble
themselves
will be
exalted

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 26, 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.

Thank you Father Ron, Deacon Bambi and Clarissa for shepherding our Parish

October Birthdays

Joann Givens 26
Florence Bromeo-Sina 27
Trinity Muana 28
Caridad Rodrigues 30
Kylene Albao 31
Jaron Sit 31
Luz Ishiguro 31



November Birthdays

Alexander Cezar 01
Celeste Rivera 01
Cathy Stigmeier 01

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



Our Parish will be having a **Luminary Service** on Saturday, November 1, All Saints Day after the 5 PM mass. Bags and candles are provided and will be set up for you at the Courtyard. All Souls Day envelopes can be picked up at the office or at church entrance. Please submit all envelopes by **Thursday, Oct. 30**. The names of your deceased loved ones will be read by Father Ron on Saturday during the Luminary Service.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is an interesting twist we find in today’s gospel when we hear Jesus’ parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector praying in the temple. The Pharisee is “praying to himself.” It doesn’t mean he was praying silently. It seems to mean something a lot more troubling, that he is praying to himself; that God is not his prayer’s intended audience. The words of the Pharisee are very much centered on himself: he makes claims about his character. He highlights his own admirable activities. Good stewards of their prayer lives know that a prayer of praise and thanksgiving should focus on the goodness of God. Do your prayers of thanksgiving always stay focused on God’s unfathomable, immeasurable goodness and generosity?



Stewards of Treasure
Weekly Collections October 19, 2025

Collection	\$	3,370.00
Votive Candles	\$	357.00
Mass Intentions	\$	341.00
Gift Shop	\$	493.00
Building Maintenance Fund	\$	5,300.00
Online Church Offering	\$	282.70
Online Building Maintenance Fund	\$	51.50

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



*Thank you to all the volunteers who helped clean our Old Cemetery in preparation for All Souls’ Day.

*We will have a Second Collection this weekend for World Mission Sunday. Please make your checks payable to St. Raphael Church. Thank you.

*Lectors will have an exclusive meeting this Sunday, October 26 after the 9:30am mass in the Museum room.

*Our Liturgical Committee will meet on Sunday, November 2 after the 9:30am mass in the Museum room.

*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.



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading

Sirach 35:12-14,16-18
God hears the prayer of the poor.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 34:2-3,17-18,19, 23
The Lord hears and answers the cry of the poor.

Second Reading

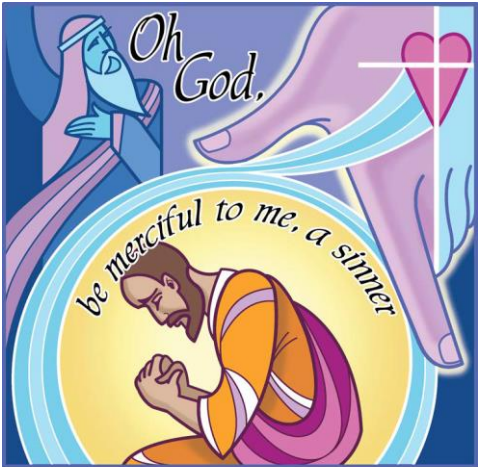
2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18
Paul perseveres in faith, confident that God will rescue him.

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:9-14
Jesus tells the parable of the proud Pharisee who prayed from his self-importance and the tax collector who prayed humbly.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The second parable that Jesus tells in Luke 18 addresses attitude in prayer. In contrasting the prayer of the Pharisee with the prayer of the tax collector, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray in humility before God. Jesus again surprises his listeners by showing the tax collector as the example of faith, rather than the Pharisee. Remember that Pharisees were members of a sect of Judaism active in Jesus' time. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for Jewish piety. If anyone would be a model for prayer, a Pharisee was a likely candidate. In contrast, Jesus offers the tax collector as a model for prayer. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman authorities in a system that allowed the tax collectors to line their own pockets by charging in excess of the defined taxes. Yet, in this parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for the prayer of a disciple. The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us.



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