

Naïome Tadije's Rite of Investiture as an Altar Server



***We invite everyone to join our general upkeep and cleaning of the New Church every second Saturday of the month at 9:00AM. Your volunteer service is a beautiful expression of gratitude to God for His many blessings. By helping care for His house, we strengthen our community and honor the sacred space entrusted to us.**



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.

ST. RAPHAEL CHURCH

Oldest Catholic Church on Kauai – est. 1841

3011 Hapa Road, Koloa, Hawaii 96756

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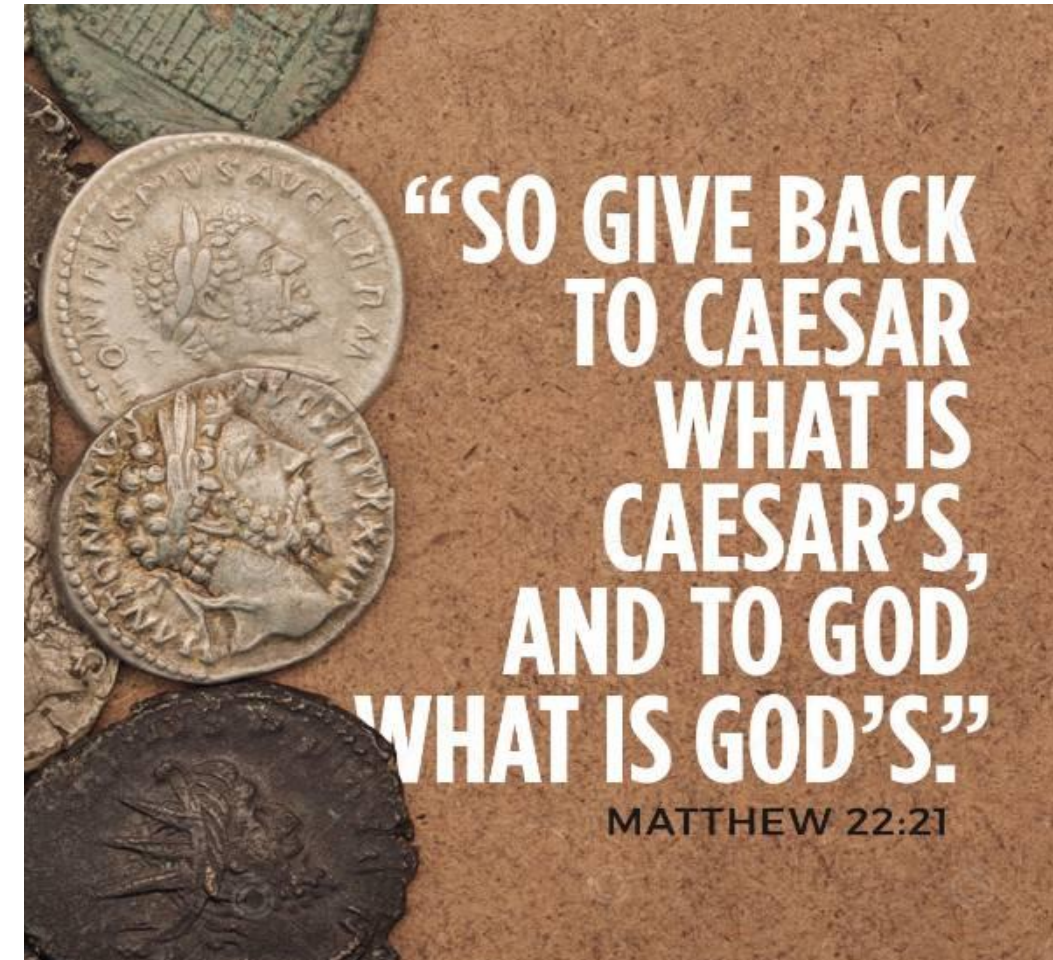
Website: St-Raphael-kauai.org

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NEW CHURCH

BOTH CHURCHES – SAME ADDRESS



Twenty-Nine Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 18, 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

Kaua i Portuguese Society Honor Preserve Share

ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING

New Members Welcome!!!

Sunday October 25, 2026

11am -2pm

Kauai War Memorial Convention Hall

Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii

Lunch

ISPRIRATIONAL &
INFORMATIONAL TALKS
ON OUR PORTUGUESE
HERITAGE

Fellowship

Visit our Website:



RSVP by October 21, 2026

Email: kauaiportuguesesociety@gmail.com

St. Raphael will be the first Catholic church on Kauai to offer columbarium niche for both register and non- register parishioners, with installation extended December 2026 as part of the parish 185th anniversary celebration. We continually encouraged you to patronize our columbarium so we can remember your loved ones in the Mass.

October Birthdays

Carveiro Alyssa-Lynn N.19
Chavez Tomas C. 19
Ruiz Tessa 19
Sarmiento Alicia 19
Garcia Noelani 20
Miyazaki Jessie 22
Caoagas Erlina 23
Ceria Adriane 25



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

FUNERAL MASS FOR THE LATE
RAFAELA “ELLA” T. LABORTE

DATE: OCTOBER 24, 2026
VISITATION: 9:30 AM
FUNERAL MASS: 10:30 AM
PLACE: ST. RAPHAEL – NEW CHURCH



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 October 10-11, 2026

Collection	\$	3,951.00
Votive Candles	\$	363.50
Mass Intentions	\$	210.00
Gift Shop	\$	1081.02
Food Pantry (Cash)	\$	5.00
Online Church Offering	\$	352.10
Online Mass Intentions	\$	1,000.00
Online Building Maintenance Fund	\$	50.00

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



*We will have a Second Collection for the CMAA on October 24 & 25. Please make your checks payable to St. Raphael Church. Thank you.

*On October 25, there will be P.P.C meeting after the 9:30 AM Mass.

*All Souls Day envelopes can be picked up at the office or at church entrance. Please submit all envelopes by **Friday, Oct. 30.**

*Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults (RCIA) starts on **Wednesday, October 28.** Classes will begin at 6:00 PM. Those interested in receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation are invited to come and join. Thank you

*The luncheon ticket for celebrating the 185th foundation anniversary of St. Raphael Church on December 20, 2026, is now available. Please buy your ticket for \$20 and join the celebration after the 9:30 AM Mass.

*Our Gift Shop is open after mass on weekends and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9AM to 12PM.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading

Isaiah 45:1,4-6
The Lord chooses Cyrus to subdue the nations for the sake of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 96:1,3-10
Sing praise to the Lord.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Paul greets the Thessalonians, recalling the Gospel they received.

Gospel Reading

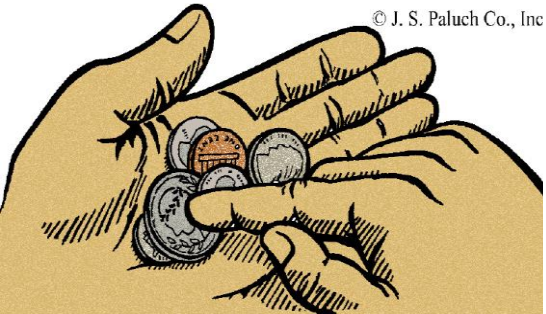
Matthew 22:15-21
The Pharisees send their disciples to test Jesus with a question about taxes.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In today’s Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes. Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. Such collaboration would have required a compromised observance of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. Herodians favored the payment of taxes; the Pharisees opposed it. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that he take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, he shows himself to be an enemy of Rome. If he answers with the Herodians, he offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities.

Jesus’ response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites. Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar’s image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God.

Jesus’ response to the Herodians and Pharisees suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honor that we owe to God?



Stewardship Prayer

Loving Father! I desire to spend my life living in collaboration with You as a disciple of Your son Jesus. I am truly grateful for the numerous gifts that You have given me. I acknowledge that everything that I have and everything that I am are Your gifts. As I approach the Eucharist, I bring a portion of Your gifts as my offering. I bring the time that I spend with You in prayer. I bring what I have done in Your service. I bring a just portion of my treasure. I pray that You grant me the wisdom and strength to live my life as a reflection of Your love. I pray that my participation in the Eucharist and my sacrificial offering is pleasing to You. I ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.