

Post Hurricane Lowell Food Distribution



Bishop Michael T.T Castori visited St. Raphael



OLD HISTORICAL CHURCH



NEW CHURCH

ST. RAPHAEL CHURCH
Oldest Catholic Church on Kauai – est. 1841
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BOTH CHURCHES – SAME ADDRESS

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.



Twenty- Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4, 2026

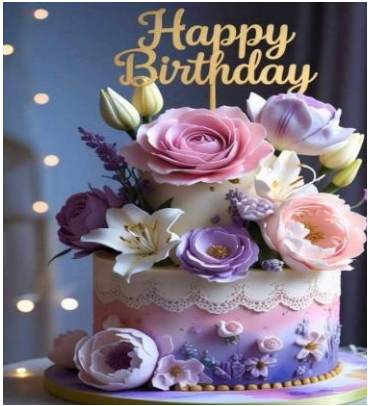
SCHEDULE OF MASSES

- 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

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.

September & October Birthdays

Casticimo Florencia 5
Gerardo Draydan 6
Homalon Alika 6
Corona Jeff 7
Batuyong Gerry 7
Cadiente Azel 7
Crescines Gloria 10
McGrath Gerald 11
Vasconcelles Leila 11



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



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 September 26-27, 2026

Collection	\$	2,917.00
Votive Candles	\$	200.00
Mass Intentions	\$	10.00
Gift Shop	\$	404.00
Food Pantry (Cash)	\$	205.00
Building Maintenance Fund	\$	1,005.00
Second collection (Missionaries of our Lady of La Salette)	\$	25.00
General Fund (UNR)	\$	25,800.00
CMAA	\$	426.00
Online Church Offering	\$	827.00
Mass Intentions	\$	200.00
Building Maintenance Fund	\$	200.00

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



***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.**

*** With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of our beloved Jim Hadwins member of the ministry of lectors and Extra- Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Let us keep him in our prayers and his family in this difficult time.**

***There will be no food bank on OCTOBER**

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7
The Lord compares the house of Israel to a vineyard.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 80:9,12-16,19-20
The Lord protects his vineyard, the house of Israel.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-9
Paul encourages the Philippians to stay faithful to the teaching they received from him.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:33-43
Jesus tells the parable about the wicked tenants.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel follows directly after [last Sunday's Gospel](#) in which Jesus was questioned by Jewish religious leaders about the source of his teaching authority. After refusing to answer their questions, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons and then criticizes the priests and elders for their lack of belief in John the Baptist. In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son. After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent. In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's 0 first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. Jesus doesn't, therefore, have to explain the symbolism of the parable; the Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: the Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question. Today's Gospel has a parallel in [Mark 12:1-12](#). There are some notable differences, however. In Matthew's version, the religious leaders condemn themselves; in Mark's Gospel, Jesus answers his own question. Matthew names the religious leaders as Pharisees and chief priests. Clearly this Gospel shows the tension that was mounting between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders who thought that his message was dangerous. Matthew's Gospel was written about 70 years after Jesus' death and reflects the conflicts and tensions found in the Christian community for whom Matthew was writing. Many biblical scholars believe that the tension between Matthew's community and their Jewish neighbors can also be heard in today's reading. This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?



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.