



### Prayer to St. Raphael the Archangel

*O Glorious Archangel St. Raphael, great prince of the heavenly court, you are illustrious for your gifts of wisdom and grace. You are a guide of those who journey by land or sea or air, consoler of the afflicted, and refuge of sinners. I beg you, assist me in all my needs and in all the sufferings of this life, as once you helped the young Tobias on his travels. Because you are the “medicine of God” I humbly pray you to heal the many infirmities of my soul and the ills that afflict my body. I especially ask of you the favor (here mention your special intention), and the great grace of purity to prepare me to be the temple of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

SEPTEMBER 29, 2025

FEAST DAY OF OUR PATRON ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

## Why Mass Intentions Matter

Here’s why the Church encourages specific intentions during Mass:

- **Personal Intercession:** A Mass intention allows the priest to offer the Eucharistic sacrifice for a particular person or cause—whether for the repose of a soul, healing, thanksgiving, birthday, safe travel, board exam or a special need. It’s a way of asking God to apply the graces of the Mass in a focused way.
- **Spiritual Benefits:** The Mass is the most powerful prayer in Catholic belief because it re-presents Christ’s sacrifice. Offering it for someone brings immense spiritual benefits—far beyond what personal prayer alone can achieve.
- **Communion of Saints:** The Church teaches that we are spiritually united with all believers—living and dead. Mass intentions reflect this unity, allowing us to pray for others and receive grace through that shared bond.
- **Ancient Tradition:** This practice dates back to the early Church. Inscriptions in Roman catacombs and writings from Church Fathers like Tertullian and St. Augustine show that Christians have long offered Masses for the dead and for special intentions.
- **Support for the Church:** When someone requests a Mass intention, they often make a small offering. This isn’t payment for grace, but a way to support the Missionaries of La Salette and the Parish’s mission. Canon Law affirms this as a legitimate and charitable practice.

### In Summary

Even though the Mass is universal, a specific intention personalizes that universality. It’s like writing a name on a gift that’s already meant for everyone—it doesn’t exclude others, but it ensures someone receives a special share of its blessings.



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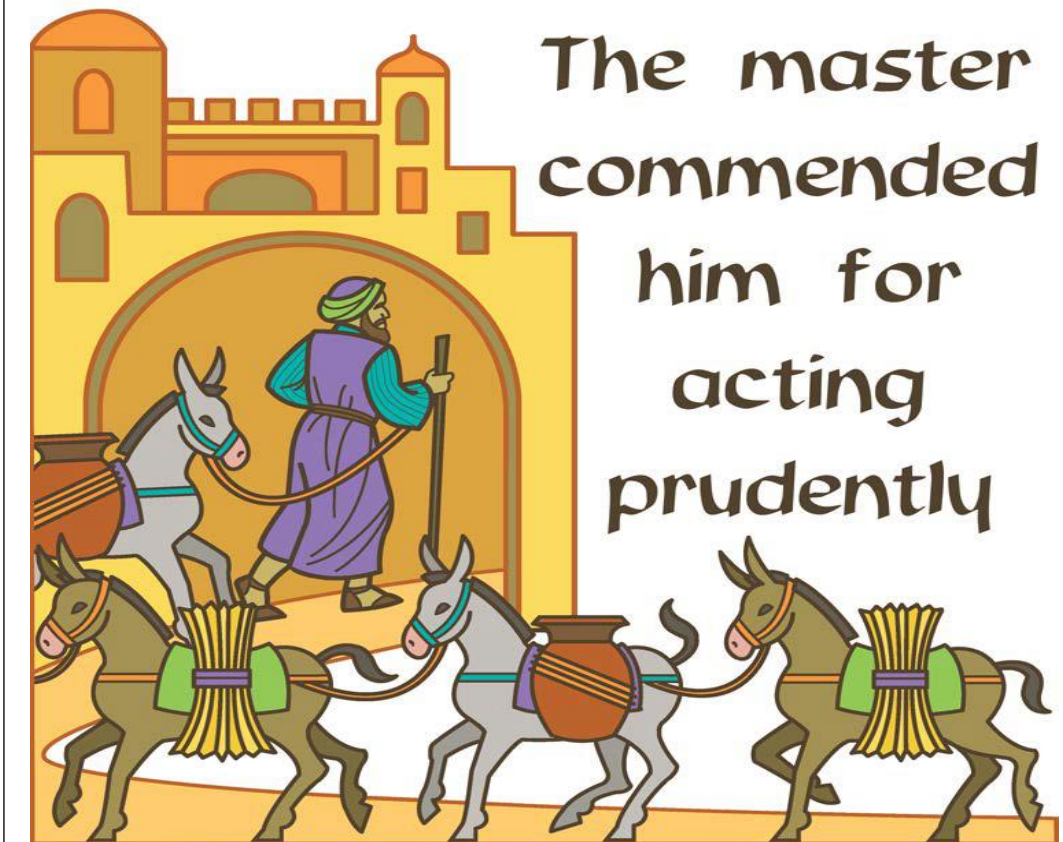
NEW CHURCH

## ST. RAPHAEL CHURCH

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BOTH CHURCHES – SAME ADDRESS

## “SPES NON CONFUNDIT” HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT



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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 21, 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:  
Paul Roberts - Chairperson

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.



September Birthdays

Caylee Ballesteros 21  
Darwin (Haka) Bukoski 21  
Estrella Macadangdang 21  
Eden Tadije 21  
Lillian Vierra 22  
Megan Bukoski 23  
Jerry Vigil 23  
Chip Bahouth 25  
Luana Gadingan 26  
Robert Ishiguro 26  
Michael Littman 26



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



LITURGICAL CALENDAR

September 21 – Parish Celebration of St. Raphael at 5:30PM in the courtyard. Potluck dinner.

September 20/21 – Second Collection for the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette.

September 27 – No morning Saturday mass.

September 29 – St. Raphael Mass at 6:30 PM in the Old Church  
No 7 AM Mass.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR THE LATE  
CORAZON ASUNCION

DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 2025  
VISITATION: 9:00 AM  
MASS: 10:00 AM  
PLACE: ST. RAPHAEL – NEW CHURCH



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In Jesus’ parable of the Unjust Steward, we encounter a financial manager who has wasted his master’s wealth and faces dismissal from his position. To overcome the crisis confronting him, the steward reduces some very considerable debts owed by poor neighbors to his master in order to help them out. Though the steward has sinned against God and his master by squandering what belongs to someone else, both the prudent way in which he goes about resolving the crisis coupled with relieving people who are in need can be seen as a way to better steward the gifts entrusted to us by God. Although good stewards today acknowledge that they may never use their God given gifts in a way that completely conforms to the demands of the Gospel, a commitment to using their gifts with prudence and for the purpose of helping their neighbors wins God’s favor.



Stewards of Treasure  
Weekly Collections September 14, 2025

Collection	\$	4,456.00
Votive Candles	\$	479.50
Mass Intentions	\$	250.00
Food Pantry	\$	80.00
Gift Shop	\$	564.00
Building Maintenance Fund	\$	300.00
Laulima Campaign	\$	500.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection for Catholic University	\$	10.00
Online Church Offering	\$	325.10
Online Building Maintenance Fund	\$	51.50

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



**\*We will have a Second Collection this weekend for the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette who are in charge of our Parish spiritual needs. Please make your checks payable to St. Raphael Church. Thank you.**

**\*Daily mass next week will resume at 7 AM.**

**\*4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Lector’s schedule is now available for pick up in the bulletin board outside the New Church.**

**\*St. Raphael Filipino Catholic Club will have a meeting on Sunday, September 28 at 11AM 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](http://st-raphael-kauai.org)

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading

Amos 8:4-7  
Unfair business practices and injustice to the poor will be judged by God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 113: 1-2,4-6,7-8  
Praise be to God, who raises up the poor.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-8  
Paul tells Timothy that prayer for those in authority is pleasing to God because God wills the salvation of all.

Gospel Reading

Luke 16:1-13 (shorter form, Luke 16:10-13)  
Jesus tells a parable about a dishonest steward who is commended for his prudence; one cannot serve both God and money.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel sounds puzzling to contemporary readers, but it can be made less so by considering the economic system which stands behind the parable. A steward is dismissed because he is squandering his master's property. He is called dishonest because he is not serving the interests of the rich man, his employer. In response the steward, in an attempt to ensure favor for himself among the rich man's debtors, brokers repayment of the rich man's loans by foregoing the interest and fees that had been levied to line the steward's pockets. It is this action, in which the steward puts aside his greed and takes the longer perspective in order to enhance his security, which is commended by the rich man.

The passage concludes with three morals for the listeners. The first exhorts the listener to be prudent about the use of wealth. Like the steward in the parable, those who would follow Jesus must put transitory affairs in proper perspective. Christians should handle the affairs of temporal life with an eye toward eternal life.

The second concerns trustworthiness. Those who can be trusted in small things can also be trusted in great things. If Christians handle money and other passing things responsibly, then they can also be trusted with the affairs of the Kingdom of God.

Finally, Jesus tells his listeners that no one can serve two masters simultaneously. God must be put ahead of money.



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**