

ST. RAPHAEL CHURCH'S HEALING MASS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY OF THE MONTH



OLD HISTORICAL CHURCH

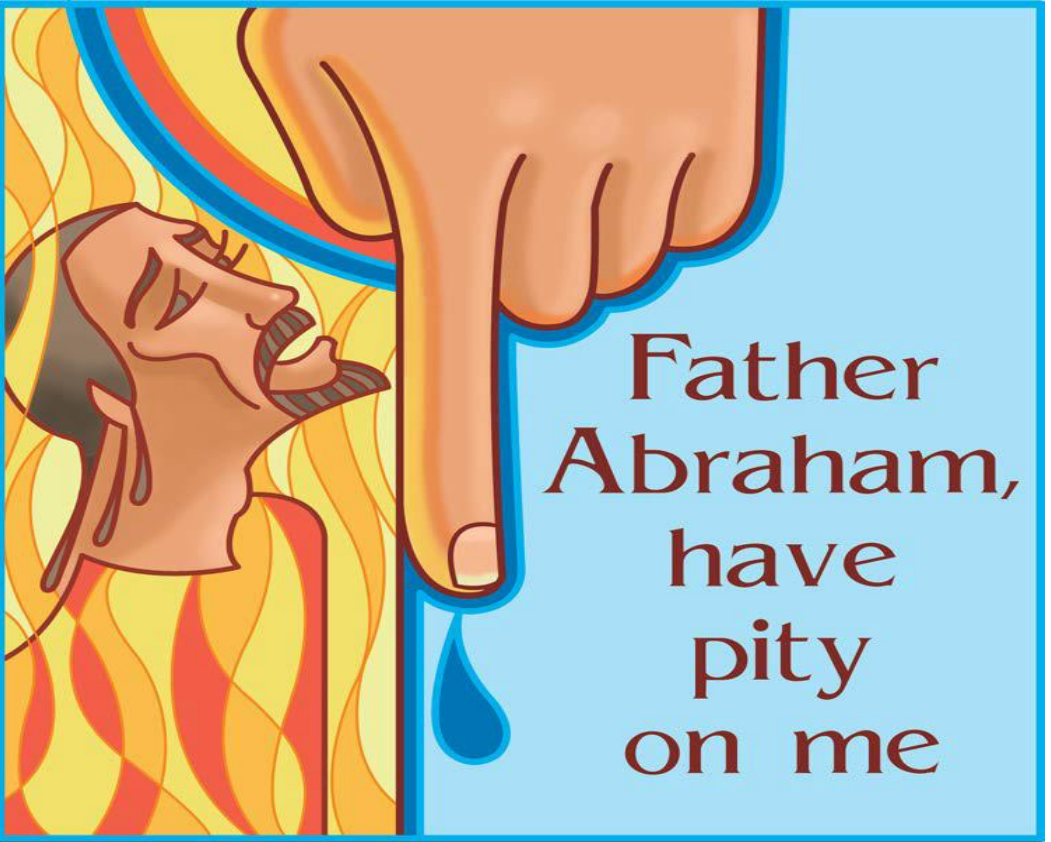
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NEW CHURCH

**BOTH CHURCHES – SAME ADDRESS**

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



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*Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*September 28, 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.



September Birthdays

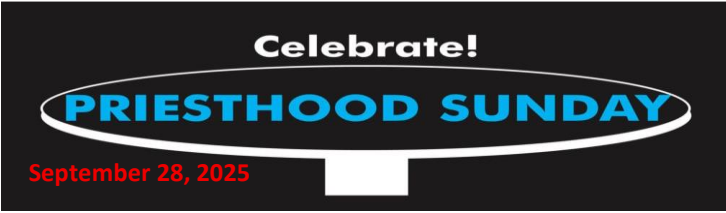
Clarissa Casticimo 28  
Rodolfo Liberato 28  
Brianna Kaneshiro 29  
Jacquelyn Contrades 30  
Cheylee Laborte 30



October Birthdays

Jeannie Agoot 01  
Gemi Pascua 01  
Lourdes Rabena 01

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



LITURGICAL CALENDAR

September 29 – St. Raphael Mass at 6:00 PM in the Old Church  
No 7 AM Mass.

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR THE LATE  
**DENIS SOUZA**  
*PRIVATE SERVICE*

DATE: OCTOBER 10, 2025  
MASS: 10:00 AM  
PLACE: ST. RAPHAEL – OLD CHURCH

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today’s Gospel Jesus offers a warning about living selfishly in his parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus. The Rich Man holds sumptuous feasts and dresses in fine clothes. But despite his affluence he does nothing to relieve the painful hunger and debilitating condition of his neighbor Lazarus. He neglects to love his neighbor as he loves himself and is sent to hell for his lifestyle and desire for self-gratification. The Rich Man represents those who spend their money on their own personal pleasures with no regard for sharing their material possessions with the poor and needy in their own neighborhood. Good stewards realize the practical implications of not only loving God, but loving their neighbor as they would love themselves. Who are the less fortunate in our neighborhood? Do we share a portion of our own blessings with them?



Stewards of Treasure  
Weekly Collections September 21, 2025

Collection	\$	4,069.00
Votive Candles	\$	608.00
Mass Intentions	\$	570.00
Food Pantry	\$	3.00
Gift Shop	\$	1,126.50
Building Maintenance Fund	\$	2,500.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection for Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette	\$	1,387.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection for Catholic University	\$	20.00
Online Church Offering	\$	222.10
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection for La Salette	\$	20.60

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



\*We will have a Second Collection on October 4 & 5 for Ohana in Christ. Please make your checks payable to St. Raphael Church. Thank you.

\*St. Raphael Filipino Catholic Club will meet this Sunday, September 28 at 11AM in the Parish Hall.

\*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.

\*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 6:1,4-7  
God will judge the complacency of the people and their leaders.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146:7-10  
Happy are those who find solace in God, the help of the poor.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:11-16  
Paul exhorts Timothy to stay faithful to God in all things.

Gospel Reading

Luke 16:19-31  
Jesus tells the parable of the reversal of fortunes between the rich man and the poor man, Lazarus.

Background on the Gospel Reading

A major theme in the Gospel of Luke is the importance of the care of the poor in the life of discipleship. In the parable found in today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the life of a rich man and the poor man, Lazarus, who lives in the shadow of the rich man and his wealth. Both die. Lazarus finds himself in heaven; the rich man in the netherworld. The rich man asks for assistance from Lazarus in his torment. But Abraham reminds the rich man of the good things he had in his life and describes the current situation as a reversal of fortunes. The rich man then asks that Lazarus be sent to warn his family, but this is denied with the reminder that Moses and the prophets have warned of judgment for those who neglect the care of the poor.

In the context of Luke's Gospel, this parable, delivered in the presence of a crowd of listeners, is part of Jesus' response to some Pharisees. These Pharisees are described in Luke's Gospel as “loving money.” (Note: The Pharisees were followers of a sect of Judaism active before, during, and after Jesus' lifetime. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for popular Jewish piety. They put less emphasis on Temple worship and more on applying the law to everyday life. Though they are often portrayed negatively in the Gospels, they shared many of Jesus' and the early Church's concerns about the law.) Jesus observed that the actions of some Pharisees betrayed misplaced priorities: they spoke one way, but acted in another. The story of the rich man and Lazarus demonstrates the importance of the care of the poor and is a reminder to those who would follow Jesus of the unimportance of wealth in the eyes of God.

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

