

LITURGICAL CALENDAR OF THE  
MONTH AND EVENTS  
SEPTEMBER

14. Triumph of the Cross--- Mass---  
7:00AM----Old Church.

16. La Salette Triduum----Mass---  
7:00AM--- Old Church.

17. Foodbank Distribution---4:30PM—  
6:00PM.

17. La Salette Triduum----Mass---  
6:00PM----Old Church

18. La Salette Triduum----Mass—  
5:00PM St. Theresa Kekaha.

19. La Salette Feast Day. Mass---  
5:00PM-New Church. (No morning  
Mass)

21. St. Matthew the Evangelist

23. St. Padre Pio

25. Regular Mass--7:00AM---Old  
Church

25. Bishop Michael Castori welcome  
Mass at St. Catherine Kapaa---6:00PM.

27. Advance Parish Feast Day of St.  
Raphael. (Fiesta Dinner) Potluck---  
5:00PM.

29. Feast Day of Archangels; Raphael,  
Gabriel and Michael-----No morning  
Mass.

Mass: 6:00PM-----Old Church.

THE LA SALETTE STORY TRACES ITS BEGINNINGS TO  
SEPTEMBER 19, 1846.

This was when the Blessed Mother appeared to two shepherd children at La Salette, a small hamlet in the French Alps. Through the children she gave her message of "Reconciliation" to the world. She insisted that this message be made known to all her people. Consequently in 1852 the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette were founded to serve as a "perpetual remembrance of Mary's merciful Apparition." In 1892 two La Salette Missionaries arrived to explore possible settlement in the New World and ultimately settled in Hartford, Connecticut. Since then, the United States presence has grown nationwide. Our province is known as the Province of Mary, Mother of the Americas. We are an Apostolic, religious community. We witness to the Kingdom of God as we seek to mend relationships in need of healing. Inspired by the event of La Salette and supported by our community life, we are strengthened by the Eucharist, prayer and faith sharing. In 1942 the La Salette Missionaries bought the Attleboro, Massachusetts property as a major seminary and in 1952 the construction of the Shrine was announced. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 1953, marked the official opening of the Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette in Attleboro. From this beginning to today we have united our gifts and talents with those of the laity. Looking at Mary as our model, we discern new opportunities to make known Her message of hope and reconciliation.



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

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1841

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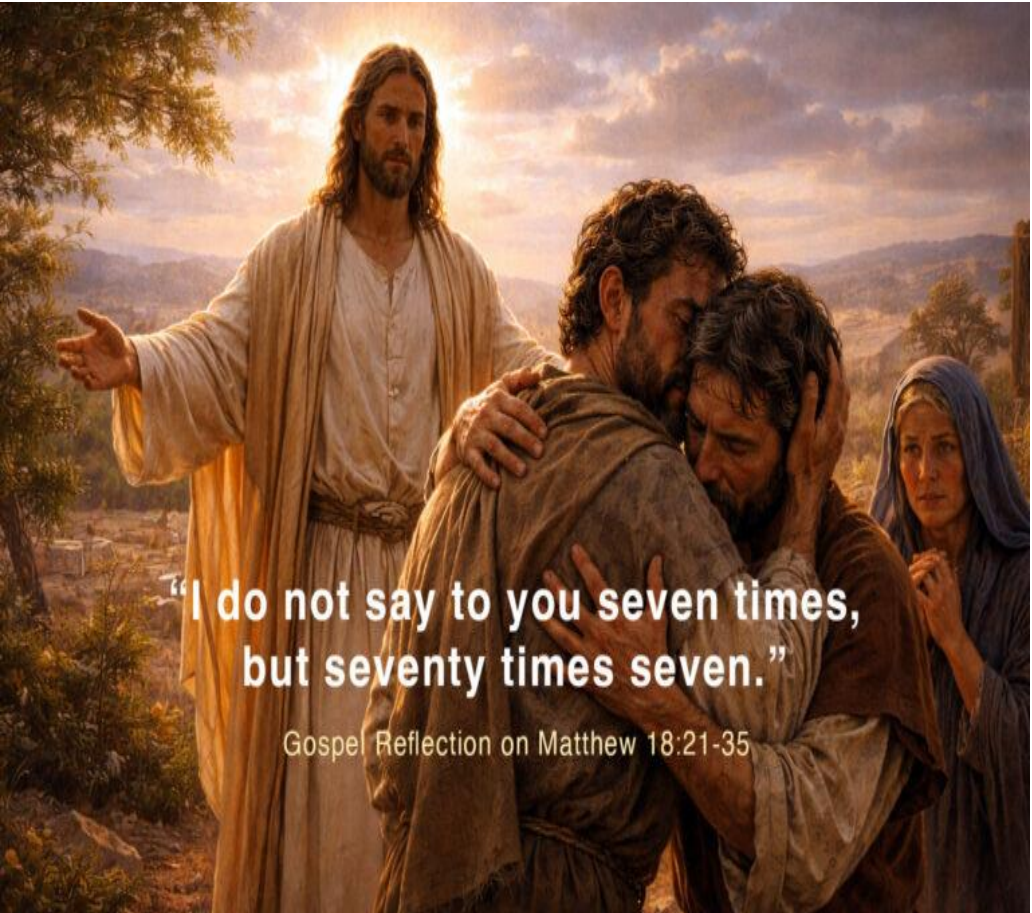
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NEW CHURCH

**BOTH CHURCHES – SAME ADDRESS**



*Twenty- Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*September 13, 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 185<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. We continually encouraged you to patronize our columbarium so we can remember your loved ones in the Mass.

September Birthdays

Gadingan Leonard 15  
Bernoski Anthony 16  
Garcia Yasha 17  
Doan To-Ha 17  
Valente Stephen 18  
Bukoski Melissa 19  
Lewis Danni 20  
Hogue Jean 20  
Yates Isaiah 20



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

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today’s Gospel reading continues Jesus’ instructions on being good stewards of others – the direction that if we love Jesus Christ, we must forgive an individual 77 times. The reading compels us to consider one of the most difficult practices of Christian discipleship. Forgiveness is the way of Jesus, the way of the cross. Vengeance, bitterness and hatred seem so much easier and certainly more desirable. Forgiveness is a hard road to travel, but it is the only road that leads to life in Christ. Consider this week who you need to forgive.

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@cfcsmision.org](mailto:dpavao@cfcsmision.org). Elly Mae Kalilikane, Family Service Advisor, 808-727-1024, [mkalilikane@cfcsmision.org](mailto:mkalilikane@cfcsmision.org).



Stewards of Treasure  
Weekly Collections September 5-6, 2026

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|----------------------------------------------------|----|----------|
| Collection                                         | \$ | 3,705.00 |
| Votive Candles                                     | \$ | 359.00   |
| Mass Intentions                                    | \$ |          |
| Gift Shop                                          | \$ | 480.03   |
| Food Pantry (Cash)                                 | \$ | 5.00     |
| Mass Intentions                                    | \$ | 51.00    |
| Second collection (Catholic University of America) | \$ | 569.00   |
| Online Church Offering                             | \$ | 521.30   |

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



- \*St. Raphael Church’s drive thru Food Pantry distribution will be on Thursday, September 17 from 4:30 PM – 6 PM.
- \*We will have a Second Collection on September 19 and 20 for the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette. Please make your checks payable to St. Raphael Church. Thank you.
- \*PPC Meeting will be this coming Sunday, September 20 after the 9:30AM Mass.
- \*Our Parish is looking for a volunteer to teach Faith Formation Classes for grades 3 to 6. Please call the Parish office if you are interested.
- \*Application for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion, Confirmation and OCIA are now accepted in the Parish Office, or you may apply online at our website.
- \*We are looking for volunteers to help us clean the New Church every second Saturday of the month at 9:00AM. Thank you.
- \*Our Gift Shop is open after mass on weekends and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9AM to 12PM.



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](http://straphaelkauai.org)

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading  
Sirach 27:30–28:9  
Those who seek God's mercy must be merciful toward others.

Responsorial Psalm  
Psalm 103:1-4,9-12  
A song of praise to God who is kind and merciful.

Second Reading  
Romans 14:7-9  
We belong to the Lord.

Gospel Reading  
Matthew 18:21-35  
Jesus teaches that we must forgive one another as God has forgiven us.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel reading directly follows last week's Gospel in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt—a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

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.

