

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR OF THE
MONTH AND EVENTS
SEPTEMBER**

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.

**La Salette Anniversary
Apparition**



**Food Distribution at St. Raphael Church
For Hurricane Lowell**



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.



OLD HISTORICAL CHURCH



NEW 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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BOTH CHURCHES – SAME ADDRESS



Twenty- Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 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

September Birthdays

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



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 12-13, 2026

Collection	\$	2,705.00
Votive Candles	\$	175.00
Mass Intentions	\$	20.00
Gift Shop	\$	
Food Pantry (Cash)	\$	5.00
Second collection (Catholic University of America)	\$	5.00
Online Church Offering	\$	352.00
Other Donations	\$	804.00

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT



*Our Second Collection on this weekend is for the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette. Please make your checks payable to St. Raphael Church. Thank you.

*PPC quarterly Meeting along with the Ministry leaders will be this weekend Sunday, September 20 after the 9:30AM Mass.

*Please join us in celebrating the Feast of our Patron Saint, St. Raphael the Archangel on Sunday, September 27. Dinner and fellowship at 5 PM in the courtyard. Please RSVP by this weekend. Sign-up sheets are available after mass.

*We are in need of brown bags for Food distribution. Please drop off the wooden box outside the office. Thank you.

*There will be no food bank on OCTOBER

*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 1st 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.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

God's ways are far beyond the ways of human beings.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145:2-3,8-9,17-18

God is near to those who call upon him.

Second Reading

Philippians 1:20c-24,27a

Paul tells the Philippians to live for Christ.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus teaches about God's generous mercy.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where he is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leaves his possessions to follow him. Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds very much like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first.

On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radical just. He has given those who labored in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that landowners have made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.

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.

