

147TH ANNIVERSARY: 1870 - 2017

*"Celebrating As God's Family"*

Happy Feast Day of  
San Lorenzo Ruiz, first Filipino Saint & Martyr.  
\*September 28, Thursday

*"I am a Christian, and this I profess until the hour of my death and for God I shall give my life. Although I did not come to Japan to be a martyr, nevertheless, as a Christian and for God I shall give my life."*

- St. Lorenzo Ruiz



### OCTOBER ROSARY DEVOTION

October is known to Catholics as *ROSARY MONTH*. We honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our heavenly Mother by offering to her the rosary like a fragrant bouquet of roses. At OLM, we keep as a sacred tradition the daily praying of the rosary before the Mass. In addition, the *Ilocano Ministry* leads the praying of the rosary every Thursday following the *Novena of Perpetual Help*.

As part of the Religious Education practicum, the *Catechists and the children together with the parents* will lead the rosary after the 8:30am Mass in all the Sundays of October. We are enjoining our dear parishioners to be part of these grace-filled activities. These are especially appropriate and relevant on the Centennial Anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima this year.



### NOVENA TO PERPETUAL HELP



We come to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and ask for her help and intercession in our various needs thru the popular devotion to the *Mother of Perpetual Help Novena* and the praying of the holy rosary every Thursday at 7:00pm in the Church. This is capped by a potluck fellowship at the parish hall. Come as a family and be blessed.

#### MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 6:30am  
Saturday (Vigil): 6:00pm  
Sunday: 6:30am & 8:30am  
Ilocano Mass:  
3rd Sunday 6:00pm

#### OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thu: 8:30am-4:00pm,  
Lunch: 11:30am-12:30pm  
Fri: 8:30am-11:30am  
Closed Sat, Sun,  
Holy Days, State & Fed. Holidays

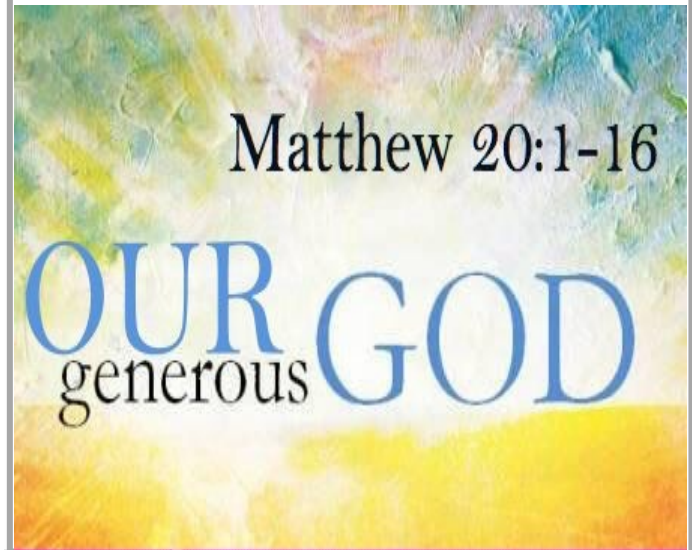
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# Our Lady of the Mount Catholic Church

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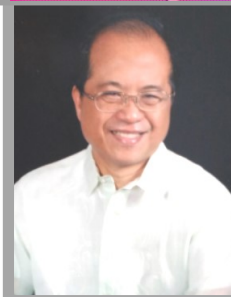
September 24, 2017

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Matthew 20:1-16

OUR GOD  
generous



Rev. Edgar B. Brillantes  
Pastor



Rev. Adrian R. Gervacio  
Pastor-Emeritus

#### MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Our Lady of the Mount parishioners are a multicultural welcoming parish; are inspired by the Holy Spirit to worship God and committed to serve the community through faith, youth formation, stewardship, fellowship and outreach.

#### VISION STATEMENT

To be a vibrant faith community with active parishioners, working together in unity to know and love God and to serve Him through one another.

#### CORE VALUES

Community building, commitment, service, stewardship, unity, welcoming, youth and spirituality.

*"The Lord is near to all who call upon him." Psalm 145:18*



# Pastor's Corner

By Rev. Edgar B. Brillantes



## Next Sunday's Readings Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading**  
Ezekiel 18:25-28

**Responsorial Psalm**  
Psalm 25:4-9

**Second Reading**  
Philippians 2:1-11

**Gospel**  
Matthew 21:28-32

**First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9**

These verses from Isaiah are proclaimed as part of the fifth Old Testament reading at the Easter Vigil. Seek the Lord is Isaiah's invitation. Even the scoundrel and wicked the prophet invites to turn to the Lord because Isaiah knows in the Lord is forgiveness so generous and so abundant that one will never turn back to one's old way of life. The Lord's thoughts as so infinitely high, like the heavens, that we find our hope for mercy in the Lord.

**Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24, 27**

Paul established the first Christian community and Philippi and he now writes to them from prison. He understands the core of his faith to be life in Christ. Whether he lives or dies, he knows that he glorifies Christ in his body. His dilemma is that if he went on living, he could still serve the Philippians and continue the work of spreading the Gospel. If Paul were to die, he would be with Christ, he exhorts the Philippians to behavior befitting those who proclaim the Gospel of Christ.

**Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16**

We move ahead from the conclusion in Matthew 18 and Jesus' teaching on forgiveness to the beginning of chapter 20, where Jesus tells his disciples the parable of the landowner and his workers. The landowner hires workers at varying times during the day, but pays them each the customary daily wage. Those laborers who worked more hours understandably exhibit frustration. The landowner's generosity turns the workers' worldview upside down. Such is the way it will be in the Kingdom of heaven, where the last will be first and the first, last. This is God's new paradigm.

## SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS

### ❖ PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE AND TURKEY: In the Footsteps of St. Paul

Fr. Edgar and fellow pilgrims are flying on September 25 to the countries of Greece and Turkey tracing the ancient towns and cities where St. Paul made his missionary journeys and preached and wrote his letters and epistles as well as the famous landmarks of the "glory that was Greece." The trip includes a cruise to the Greek Islands of Crete and Santorini, the Virgin Mary's house in Ephesus and visit to the 7 Churches of the Book of Revelation. They will return on October 10. Covering for Fr. Edgar is our Pastor-Emeritus, Fr. Adrian, who will take care of all the Masses and other needed pastoral and spiritual services. We pray for their safe and pleasant travel as they pray for us in the sacred shrines.



### ❖ SIX-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO: Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Fr. Adrian is leading a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico from Oct. 15-21, 2017. Visit the Old and New Basilicas and spend time for prayer and Holy Mass. Take a tour of Mexico City and view the colonial buildings and architecture, outdoor cafes, museums and Aztec exhibits while strolling the cobbled stone streets. Call Marina Dasalla of R/M Travel at 842-7638.

Santa Prisca Church, Cuernavaca, Mexico

## Stewardship News & Announcements

### STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The *Stewardship Committee* and the *Parish Education Committee* are jointly sponsoring the viewing of relevant and pertinent videos to all parents and guardians as part of their role in the Religious Education of their children. Last Sunday, September 17, the video presentation from the Diocese is titled: *One Ohana: Sacrament of Confirmation*. In this 9-minute video, the Bishop and other Diocesan leaders explained and clarified why we are shifting the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation to Grade 2 children.

The *Stewardship Committee* led by *Marc Ulep* will continue to meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month to reflect on the pastoral document by the United States Conference of Bishops titled, *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*. Their next meeting is October 11 at 6:00pm in the Rectory Conference Room. Any interested parishioner is welcomed to join.



Who is a steward? In our church context, he/she is God's manager. We are all stewards of God because, as Psalm 24 reminds us, God is the sole owner of everything we have: "*The Lord's are the earth and its fullness*" (Ps 24:1). St. Peter reminds us of our duty of stewardship: "*As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace*" (1Peter 4:10). The New Testament refers to our stewardship to God 87 times. St. Paul claims that he is the steward of Christ's Gospel. The good steward never forgets that God is the Source of all he possesses and that all his possessions are given to him in trust, so he handles them accordingly.

There are three areas of stewardship: time, talents and treasure. Accepting the Biblical model of returning 10% (*tithe*) of the "*first fruits*" to the Lord, we strive to utilize at least 10% of our time for prayer, reflection, and works of mercy and ministry. Our talents are to be used to glorify the Giver by using them wherever they are needed, in our parish or in our community and society. Our treasure, taken from our earnings, is offered as tithing for the maintenance of the parish Church and structures, worship, Sunday school, youth formation, leadership training, outreach activities, family and community fellowships and evangelization programs.

At this juncture, we extend our sincere thanks to all dear parishioners who are actively involved in our various parish ministries, which impact the lives of many people. Special thanks to those parishioners who sacrificially and regularly make their financial contribution to our parish by tithing. Because you give with love we are blessed and alive as God's family at OLM.

### A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER



Dear Lord,  
As we begin to shift from summer schedules to autumn demands, teach us to recognize you, and help us follow you amidst our busy life. Open the

Scriptures to us... that we may know you, see you, hear you – in the voices of friends and family, in the ministries of our parish, in the proclamation of the Word, and in the Breaking of the Bread. Teach us to be good stewards, that we may use your gifts wisely and care for all those you place in our path. Encourage us, when we are overwhelmed. Strengthen us, when we are frightened. Challenge our complacency. Help us make this new season a time of spiritual renewal, hope, and action to proclaim the Gospel in our words and in our deeds. For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

### PARISH HALL MAINTENANCE

The past summers had been pretty hot and humid. While we thank God that we in the Islands have been spared from calamitous forces of nature such as category 5 hurricanes and dreadful earthquakes we still flinch at the unbearable brunt of the summer heat. It is for this reason that a bright idea of cooling the parish hall has been conceived. We often gather for fellowships, parties, meetings and other activities in the hall and when it is filled up the temperature rises to a sizzling degree. *Fr. Adrian* has been spearheading the campaign for donors to the needed ceiling and wall fans together with the necessary accessories for hanging and wiring. We believe that we have able volunteer manpower to do the job *gratis et amore*.

If you are interested to pitch in the project, please approach *Fr. Adrian* and hand in your gift from the heart.



### Mass Attendance

	9/9-9/10/17	9/16-9/17/17
Saturday (6:00 pm)	75	64
Sunday (6:30 am)	82	99
Sunday (8:30 am)	203	230
Sunday (6:00pm Ilocano Mass)		31

### Sacrificial Offerings — Xie xie ni!

Saturday (6:00 pm)	\$ 895.50	\$ 000.00
Sunday (6:30 am)	\$ 673.00	\$ 000.00
Sunday (8:30 am)	\$1,098.00	\$ 000.00
Repair and Maintenance	\$ 165.00	\$ 000.00
Perpetual Help Inaug.	\$ 118.00	\$ NA
Catholic Univ. of America	\$ 801.00	\$ NA
Catholic Charities	\$ NA	\$ 00.00
Baptism/Certificate	\$ NA	\$ 00.00
Mass Intention	\$ 50.00	\$ NA
Sunday School Regis.	\$ NA	\$ 0.00
Candles	\$ 274.00	\$ 0.00
Refund-HC&D	\$ NA	\$ 00.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,074.50</b>	<b>\$0,000.00</b>

*"The righteous gives and does not hold back,"*  
Proverbs 21:26

## Stewardship News & Announcements, contd.



**Stewardship** is responsible sharing of the gifts of time, talent and treasure that God has bestowed upon each one of us. This has been manifested by our dear parishioners in various forms:

### \*ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

❖Our deep appreciation to *Yvonne Tuihalafatai* for her efforts and expertise in preparing the Annual Financial Report to the Diocese which has been provided likewise to all parishioners. We wish to acknowledge also the faithful stewardship of our parishioners. Your generous support makes possible and helps sustain the operation, programs and projects in the parish. Copies of the report are at the front of the Church.

### \*TECHNOLOGY INSTALLATION

❖*Jun Cortez* installed the connection for an extended range of the *wifi* so we can project in our church screen the catechetical videos and *youtube* programs that the Diocese is sending to the parish.

❖Aside from the *myParish* app for smartphones, our parish now has a new website – [ourladyofthemountkalihi.org](http://ourladyofthemountkalihi.org). Please take time to upload and visit these sites to know what's going on in our Church and to make suggestions for further improvements. The website administrator is *Tita Calizar* together with her son, *Anthony*. *Mahalo* to them all for sharing their expertise.

### \*GIFTS OF LOVE

❖There is a new ping pong table that can be used for recreation and tournaments among the children, youth and adults, priests and parishioners. We are grateful to the generous donor *Linda Puzon*. Thanks also to *Rudy Fiesta* who transported it from the store, and to *Andy & Jay Magbojos* and *Nilo Castillo* who assembled the entire set. The table is in the parish hall. Please let the parish office know when you are coming to play.

❖Big *mahalo* to *Jun Cortez* for donating a three-drawer metal file cabinet for use in the Money Counters' room.

❖We thank *Sio Tuitupou* for his regular delivery of freshly picked fruits from his garden to the Rectory refectory. Much *mahalo!*

❖A generous *RE benefactress* donated the amount of \$1,595.00 for the payment of the two programs for the Youth Ministry titled EDGE and LIFE TEEN in both online version and hard copy. Hundredfold blessings to you!

❖*Vangie Bacani* donated the organ music instrument of her children for use in the formation of the *RE students*. *Vangie* is one of our parish catechists.

\*MINISTERS & VOLUNTEERS – Our Parish has been blessed with such responsible stewards who serve and give without counting the cost and we keep praising and thanking God for them.

❖*M/M Jun & Nida Flores & M/M Eddie & Teresita Lucero* have been tending with love and care the flower garden by the *makai* side of the Church.

❖*Clem Fontanilla* mows the grasses and inspects the grounds before closing the gate at the end of the day.

\*CHURCH CLEANERS – Every Saturday a group of men and women parishioners prepare the Church for the weekend celebrations. They clean the altar and the floor, wipe the pews, arrange the books, flowers and linens, put up the seasonal banners and other tasks. They set up the proper worship environments and make our celebrations dignified and meaningful. We do appreciate them for their dedication and devotion. If you are interested to join, please see *Roselani Ramones*.



\*Our parish is always open and welcoming any parishioner who wants to volunteer in the councils, committees, ministries, organizations, clubs, prayer groups and donor societies and share your God-given talents and gifts to keep our Church going. You may submit your name at the parish office or contact our pastor. God bless and reward you abundantly.



\*TO ALL THE GOOD STEWARDS, OUR SINCERE THANK YOU!\*

## Parish Calendar, News & Announcements

### FEAST DAYS

- Sep 26** St. Cosmas, martyr & St. Damien, martyr, d.c. 287 (twins)  
**Sep 27** St. Vincent de Paul, priest, 1581-1660  
 St. Paul Chong Ha-sang, martyr and  
 Companions, martyrs, nineteenth century  
**Sep 28** St. Wenceslaus, martyr, 907-929  
 St. Lorenzo Ruiz & Companions, martyrs, 17th century  
**Sep 30** St. Jerome, priest & doctor of the Church, 342-420



- Sep 24** Religious Education Parents' Orientation, after the 8:30am  
 Mass, Parish Hall  
**Sep 28** Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 7:00pm, Church  
**Oct 2** Liturgy Committee Meeting, 7:00pm, Rectory Conf Rm

### FILIPINO CATHOLIC CLUB CHARITY



The *Oahu Council of Filipino Catholic Clubs* (OCFCC) is holding its *Charity Queen Coronation* pageant at St. Michael Church, Waialua on September 30. Representing OLM in the royal court as *Princess of Fortitude* is *Julie Manuel*, who sings in the choir and volunteers in the Rectory housekeeping. This is an annual affair to raise funds for student scholarships and for assistance to parish and diocesan projects. The student's family must be active members of the FCC to avail of

the scholarship.

The FCC OLM Unit, headed by *Fe Go*, has been visible in their parish involvement thru the liturgical ministries, choir, catechetical instruction, devotions and parochial programs. All Parish units in the OCFCC are preparing to host the Diocesan Congress of Filipino Catholic Clubs (DCFCC) 67<sup>th</sup> Convention in Ala Moana Hotel on November 24-26, 2017. Both the Executive Secretary and Spiritual Director of the DCFCC come from OLM – *Dr. Clementina Ceria-Ulep* and *Fr. Edgar Brillantes*, respectively.

### PUBLIC SERVICE

FOR RENT – 3 Rooms at ground level with 1 bathroom & 1 parking. Located in Kalihi Valley along the bus route.

Please contact *Rudy* at 620-5626 or *Aida Fiesta* at 282-4223.



### ☺L.O.L. (Laugh Out Loud)☺

After the rains stopped and dry land appeared, Noah opened the doors of the ark and told the animals to go forth and multiply. All exited except two snakes. They told Noah, "We can't multiply, we're Adders." (Adders is the European name for snake).



### ❖RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM❖



### WELCOME TO ALL THE CHILDREN AND CATECHISTS TO THE NEW CATECHETICAL YEAR 2017-18.

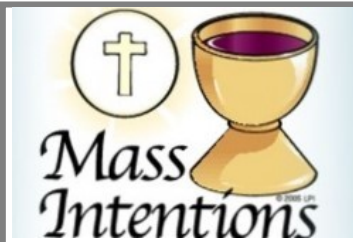
There is a GENERAL ORIENTATION FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS today, September 24, after the 8:30am Mass at the Parish Hall.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION: As decreed by the Bishop, the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion will now be celebrated for Grade 2 students starting this Catechetical Year. The higher grades who have not received Confirmation or First Communion will also be prepared to be part of the celebration on May 20, 2018, which is the solemn Feast of Pentecost. *First Reconciliation and Confessions* is scheduled beforehand.

YOUTH MINISTRY & PARENT'S INVOLVEMENT: Part of the requirements in the new order of celebrating the Initiation Sacraments is the implementation of a *comprehensive Youth Ministry* from Grades 5-12 and the participation of the parents in catechizing their children. *Robert Liua* will handle the Youth Ministry activities in collaboration with the concerned Catechists. There will also be a regular gathering of parents to view video presentations from the Diocese about our Catholic faith and pastoral programs.

REMINDER: To all those who are preparing to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion, the *Baptism Certificate* is required. Please submit them as soon as possible.

Let's continue to pray for our children and youths. We thank the generous and joyful services of our ever-caring catechists who mold their minds and hearts with the Christian values and prepare them well for the sacraments of *First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion*. We laud the parents, grandparents and all parishioners who encourage their children to attend the Sunday School and Mass and act as primary catechists and concrete examples of living the Christian faith.



**Sept 17** > 8:30am Birthday - *Tiara Kacie Patoc & Justina Sabanal* \* RIP +*Esaak, Bevimia, Meliton, Francisca, Crispina, Maximo, Norma, Maria, Pedro Pamaylaon, Abnomian, Apolonia*

> 6:00pm Ilocano Mass: Birthday - *Mario Artates* \* Wedding Anniversary - *Nazario & Alice Balbuena* \* Health & Thanksgiving - *Silver & Marivic Palting; Paul, Elvie & Erik Anderson; M/M Vicente Velasco* \* RIP +*Domingo & Leonora Malapitan, Lydia Criste, Albert Santillan; Leonarda, Jose & Sofia, Nicolas & Rosalina Palting, Flo & Victoria Barruga, Patricio & Teresita Mateo, Melecio & Eufrecina Lazaro, Anthony & Linda Gutierrez, Policarpio & Antonia Mariano, Melecio & Benita Domingo*

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Don't Miss the **DEADLINE!** Deadline: Please submit your **Mass intentions** by Thursday if you want them printed on time for the weekend Parish Bulletin. *Mahalo.*

**+** OBITUARY

**+Micah Kai'Noah Diga Castro**

Funeral service: September 25, 2017, 11:00am at Nuuanu Mortuary Chapel

Burial: 2:00pm at Valley of the Temples Memorial Park

**+Gregorio Aserit Calantoc, 93**

Wake service: October 5, 2017, 6:00pm at Borthwick Maunakea Chapel

Funeral Mass: October 6, 2017, 11:00am at OLM Church

Burial: 1:00pm at Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery



*"ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, O LORD."*

SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILIES.



**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Good Health / Successful Surgery:** James Paet \* Dori Theodore \* Bella Miranda \* Marie Schwengler \* Rachel Soong \* Elena Graham \* Donald & Marian

Gomes \* Florentino Orcino \* Doreen Pregil \* Andy Magbojos \* Cres Paranada & Ashley Braceros \* Tessie Fontanilla \* Caroline Gruenhagen, Michael Schwengler, Gwen Zanellato \* Michele Schwengler \* Noralyn Montemayor \* Purie Cortez & family \* George Calizar \* George Helenihi \* Lisa Espindola \* Bernard Mendonca \* Mary Haruno \* Lydia Bondad Andres \* Katrina Santos \* Florence Ellazar \* Doren Gruenhagen \* Joann Gibbs \* Florentino Sotto \* James Sr & Hazel Rodrigues \* Minda Teocson \* John Pregil \* Marvin & Sally Moore \* Clara Adlawan \* Cres Paranada \* Marilou Bruno \* Gregory & Medie Raguindin \* Jeanne Oshiro \* Stanley & Martha Castro \* Pelenato Falaniko \* Charlie Newman

**Birthday:** Michael Schwengler Sr & Jr \* Aurelia Centino \* Olivia Mita \* Joshua Balmores \* Tiara Kacie Patoc & Justina Sabanal \* Mario Artates \* Agnes Alob \* James M. Paet \* Gaston Gosselin \* Wayne Miranda \* Fr. Adrian Gervacio \* Annie Pinera \* Dennis Lewellen Jr (50) \* Elsa Castro \* Ricardo Jacinto (100) \* Alipio Bonilla (80) \* Augusto Balmores \* Helen Platiro \* Ken Weber \* Vander Bonn Cecilio M. Apdal (25) \* Lolita Cadiz \* Luida Susa (60) \* Fran Kovaloff (69) \* Paula McHardy \* Nelie Puzon

**Wedding Anniversary:** Nazario & Alice Balbuena (12) \* Ariel & Agnes Alob (19)

**Safe Travel:** Fr. Edgar & Pilgrims \* Joyce Oliveira & Keikilani Aka \* Nomie & Mila Llantero \* Magdaleno & Cathy Sanchez

**Deceased:** +Ernesto Lagrimas Apdal (18<sup>th</sup> anniv) \* +Maria Cachola \* +Eduardo Alob Jr & Leilani Villanueva \* +Catalino Tolentino (5<sup>th</sup> anniv) \* +Micah Kai'Noah Diga Castro \* +Caroline & Martin Rodrigues, Donald Gomes \* +June Verzola Aganon \* +Anastacio & Rosa Umblas \* +Domingo & Leonora Malapitan, Lydia Criste, Albert Santillan \* +Deceased family members of Silver & Marivic Palting \* Ulpiano Baloran \* +Patricia Facuri \* +Victims of the 9/11 tragedy \* +Sixto, Perpetua, Marina & Merlin Amian, Mirasol & Melanio Mateo, Francisco, Eugenia, Abundio, Dominador & Emilio Sao \* +Kenneth Larsen \* +Silvina Duma \* +Flaton Fontanilla & Jonathan Fontanilla Tanaid \* +Rosita, Dario & Jeffrey Antolin, Casimira, Florentina & Joan Dumot, Riqena & Timotea Ancheta \* +Melchor & Sabiniana Acido \* +Esperanza Calpito Balmores \* +Teodoro, Gerarda, Felisa, Aurelio & Aleja Acosta \* +Cristina Delemos David \* +Francisca Rodrigues \* +Catalina Bautista \* +Consuelo, Pio & Jovito Alcantra, Conrado Benitez Sr \* +Hone & Don Adams \* +Maria Lagac Balmores \* +Jose Calpito \* +Rolando Gubatan Sr, Teofilo & Marciano Gubatan, Elena Galvez, Modesto Bautista, Benito, Florentino, Emiliana, Rosalina & Adriana Martin, Silvestre Marquez \* +Esaak, Bevimia, Meliton, Francisca, Crispina, Maximo, Norma, Maria, Pedro Pamaylaon, Abnomian, Apolonia, Columba, Crisanto, Eladio, Simpron, Nazario, Dorotea, Nestor, Francis, Caridad, Alfredo Supnet, Felisa, Agaton Velarojo, Maria Norberto \* +Nico Mira, Salvacion, Sr. Lucienne Bautista \* +Bernardo V. Castro \* +Antone Fivella, James Soong, Valentine Coelho \* +Charlie Puzon, Honorio Gamiao \* Francisco & Genara Cabral \* +Ricardo Facuri \* +Robert Walsh \* +Mardonio & Don Orsino, Ildefonso & Flora Orsino, Mauro & Felomina Garingo, Juan & Adelaida Garingo, Gregorio & Rosalina Garingo, Enrique & Maria Orsino \* +Eufemio Sr & Trinidad Cortez \* +Dr Marcelino AVECILLA \* +Isabelo, Martina, Benjamin & Magdalena Orcino \* +Fermin Cruz \* +Pedro & Urbana Artates & Pio Bacani \* +Glir & Emeterio Dagdagan \* +Thomas Kovaloff \* +James Adlawan (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv) \* +Gregorio Aserit Calantoc \* +Bernanda de Guzman +Estralita Ann Natividad Bassett \* +Jimmy Dayot Hinlo \* +Gino David Caspillan \* +Jovino Arnaiz Batoto \* +Rafael Plana Rios \* +Felicidad C. Llacuna \* +Dominga Garcia Cabico \* +Modesto Lorenzo Bautista \* +Baltazar Domingo Pascual \* +Amanda Pablo \* +Bishop Francis DiLorenzo \* +Fr. Henry Sabog \* +Howard Donald Gomes Jr \* +Carmen Caraang Paguirigan \* +Philip Won \* +Ernesto Elido \* +Rogelio Ragus \* +Leonora Bautista \* +Franco Alfredo Casino \* +Charlene Marie Santiago \* +Jessica Villapando

## Hurricane Harvey - Emergency Collection



We are having a *second collection* in our parish this weekend of September 23-24.

This emergency collection will be used both to support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities in solidarity with the families that have lost loved ones and to all who have lost homes and businesses along with their sense of peace and normalcy caused by Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Hurricane Irma in Florida and other places. We are extending our hearts and prayers as well as we thank God that we are spared from such disastrous calamities in our area.

There are impacted dioceses and parishes and we assist them too through the *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)* in coping with their difficulties and in their rebuilding efforts.

Please know that we are forever grateful for your many actions of generosity and prayerful solidarity.



## LETTER from the Office of Vocations

*Dear Fr. Edgar,*

Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for your very generous parish donation of \$814.50. Your personal commitment means so much, not only to the Seminarians who will benefit from your gift, but also to the faith communities to which our men will be sent, one day, God willing, as priests of Jesus Christ. You have truly made a difference. Thank you!

With warmest personal regard, I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

*Fr. Rheo Ofalsa*



## CLERGY AND STAFF

Pastor - *Rev. Edgar B. Brillantes*  
Pastor Emeritus - *Rev. Adrian R. Gervacio*  
Religious Education Coordinator / RCIA / Office Assistant -  
*Sr. Clemence Mira, SPC*  
Office Coordinator - *Bella Miranda*  
Bookkeeper - *Yvonne Tuihalafatai*  
Technology Consultant - *Jun Cortez*

## PERSONNEL

Custodian - *Lolito Dullin*  
Music Ministry & Choir - *Mary Ann Llamedo*

## COMMITTEE \* MINISTRY \* ORGANIZATION CHAIRPERSONS

Pastoral Council & Education - *Clementina Ceria-Ulep*  
Finance Council - *Rebecca Jandoc*  
Stewardship Committee - *Marcelino Ulep*  
Adult Education - *Clementina Ceria-Ulep*  
Liturgy Committee & Respect Life Ministry - *Francisca Kovaloff*  
Outreach Coordinator & Family Fun Night - *Tom DeCorte*  
Parish Planning and Building Committee - *Joyce Oliveira*  
Youth Ministry & Hospitality Committee - *Robert Ropati Liua*  
Young Adult Ministry - *Taniela Tuihalafatai*  
Altar Servers - *Angie Balbuena*  
Eucharistic Ministry - *Cleo Bala-Casino*  
Lector Ministry & Receptionist - *Gloria Rodrigues*  
Altar Ladies & Decorations Ministry - *Roselani Ramones*  
Webmaster & *myParish* Administrator - *Tita Calizar*  
Ilocano Ministry & Choir - *Silverio Palting*  
Filipino Catholic Club - *Fe Go*

## COMMITTEE \* MINISTRY \* ORGANIZATION CHAIRPERSONS, contd.

Knights of Columbus & Kokua Food Pantry - *Andresito Magbojos*  
Prison & Hospital Ministry - *Wilfred Soong*  
Stewardship Counter & Receptionist - *Linda Puzon*  
Cemetery Maintenance - *Kalolo Tuihalafatai*  
Santo Nino Devotion & Visayan Ministry - *Cleto Patoc*  
Parish Bulletin Editor - *Fran Kovaloff*

## Choir Practice:

Parish Choir: Wed. - 4pm; Sat. - 10am; Ilocano Choir: Thu. 7:30pm

**Rosary:** Before the weekday and Sunday 6:30am Masses.

**Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction:** After the First Friday Mass.

**Mother of Perpetual Help Novena:** Thursdays, 7:00pm in the Church.

**Reconciliation:** Saturday: 5pm - 5:30pm or by appointment.

**First Holy Communion:** Candidates must be baptized and received at least two years of catechism.

**Anointing the Sick:** Please call the Office for a priest. For emergency at the hospitals, please call 597-8779. *Fr. Francis Sanchez* and *Fr. Tony Bobis* are the Catholic Chaplains for Queen's, Straub, Kapiolani and Kaiser hospitals.

**Kokua Ministry & Food Pantry:** First and third Wed., 8:30-11:30am.

## Contact the Rectory Office for the following:

**Baptism:** 4th Sunday of the month. No baptism during Lent.

**Marriage:** Couples are required to make arrangements *four months before* the wedding date. Diocesan policy requires couples to attend an Engagement Encounter Weekend.

**Wake and Funeral Services:** Before making arrangements with the mortuary.

LETTER FROM THE BISHOP



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII  
**DIOCESE OF HONOLULU**  
WITNESS TO JESUS

September 21, 2017

Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

*Dear Friends of the Diocese of Honolulu,*

Peace be with you!

Earlier this year our Hawaii State Legislature considered a bill that would allow physician assisted suicide in our beloved State (euphemistically called "*Compassion in Choices*"). I asked you to stand up for life, and you responded overwhelmingly. One media source even "blamed" the Catholic Church for the death of the bill. Thank you for being instrumental in convincing the Legislature not to pass the proposed bill! You took to heart Jesus' often spoken words, "*Be not afraid!*" and in love proclaimed the truth of the value of all life from the moment of conception until natural death.

While we thank God that legislation was not passed in the last session, we anticipate the issue will be presented again. Moreover, there are many other areas where the sanctity of human life is threatened, and these will continue to call for our vigilance and our courage in speaking out cogently and lovingly as the voice of those who cannot speak for themselves, such as the unborn. The *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops* has designated October as "*Respect Life Month*," a month in which we take time to educate ourselves on the issues of life and how we can be instruments of preserving life and enhancing the dignity of each person. Resources have been provided to each parish, and we pray that our commitment to the sanctity of life will be renewed and strengthened during these days, so that our prayer and study will bear much good fruit throughout the year.

*"Be not afraid"* to embrace life, and to continue to be good stewards by using the gift of your education, your vote, and your voice to enshrine the sanctity of every human life in every heart and every one of our institutions.

God bless you always! Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Larry Silva*

Most Reverend Larry Silva  
Bishop of Honolulu