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Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Mark 1:3

A Blessed Advent To One & All!

Simbang-Gabi or Misa Aguinaldo

St. John the Baptist cried out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord." Everyday should be a time of preparation for us but this season of Advent is special. We are called to clear some space in our lives to make room for Jesus. So, we take time to pray, to go to church, to reach out and help, to treat others with respect and consideration, to share our gifts and resources and so on.

Another way to be watchful and prepared is to draw the riches of our tradition. For a number of years now, many parishes in Hawaii have been observing a nine-day novena immediately before Christmas, from December 16-24. If they are celebrated in early dawn it is called *Misa de gallo* (Mass at cockcrow or literally 'Mass of the rooster'). On the other hand, if it is celebrated in the evening, it takes the name *Simbang-gabi* (Evening Mass) which is also considered *Misa Aguinaldo* (gift-Mass) to honor the coming Son of God.

At OLM, we have started celebrating the *Simbang-gabi* last year. We observed that there are more people who can come and have more time for fellowship afterward, so we'll do it again this time. It starts at 6:30pm, except on Saturdays when it starts at 6:00pm, and it is followed by potluck fellowship. There will be *NO morning masses* on the weekdays. The various existing parish councils, committees, ministries, organizations have been assigned to each of the nine days to take care of the lighting of the Advent candles, offering of gifts and setting up the hall for fellowship.

There are *special offering envelopes* which individuals could bring up to the altar at the offering of gifts. We invite everyone to come and participate and share whatever they can cook, prepare or bring for fellowship in the spirit of Christmas.

Let's make this a joyful and memorable Christmas for all.

ORDER OF ASSIGNMENTS IN THE SIMBANG-GABI

DATE & TIME (December)

16 * Saturday (6:00pm)
17 * Sunday (6:30pm)
18 * Monday (6:30pm)
19 * Tuesday (6:30pm)
20 * Wednesday (6:30pm)
21 * Thursday (6:30pm)
22 * Friday (6:30pm)
23 * Saturday (6:00pm)
24 * Sunday (6:30pm)

CELEBRANT

Fr. Adrian
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GROUPS-IN-CHARGE

Music Ministry & Choir
RE Catechists & Visayan Ministry
Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors & Decorating Com
Youth & YA Ministry, Jr. FCC, Altar Servers
Finance, Outreach, Stewardship, Prison & Hospital
Knights of Columbus, Hospitality Com. & Ushers
Ilocano Ministry & FCC
Pastoral Council
All ministries, committees & organizations



"Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation." Psalm 85:8



Pastor's Corner

By Rev. Edgar B. Brillantes



Next Sunday's Readings Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading
Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

Responsorial Psalm
Luke 1:46-50, 53-54

Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel
John 1:6-8, 19-28

First Reading: *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11*

The Word of God addressed to the people has a twofold message: God directs an unknown group of people to bring comfort to his people, and then directs the whole people to prepare "the way of the Lord!" The instruction to make a highway for God indicates that the Lord will come in glory. This adventus of the Lord is to be proclaimed to all peoples. The Lord will arrive in the image of a shepherd; he will feed his flock and gather the lambs "in his bosom."

Second Reading: *2 Peter 3:8-14*

The author of this reading makes an alarming prediction: the day of the Lord will come like a thief. In rhetorical fashion the author asks "what sort of persons ought you to be" in the meantime? He suggests that a life of holiness and devotion is needed as they await "a new heavens and a new earth." The theme of Advent is clearly underlined in this reading.

Gospel: *Mark:1:1-8.*

Today's Gospel and that for next Sunday present the preaching and mission of John the Baptist. It is clear that the expectation of the people is high as they stream out into the desert to hear John's message. John appears in the guise of the great prophets; is it possible that he really is announcing the advent of the Messiah? They do not want to miss it; they readily repent in anticipation. John's reference to the one who will come after him is further explained in next Sunday's Gospel.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE AT HOME

The blessing and lighting of the Advent wreath has been a traditional practice in the Church. The blessing is done only on the First Sunday of Advent and the lighting takes place at the beginning of every Mass throughout the four Sundays of Advent including the *Simbang Gabi*.

Customarily, the Advent Wreath is made of a circle of evergreen branches into which are inserted four candles, three violet-colored and one rose.

The rite of lighting the Advent wreath in the succeeding Sundays and weekdays of Advent is recommended to be done at home by family members. The *Hawaii Catholic Herald* published the prayers for use at the occasion. They are being reprinted here for private use:

SECOND SUNDAY/ WEEK:

Leader: Let us pray...

O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for your only begotten Son, that through his coming we may be made worthy to serve you with pure souls. Through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

All: Amen.

(Two candles are lighted.)



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES in WEST HONOLULU VICARIATE

In the spirit of the Advent season, we need also to prepare and clean ourselves spiritually by celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation and make a sincere confession of our sins. As Catholics, we need to go to confession at least once a year. We are not only forgiven and cleansed, but we are refreshed and energized to carry out our Christian duties more conscientiously, devotedly and joyfully. We encourage all parishioners to go to any parish or priest of their choice. Priests from parishes in the West Honolulu Vicariate will be present and available for individual confessions.



WEST HONOLULU SCHEDULE OF CONFESSIONS

December 5/Tuesday - 7:00pm	Our Lady of the Mount Church
December 6/Wednesday - 7:00pm	St. Anthony Church
December 11/Monday - 7:00pm	Holy Family Church
December 12/Tuesday - 7:00pm	Blessed Sacrament Church
December 13/Wednesday - 7:00pm	St. Theresa Co-Cathedral
December 14/Thursday - 7:00pm	St. John the Baptist Church
December 15/Friday - 7:00pm	St. Philomena Church
December 18/Monday - 7:00pm	St. Stephen Church
December 22/Friday - 6:00pm	OLP Cathedral-Basilica

NEW CANDLESTAND

Last Saturday, December 2, a new candle stand was delivered to our Church. It was transported all the way from Ireland under the St. Killian's Candle Company. It has the unique feature as clean and smokeless votive candle burning system and designed for fire safety in mind. It has the endorsement of the Catholic Mutual Group which supervises and insures church structures. The system is currently used in cathedrals and churches around the world including the Our Lady of Peace Cathedral-Basilica in Honolulu.



We shall bless the new candle stand at the beginning of the 8:30am Mass this Sunday. Parishioners are invited to make use of it by lighting candles for their particular intentions or in honor of the living or the dead. You can put your offering of \$2.00 only at the deposit hole in front of the stand.

We are most grateful to *Francisca Kovaloff and her family* for their generous donation of the new candle stand for the church.

Stewardship News & Announcements

A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER



Gracious and Loving God, We give you thanks for this time of year; a time of transformation that reveals the awe-inspiring gift of your creation. Teach us how to be good stewards of all the gifts you have given us; and show us how we may share those gifts generously, especially with those most in need of your loving care. Give us the strength to be good stewards of the Gospel, to love others as we love ourselves, and to follow in your Son's footsteps, until we find our way home to you.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Stewardship Committee, together with the Parish Education Committee, are sponsoring a MOVIE NIGHT featuring *Fr. Damien: The Saint of Moloka'i* on December 13, Wednesday, at 6:30pm in the parish hall. Popcorn and light snacks will be served. Admission is free.

The Stewardship Committee is chaired by *Marc Ulep* and they meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:00pm. In their latest meeting, they completed their reading and reflection of the pastoral document by the United States Conference of Bishops titled, *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*. The next meeting is January 10 when they will map out the next phase of their activities. Any interested parishioner is welcomed to join.



Psalms of Praise and Thanksgiving

*by the International Catholic Stewardship Council, e-bulletin 2017

You are invited to rediscover the psalms of praise and thanksgiving. When you find a quiet moment, sit and relax with your Bible. Think of a time when awe and gratitude overwhelmed you. Maybe it was a sunrise, or children playing in a park, an inspirational hymn at Mass, a family gathering, or a walk in the woods. Remember how you appreciated that special moment. Then, open your Bible to one of the psalms of thanksgiving and recite it to yourself, like Psalm 118 for instance: *Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever*. Listen to the words. Close your eyes. Let the psalm speak to you. Other psalms of praise and thanks giving you might consider include psalms 92, 95, 98, 100, 103, 104, 105, 107, 111, 117, 145, and 147. Whatever psalm you choose for that quiet moment, thank God for that special time of awe as well as all the good things in your life, and praise God for his glorious deeds.

PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT



The maintenance project in the GOOD STEWARDSHIP Convent building of replacing the failing flooring on both ground and second levels is now almost done. It was started last November 10 with the knowledge and approval of the Diocese. The vicariate liaison of the Diocesan Office of Planning & Parish Maintenance, *Deacon Roy Matsuo*, also came to see the project and met with the Parish Building Committee headed by *Joyce Oliveira*. The work is being undertaken by the *Puli Construction*.

Appended to the above project is the installation of new flooring on the chapel. The old carpet will be removed and replaced with the wooden planks. The antiquated toilet bowls in the comfort rooms will also be replaced. The total additional expenses amount to \$5000.00. In his innate generosity, *Kalolo Tuihalafatai* will be donating \$2000.00 of the amount and the remaining balance will be paid off from other donations for repair and maintenance projects such as the *James Adlawan Insurance donation* and leftover funds from the ceiling fans and lights project. We are most grateful to the generosity of everyone.

Joyce Oliveira, the committee chairperson and project manager, writes: "Thank you to the dedicated parishioners who have participated through the many months of decision and planning sessions relating to the improvements to our Convent Building... This first phase of the planned renovations could only proceed with the talents and financial support of our parishioners. We look forward to your continued participation and financial commitment as we move into the next phases of the overall Convent Building renovation work in the coming New Year of 2019."

Mass Attendance

12/2-3/17 11/25-26/17

Saturday (6:00 pm)	67	47
Sunday (6:30 am)	80	77
Sunday (8:30 am)	170	140



Sacrificial Offerings - "Thank you very much!"

Saturday (6:00 pm)	\$ 742.25	\$ 570.00
Sunday (6:30 am)	\$ 1,002.78	\$ 624.95
Sunday (8:30 am)	\$ 864.00	\$ 635.00
Repair and Maintenance	\$ 390.05	\$ 3.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 98.00	\$ NA
Ilocano Mass	\$ NA	\$ 168.00
Donation: Flowers	\$ 100.00	\$ NA
All Soul's Day	\$ 10.00	\$ NA
Thanksgiving	\$ NA	\$ 2,317.00
Catholic Campaign HD	\$ NA	\$ 50.00
Youth Fundraising	\$ NA	\$ 1,155.00
Mass Intention	\$ 60.00	\$ NA
Candles	\$ 130.00	\$ 225.00
FHB Mastercard Rebate	\$ NA	\$ 4.18
Total	\$ 3,397.08	\$ 5,752.13

"Whoever gives to the poor will have everything he needs." Proverbs 28:27



PARISH-WIDE FUNDRAISING PROJECT:

The Finance Council has been meeting and is planning a fundraising project to raise monies to repair our convent. The sell date will begin in March 2018. They will need the help of everyone in order to make this fund raising project a success. More information to follow. Their next meeting is on Saturday, December 16 at 7:30am in the Rectory Conference Room.



Stewardship News & Announcements, contd.

MAHALO TO GOOD STEWARDS

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 ways:

***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*.

***CHURCH CHOIR** – Every Wednesday and Saturday, the choir takes time to rehearse under the baton of *Mary Ann Llamedo*. Aside from the adults, children and the youth are being trained cantors. The Sunday worship is made more alive because of their lead in singing praises to God. Please don't hesitate to share your talent. Come and join the choir. Also assisting in the rehearsals and instrumentation are *Sr. Clemence Mira, Audrey Peralta, Connie de Santos, Ronnie Palce* and the *Llamedo family*.

*GIFTS OF LOVE

❖Our wholehearted gratitude goes to the generous donors for the sets of fans and lights and installation materials in the parish hall: *Rey & Minda Teocson (\$1500)* * *Silverio & Marivic Palting (\$1000)* * *Fermin & Luida Susa (\$500)* * *Gloria Rodrigues (\$400)* * *Caridad Dagdagan (\$300)* * *Outreach Ministry (\$300)* * *Pilarina Pasion (\$200)* * *Nelie Puzon (\$200)* * *Felicidad Orsino (\$200)* * *Edna Gamiao (\$100)* * *Angelita Sera (\$100)* * *Julieta Walsh (\$100)* * *Guillermo & Vangie Bacani (\$100)* * *Adoracion & Mabini Mina (\$100)* * *Maliana Gasio (\$100)* * *Elsa Castro (\$100)* * *Isidra & Luis Bautista (\$100)* * *Andres & Merlinda Ibera (\$100)* * *Lydia Felipe (\$50)*.

❖Much *mahalo* to *Sio Tuitupou* for his regular delivery of freshly picked fruits from his garden to the Rectory refectory. Other parishioners bring and share cooked foods from their kitchen or invite the priests out. Our priests do appreciate such show of care and concern keeping them healthy and happy.

❖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!

❖*Marivic Palting* donated Christmas trees and poinsettia plants for decoration in the sanctuary.

❖The *Booster Club of Honolulu c/o James Rodrigues & Pascual Dabis* donated \$100 to the church. The club members had an early Christmas party last December 1 at the parish hall.

***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.

❖*Jun Cortez & Paul Valbuena* have completed installing the new ceiling fans and lights at the parish hall. Their services were rendered *gratis et amore for the greater glory of God*.

*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

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*

Website & *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. 4:30-6:30pm; Sat. 9:00-11:30am

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.



Parish Calendar, News & Announcements

FEAST DAYS

- Dec 11 St. Damasus I, pope, 304-384
- Dec 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe, commemorates the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin in 1531 in Guadalupe, Mexico
- Dec 13 St. Lucy, virgin & martyr, d.304
- Dec 14 St. John of the Cross, priest & doctor of the Church, 1542-1591
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- Dec 10 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- Dec 10 Filipino Catholic Club Meeting, after the 8:30am Mass
- Dec 13 Movie Night: "Fr. Damien: The Saint of Moloka'i", 6:30pm
- Dec 16 Finance Council Meeting, 7:30am, Rectory Conference Room

Dec 16-24 Simbang Gabi, 6:30pm Mass, fellowship to Follow.
Note: Saturday Masses (12/16 and 23) remain at 6:00PM



- Dec 17 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Gaudete Sunday
- Dec 24 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 Christmas Eve: Masses at 6:30am & 8:30am
 CHRISTMAS VIGIL / last Simbang Gabi: 6:30pm (caroling at 6:00pm)
 CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS (caroling at 11:30pm)
- Dec 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY, Monday, one Mass at 8:30am (caroling at 8:00am)**
- Jan 1 EPIPHANY, Monday, one Mass at 8:30am; Blessing of Marian images



FUNDRAISER

YOUTH MINISTRY BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

This Sunday the OLM Youth Ministry led by *Robert Liua* will again be serving breakfast fare after the 6:30am Mass and the 8:30am Mass. They will be serving sandwiches, coffee and hot cocoa. It is one avenue of their formation in leadership and service. They are also aiming and hoping to raise enough funds to enable them to attend the *International Youth & Catechetical Congress* in Los Angeles, California in March. They thank one and all for your support and prayers for them. We urge the parish organizations and all parishioners to throw their full support, material, moral and spiritual, to them. Let's give our children and youth big thumbs up.



FILIPINO CATHOLIC CLUB
 In the spirit of Christmas, the OLM Filipino Catholic Club members are holding their fellowship on December 10 at the Honolulu Country Club.

The Oahu Council of Filipino Catholic Clubs is also holding their Christmas gathering at the Pagoda Restaurant on December 31. Indeed, it's time for cheers and celebration. Merry Christmas to one & all!



MOVIE NIGHT



***December 13, Wednesday, 6:30 pm**
 Part of our Advent activities is the showing of the film on *Fr. Damien: The Saint of Moloka'i*. It is a pretty realistic portrayal of the life and times of Fr. Damien and the Hawaiian kingdom. This movie is for all and admission is free. Popcorn and light snacks will be served. This event is sponsored by the *Stewardship Committee* and the *Education Committee* of the Pastoral Council. Come and enjoy the evening.



2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES



Your 2018 offering envelopes have arrived and are at the front of the Church. Please pick them up as you leave for home. If you do not have and would like these pre-printed envelopes, please place your request at the Rectory Office. Thank you for stewardship of generosity throughout the year!



RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM ACTIVITIES



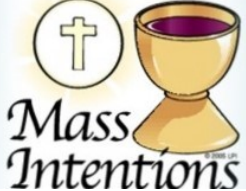
*The catechists and children are preparing for their Christmas program next Sunday, December 17. They will start with their participation at Mass and this will also be their last day before the Christmas break.
 *Movie Night on December 13, Wednesday at 6:30pm will present the story of *Fr. Damien: The Saint of Moloka'i*. Viewers can also learn much about the history of the Hawaiian kingdom. Popcorn and light snacks will be offered and admission is free. Everyone is welcomed.
 *For Christmas, the children will exhibit their drawing skills in making *Christmas cards*. They are also encouraged to come with their parents to the *Aguinaldo Masses* or *Simbang-gabi* from December 16-24. On Christmas Eve, they will take part in the Christmas tableau.

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.

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"How come we'll go to the gym for a workout so we'll live longer, but drive 20 miles over the speed limit to save time?"





Dec 3 > 8:30am RIP +*Francisca, Meliton, Pedro, Victoria, Abnomian, Ceriaca, Quirino, Perpaetua, Herbei*

Dec 6-7 > 6:30am Successful eye surgery & speedy recovery - *Fran Kovaloff*

Dec 7 > 6:30am RIP +*Victims & casualties of Pearl Harbor bombing in 1941*

Dec 9 > 6:00pm Successful surgery & speedy recovery - *Balbina Padilla* * RIP +*Nelly Tadeo, Raymond Caspillo*

Dec 10 > 6:30am Successful surgery & healing - *Teresita Dayoan*
> 8:30am (Missa pro populo) - *For parish & parishioners* *
Birthday - *Miguel Canoneo* * Healing - *Stedson Roe Botol*

Dec 15 > 6:30am Birthday - *Roselani Ramones*

Dec 16 > 6:30pm RIP +*Hazel Obetkoff*

Dec 16-24 > 6:30pm RIP +*Franco Alfredo Casino*

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

DEADLINE!

IMPORTANT NOTICE **GUIDELINES ON THE USE OF THE PARISH HALL CEILING FANS**

To keep the newly-installed ceiling fans at the parish hall long-lasting and avoid mishandling please know that there are poles intended to switch them on and off. Using other instruments or tools might destroy some parts. Please inform the office if you need to switch on the fans and they'll help you. When it is not necessary, please know that we are trying to economize and save energy.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Good Health / Successful Surgery: Stedson Roe Botol * Teresita Dayoan * Fran Kovaloff * Theresa Schwengler * Michael Schwengler * Balbina Padilla * Sheryl Kalaa * Romeo Naval * Lillian Ines * Moses Andres * Emilia Licudine * Millie Pedro * Pelenato & Lagi Falaniko * Gloria Atudo * Purie Cortez * Zoe Villaflor * Gwen Zanellato * Manupuna Lakalaka, Sisitauleva Manukeu * Kathrine Sennett * James Paet * Marie Schwengler * Elena Graham * Marian Gomes * Cres Parana & Ashley Braceros * Tessie Fontanilla * Caroline Gruenhagen * Michele Schwengler * Noralyn Montemayor * George Calizar * George Heleni * Bernard Mendonca * 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 * Marilou Bruno * Gregory & Medie Raguindin * Jeanne Oshiro * Stanley & Martha Castro * Charlie Newman

Birthday: Roselani Ramones * Jeannie Layco * Purie Cortez * Miguel Canoneo * Fr. Etuale Etuale * Jeanne Oshiro * Nida Flores * Nick Amian * Lynn Panganiban * Andres Ibero * Andrea Aguada * Bredy Dumot * Aida Valbuena * Roberta Patoc * Thaddeus James Capino Mares * Patrocenia Garcia Aguda * Aida Fiesta * Paul Valbuena * Yvonne Tuihalafatai * Teody Naval * Rudy Balmilero * Noah Ibero * Marie Schwengler * Charles M. Fontanilla

Wedding Anniversary: M/M Tom & Becky DeCorte (47) * M/M Jessie Malam * M/M Urbano Acosta * Bredy & Shirley Dumot (28) * Paulo & Emma Ah Sam * M/M Steve Adlawan (31)


Safe Travel: Robert Corpuz & family * Aida & Roger Isidro * Caridad Dagdagan * Virgilio Cabico * Lorraine Perez

Deceased: +Franco Alfredo Casino * +Hazel Obetkoff * +Pearl Harbor 1941 bombing casualties * +Modesto Bautista * +Elizabeth Ragaza * +David Galacgac * +Ped Panganiban * +Urbana Bacalso * +Virgilio Artates * +Ramil Domingo Ramirez * +Nelly A. Tadeo * +Raymond Caspillo * +For all the departed founders, Pastors, Religious, benefactors, donors & parishioners of OLM; +Our deceased family members, relatives and friends; Casualties of the 1941 Pearl Harbor bombing * +Those who have nobody to pray for them; +Souls in purgatory

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

NOVENA TO PERPETUAL HELP

The novena prayers to Our Mother of Perpetual Help is held regularly every Thursday at 7:00pm in the Church. This is followed by the praying of the holy rosary. Come to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. Many have been helped by her intercession in our various needs thru this popular devotion. This is capped by a potluck fellowship at the parish hall. Come as a family and be blessed.



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CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

A spirited group gathers once a month to render spirit-filled praise and worship to God in hymns, prayers and sharing the Word of God. We pray for God's healing and liberation from evil spirits in our bodies, mind and soul and in our environment. Come and celebrate our life in the Spirit as we recognize the miracles He gives us and express our joyful thanksgiving to the Lord. *Dr. Jorge & Chloe Samaniego* lead the session accompanied by the music of *Rory Elefano* and the witnessing of *Kathy Ferreira, Raffy Mendoza* and the *Sts. Peter & Paul Charismatic Team*. The next session will be on January 17, 2018, Wednesday at 7:00pm in the parish hall.

+ **OBITUARY**

+NELLY A. TADEO, 98
Funeral Mass: December 8, 2017, at OLM Church
Interment: Valley of the Temples Memorial Park

+RAYMOND CASPILLO, 78
Memorial Mass: December 9, 2017, 11:00am at OLM Church
Inurnment: 3:30pm at Valley of the Temples Memorial Park

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

HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILIES.

OFFICE HOURS

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

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.

MASS SCHEDULE

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

SECOND COLLECTION: RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

*December 9-10

Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help. Many served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes -- often for little to no pay. Now there is a shortage in retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides funding for medications, nursing care, and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



BISHOP CIRCLE

"Together We are Stewards of Service."



The Bishop's Circle funds support the services provided to parishes, parishioners and those in need by the many diocesan departments, offices, agencies and programs. The services rendered are in the areas of "Faith Formation," "Administrative Services," and "Pastoral Services."

Bishop Silva said: "I truly value your commitment to our mission and am very grateful to you for your continuous support over the years. It is your generous support - both financially and spiritually - that is the life blood of this work. Once again, I ask you to prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift and join one of the Bishop's Circle Donor Societies."

Donations may be made online at catholichawaii.org. For more information, visit catholichawaii.org/stewardship or call the Office of Stewardship and Development at 203-6723.

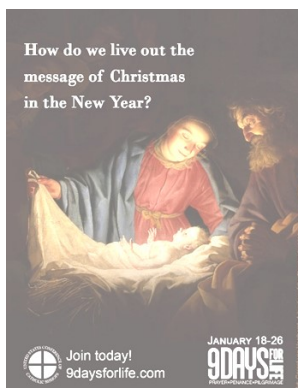


Faith-Based Parenting Workshop, Dec 16

RSVP to Easter Almuena at ealmuena@rcchawaii.org or Ed Barinque at masdt@aol.com,



RESPECT LIFE



How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year, rather than pack it away with the ornaments? Each year the Octave Day of Christmas falls on the first day of the New Year, on which we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God.

Her open heart and courageous "yes" to God show us how to live year-round—with hearts open to the Lord, following where He leads. We are called to place our trust in Him, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, and to love one another as Christ loves us. Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance.

One way to live out the message of Christmas and follow Our Lady's example is to join 9 Days for Life, a digital pilgrimage of prayer and charitable action.

The U.S. Catholic bishops invite you to join thousands of Catholics nationwide from Thursday, January 18 – Friday, January 26.

Join today at www.9daysforlife.com!



SAVE-THE-DATE

- Deadline for Longest Married Couple Nominations, Jan 8
- Annual Priests' Retreat, Jan 8-12
- Red Mass at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, Jan 16
- Oahu Catechist Retreat, Jan 20, 2018
- Stewardship Day, Feb 17, 2018