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Rev. Edgar B. Brillantes
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"There is one among you, whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal straps I am not worthy to untie." John 1:27



Rev. Adrian R. Gervacio
Pastor-Emeritus

A Blessed Advent To One & All!



Simbang-Gabi or Misa Aguinaldo

*December 16-24 > 6:00pm on Saturdays / 6:30pm on other days

We are now in the Third Sunday of Advent. Three candles in the Advent wreath are lit signifying the brightening approach of the light and Savior of the world, Lord Jesus Christ.

While the world is all agog in all kinds of preparation, many Catholic churches are starting today the traditional devotion of celebrating the nine-day Christmas novena, 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). Both are considered *Misa Aguinaldo* (gift-Mass) which we offer as our gifts of love to honor the coming Son of God.

At OLM, we have started celebrating the *Simbang-gabi* last year. More people came, especially young people, and had 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. During the *Simbang-gabi*, there will be **NO morning masses on the weekdays**. The various 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 tables for fellowship.

There are *special offering envelopes* which individuals could bring up to the altar at the offering of gifts. In the spirit of Christmas, we invite everyone to come and participate and share whatever they can cook, prepare or bring for fellowship. Fr. Adrian is ready to serve our favorite fare, and for sure, you don't want to miss his famous *daing* or *pusit*. Let's make this a joyful and memorable Christmas for all.

ORDER OF ASSIGNMENTS IN THE SIMBANG-GABI

DATE & TIME (December)	CELEBRANT	GROUPS-IN-CHARGE
16 * Saturday (6:00pm)	Fr. Adrian	Music Ministry & Choir
17 * Sunday (6:30pm)	Fr. Edgar	RE Catechists & Visayan Ministry
18 * Monday (6:30pm)	Fr. Adrian	Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors & Decorating Com
19 * Tuesday (6:30pm)	Fr. Edgar	Youth & YA Ministry, Jr. FCC, Altar Servers
20 * Wednesday (6:30pm)	Fr. Adrian	Finance, Outreach, Stewardship, Prison & Hospital
21 * Thursday (6:30pm)	Fr. Edgar	Knights of Columbus, Hospitality Com. & Ushers
22 * Friday (6:30pm)	Fr. Adrian	Ilocano Ministry & Filipino Catholic Club
23 * Saturday (6:00pm)	Fr. Edgar	Pastoral Council
24 * Sunday (6:30pm)	Fr. Adrian	All ministries, committees & organizations

"My soul rejoices in my God." Isaiah 61:10



Pastor's Corner

By Rev. Edgar B. Brillantes



Next Sunday's Readings

Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29

Second Reading

Romans 16:25-27

Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

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

It is not clear who the anointed one is that speaks this oracle. It may be a generic blessing of every prophet or of Isaiah himself. It is this passage that Jesus uses to initiate his public ministry after he reads it from the scroll in his hometown synagogue (Luke 4:16-20). The mission of the anointed one is extended to those who are in special need of salvation, but the "year of favor" is clearly for everyone.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Paul's exhortation to the Thessalonians is in light of the future coming of the Lord. This is apocalyptic writing: the coming of the Lord in glory is the reason for living in a particular way in the meantime. His instruction is terse: rejoice, pray, give thanks. In these ways they will make good use of their gifts and be ready and blameless when the Lord comes.

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

This passage from John is a more descriptive account of John's identity as the precursor of Jesus the Messiah. Although the focus of the question, "Who are you?" is on John, he makes it clear that he is not the one the Jewish people have been waiting for. John regards himself as a messenger, a herald of great news; his mission is to prepare the people for the coming of the Light that would transform their lives.

NEW CANDLESTAND

A new candle stand was delivered to our Church last December 2 and we blessed it at the 8:30am Mass last Sunday. It was transported all the way from Ireland through the St. Killians Candle Company. It has the unique feature of a clean and smokeless votive candle burning system and designed with 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.

The candle stand is placed at the alcove of the Divine Mercy and the Blessed Mother. As we light the candles we can ask for their intercession for our personal intentions for healing, protection, or success, for our families and dear ones, both living and dead, or for world peace and good government leaders. Everyone is welcomed to make use of it. You can put your offering of \$2.00 or more at the deposit hole in front of the stand.

We are most grateful to *Francisca Kovaloff and her family* for being instrumental in ordering the new candle stand for the church use.



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE AT HOME

The blessing and lighting of the Advent wreath has been a traditional practice in the Church during the Advent season and *Simbang-gabi*.

It is also recommended for families to have an Advent Wreath in their homes. The prayer for the rite of lighting the Advent wreath at home by family members in the Third Sunday/week of Advent is being reprinted from the *Hawaii Catholic Herald* for private use:



THIRD SUNDAY/WEEK:

Leader: *Let us pray... We humbly beg you, O Lord, to listen to our prayers and, by the grace of your coming, bring light into our darkened minds. Through Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns forever and ever.*

All: *Amen.*

(Three 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 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 18/Monday - 7:00pm

St. Stephen Church

*December 22/Friday - 6:00pm

OLP Cathedral-Basilica



Stewardship News & Announcements



PARISH-WIDE FUNDRAISING PROJECT:

Our Finance Council is moving full speed ahead with the fundraising project for the convent. Ticket sales will begin March 2018 and the grand prize is \$10,000! **Yes, \$10,000!** Tickets will be distributed to the various organizations early next year. We will need everyone's help to make this project a success. Spread the word and get ready to help raise much needed funds to repair our convent.



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Stewardship Committee, together with the Parish Education Committee, sponsored a wholesome movie night last Wednesday, December 13, featuring *Fr. Damien: The Saint of Molokai*. Popcorn and light snacks were served by the youth to the viewers. Admission was free.

The Stewardship Committee is chaired by Marc Ulep and they meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:00pm. In their last 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.



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.

We pray this through your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Mass Attendance

	12/2-3/17	12/9-10/17
Saturday (6:00 pm)	67	73
Sunday (6:30 am)	80	88
Sunday (8:30 am)	170	133

Sacrificial Offerings - "Thank you very much!"

Saturday (6:00 pm)	\$ 742.25	\$ 853.00
Sunday (6:30 am)	\$ 1,002.78	\$ 790.90
Sunday (8:30 am)	\$ 864.00	\$ 837.15
Repair and Maintenance	\$ 390.05	\$ 50.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 98.00	\$ 982.25
Donation: Booster	\$ NA	\$ 100.00
Donation: Flowers	\$ 100.00	\$ NA
All Soul's Day	\$ 10.00	\$ NA
Thanksgiving	\$ NA	\$ 30.00
Retirement Fund Relig.	\$ NA	\$ 1,034.16
Funeral	\$ NA	\$ 1,200.00
Youth Fundraising	\$ NA	\$ 607.00
Mass Intention	\$ 60.00	\$ NA
Candles	\$ 130.00	\$ 250.00
Total	\$ 3,397.08	\$ 6,734.46



"When good people do well, everyone is happy." Proverbs 29:2

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 done. The new flooring for the chapel and the replacement of the old bowls in the restrooms were later added and done too. It was started last November 10 upon approval by the Diocese. The Planning & Building committee headed by *Joyce Oliveira* made the inspection and approval of the finished project. The work was undertaken by the *Puli Construction*.

The whole project costs \$37,800.00 which includes labor and materials. In his innate generosity, *Kalolo Tuihalafatai* is donating \$2000.00 of the amount. To pay for the project we had to dip from our current parish deposit in the Diocese and 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."



Using our Gifts

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

...LEADS A GIVER'S HEART TO JESUS

In the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30), the Lord Jesus uses the example of money rather than abilities or skills. It's a story about investments, risks and returns. Stewards understand that God has given them an abundance of spiritual gifts. They know God doesn't want them to simply receive these blessings and bury them in fear, but to multiply them; to use these gifts to serve Him and others; to spread Christ's Good News; to go and make disciples of others. Good stewards invest what God has given them in the service of others and are prepared to render an account when the Lord returns. Reflect this week on how you are returning your own God-given gifts back to God with increase.

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!

❖*Rachel & Wilfred Soong* donated Christmas trees for the manger display.

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

❖For the renovation project at the convent, *Kalolo Tuihalafatai* donated \$2000.00. He also acted as the liaison between the church and the Puli Construction. It's definitely a generous Christmas gift!

***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 21 St. Peter Canisius, priest & doctor of the Church, 1521-1597

Dec 23 St. John of Kanty, priest, 1390-1473



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; RE Christmas Story at 6:15pm)

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



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, sausage, eggs, 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.



HAWAII CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL SERVICES

*3rd Annual Charismatic Winter Conference

*January 12-14, 2018 at Catholic Charities Hawaii

"Come, Holy Spirit, Come!"

For more info, visit hccrs.net, call 781-9254, or email chariscenter.hccrs@gmail.com.



ALOHA & CONGRATULATIONS

*Visiting from the Philippines is *Rev. Fr. Marcelo Cantorna* of the Archdiocese of Nueva Segovia in Ilocos Sur.

*Celebrating his 25th Anniversary (Silver Jubilee) as priest is *Rev. Fr. Peter Dumag*, former Vocation Director of the Diocese of Honolulu and now serving as US Air Force Chaplain at Hickam. *Bishop Larry* is presiding at his Thanksgiving Mass on December 18, Monday, at 5:00am in the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa. *Ad multos annos!*



MOVIE NIGHT



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. It gives a powerful message that with God's grace one can identify oneself with the struggles and pains of others and even sacrifice one's life for them. We have no parish mission this Advent, but the message of the movie is as good and inspiring to help us prepare spiritually for Christmas. Only a few parishioners came but there was a good number of youths who served popcorn, chips and beverages to the viewers. The event was sponsored by the *Stewardship Committee* and the Education Committee of the Pastoral Council. The video was provided by *Fran Kovaloff*.



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 holding their Christmas program this Sunday, December 17. They start with their participation at Mass then proceed to the parish hall for some Christmas caroling and fellowship.



*In the spirit of *keiki kalikimaka*, the RE children are celebrating the season with their drawings of *Christmas cards*. They are also encouraged to come with their parents to the *Aguinaldo Masses* or *Simbang-gabi* from December 16-24.

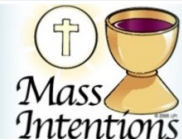
On Christmas Eve, they will take part in the Christmas tableau wearing costumes and playing the role of Mary and Joseph, the shepherds, angels, and the magi. Santa Claus from the North Pole will come with his bag of gifts and distribute them at the end of the Mass. The parents and parishioners are also welcomed to offer gifts to the children.

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

☺L.O.L. (Laugh Out Loud)☺

"My orange juice is warm," complained the customer. *"I wanted it cold."* *"If you wanted it cold,"* the waiter said, *"you should have ordered our soup."*





Dec 10 > 8:30am Thanksgiving - Jose Cadiz & family * RIP +Verlie Cadiz, Loreto & Abner Duma; +Francisca Quinones, Meliton, Teofilo, Maria, Norma, Demetria, Pedro, Apolonia, Abnomian: +Maxima Akas, Segundo, Feliciano, Linda, Alicia, Crispina, Jesusa, Noel, Potenciano, Margarita
Dec 13-14 > 6:30am Healing - Teresita Dayoan; Alfredo Acidera; Celia Julian

Dec 16-24 > 6:00/6:30pm RIP +Franco Alfredo Casino; +Candido, Romana & Charlie Puzon, Honorio Gamiao

Dec 16 > 6:00pm Birthday - Purie Cortez; Allison Balmores * RIP +Hazel Obetkoff; +Arsenio Balmores; +Franco Alfredo Casino; +Candido, Romana & Charlie Puzon, Honorio Gamiao

Dec 17 > 6:30am (Missa pro populo) - For parish & parishioners * +Glir Dagdagan; +Doris Nakasone, Edward Young, Joe Akima

> 8:30am (Missa pro populo) - For parish & parishioners * For RE children, catechists & Youth Ministry

> 6:30pm RIP +Franco Alfredo Casino; +Candido, Romana & Charlie Puzon, Honorio Gamiao; Thanksgiving - Linda Puzon

Dec 19 > 6:30pm Birthday - Jeannie Layco

Dec 20 > 6:30pm Thanksgiving for healing - Linda Puzon

Dec 22 > 6:30pm RIP +Mildred Pascua, Edward & Alice Chu * Birthday - Bryson Canoneo

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.**



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Good Health / Successful Surgery: Alfredo Acidera * Linda Puzon * Sue Reynon * Celia Julian * Stedson Roe Botol * Teresita Dayoan * Tomasa Ursulum * Fran Kovaloff * Theresa Schwengler * Michael Schwengler *

Balbina Padilla * Sheryl Kalaau * Lillian Ines * 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 Helenihi * 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 Ragundin * Jeanne Oshiro * Stanley & Martha Castro * Charlie Newman

Birthday: Bryson Canoneo * Roselani Ramones * Jeannie Layco * Purie Cortez * Allison Balmores * Miguel Canoneo * Fr. Etuale Etuale * Jeanne Oshiro * Nida Flores * Nick Amian * Lynn Panganiban * Andres Ibera * Andrea Aguada * Bredy Dumot * Aida Valbuena * Roberta Patoc * Thaddeus James Capino Mares * Patrocencia Garcia Aguda * Aida Fiesta * Paul Valbuena * Yvonne Tuihalafatai * Teody Naval * Rudy Balmilero * Noah Ibera

Wedding Anniversary: M/M Nick & Artemia Amian * M/M Tom & Becky Decorte (47) * M/M Jessie Malam * M/M Urbano Acosta * Bredy & Shirley Dumot (28) * Paulo & Emma Ah Sam

Safe Travel: Silverio Palting

Deceased: +Doris Nakasone, Edward Young, Joe Akima * +Franco Alfredo Casino * +Candido, Romana & Charlie Puzon, Honorio Gamiao * +Glir Dagdagan * +Mildred Pascua, +Edward & Alice H. Chu * +Hazel Obetkoff * +Arsenio Balmores * +Verlie Cadiz, Loreto & Abner Duma * +Francisca Quinones, Meliton, Teofilo, Maria, Norma, Demetrio, Pedro, Apolonia, Abnomian * +Maxima, Akas, Segundo, Feliciano, Linda, Alicia, Crispina, Jesus, Noel, Potenciano, Margarita * +Modesto Bautista * +Elizabeth Ragaza * +David Galacgac * +Ped Panganiban * +Urbana Bacalso * +Virgilio Artates * +Ramil Domingo Ramirez * +Annabelle Castillo * +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

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 and cause malfunction. 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. Thank you for your kind considerations.

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.



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* and the *Sts. Peter & Paul Charismatic Team*. The next session will be on January 17, 2018. Wednesday at 7:00pm in the parish hall.

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

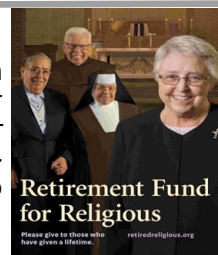
Community building, commitment, service, stewardship, unity, welcoming, youth and spirituality.

MASS SCHEDULE

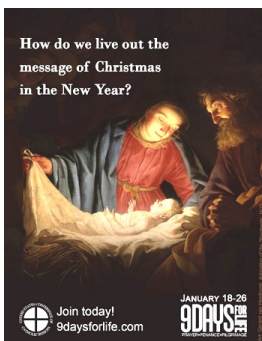
Monday - Friday: 6:30am
 Saturday (Vigil): 6:00pm
 Sunday: 6:30am & 8:30am
 Ilocano Mass: 3rd Sunday 6:00pm

MAHALO: RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support of the Retirement Fund for Religious last weekend. Our parish has collected \$1,034.16. This is a big help to the elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who for many years have served in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes -- often for little or no pay. Now there is a shortage in their retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides funding for their medications, nursing care, and more. May God reward you for giving to those who have given a lifetime to the Lord and to his people.



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!



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.



ARE YOU CALLED TO BE A DEACON?

DIocese of Honolulu | Office of Permanent DEACON FORMATION

ABOUT US The Permanent Deacon Formation Program is directed at preparing men spiritually, academically and pastorally for ordination and to assist the Church in its mission of evangelization. Men who are called and chosen will be formed and sent to the Church to minister to the needs of the people and to bear witness to, and to serve Christ the Church through the example of their lives and their ministerial work in service and charity.	INQUIRY WEEKENDS Applications for the next intake will be accepted only after attendance at one of the mandatory Deacon Formation Inquiry Weekends, along with your welcome, if offered. March 9 – Mar 11, 2018 Registration deadline: 02/28/18 Limited to 30 couples June 8 – 10, 2018 Registration deadline: 05/30/18 Limited to 30 couples St. Stephen Diocesan Center	CONTACT US If interested, we invite you to complete and submit an Inquiry Weekend Registration Request form available on our website: www.catholichawaii.org/formation Contact: Deacon John Coughlin, Co-Director Phone: 808-203-6729 Email: jcoughlin@catholichawaii.org
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DEACON FORMATION INQUIRY WEEKEND

When: March 9, 2018 / Friday – March 11, 2018 / Sunday
Where: Saint Stephen Diocesan Center
6301 Pali Hwy, Kaneohe, HI 96744

For more information, visit the Deacon Formation website at <http://catholichawaii.org/diocesan-offices/deacon-formation/>



SAVE-THE-DATE

- Deadline for Longest Married Couple Nominations - Jan 8, 2018
- Annual Priests' Retreat – January 8-12, 2018
- Red Mass at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa - January 16, 2018
- Ordination of Permanent Deacons at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa – January 18, 2018
- Oahu Catechist Retreat - January 20, 2018
- Stewardship Day - February 17, 2018