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*"Do not be afraid Mary, Behold you will conceive in your womb a son,
and you shall call him Jesus" Luke 1:30-31*



Rev. Adrian R. Gervacio
Pastor-Emeritus

A Blessed Advent To One & All!



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners & all,

Christmas is here and welcome it with gladness, so goes one of the popular carols. The birth of our Lord Jesus Christ truly lifts our hearts and fuels our Advent preparation of *simbang-gabi* and fellowship with festive joy. The whole world rejoices because the Christ-child who is Emmanuel is the greatest gift who makes real the very gift of God's presence with us humans.

What a wonderful time of the year! Everyone celebrates – young and old, tall and short, white, black and brown, male and female, from near and far. All generations, all cultures, all races and all people of good will are united just as the heavens and the earth, the divine and the human are joined in perfect harmony. Indeed, God loves us so much that he has given the precious gift of his beloved Son in order that we may have the fullness of life.

We join the splendid angels in their heavenly music, the shepherds in adoration, the wise men in following the star and jolly Santa in filling up stockings with gifts that we may give true meaning to this holy day of Christmas.

May the miracle and glow of Christmas sparkle with love, laughter and goodwill and continue to bring joy, wonder and awe. With Fr. Adrian, I wish you and your family the blessings of peace, joy and love.

Devotedly yours in the service of the Lord,

Fr. Edgar



ADVENT PREPARATION: Simbang-Gabi or Misa Aguinaldo

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent the four candles in the Advent wreath are lighted signifying the completion of our days of preparation and that the awaited Savior of the world is here bringing the brightness of his light upon this darkened and broken world.

We have been all agog in our preparation, spiritual as well as material. We have sent the cards and wrapped the gifts and our houses are well decorated and lighted. We have been faithful in attending the Christmas novena, or the Simbang-gabi, that we celebrated in the evening. We have such well-attended celebrations by either parishioners or not and our fellowships never run out of tasty delicacies and potluck sharing. All the assigned hosts and sponsors of the Mass and fellowship for the 9 nights prepared and did their best to make each night solemn, joyful and meaningful. On the 7th night, the Ilocano Ministry and Filipino Catholic Club made it more festive with a programme of music, dancing, raffle draws and prizes and two whole lechons. This was preceded by a solemn procession and offering of flowers and candles to the Blessed Virgin Mary and Baby Jesus.

We congratulate all those who completed the nine-day novena and we sincerely thank all those who came and shared their delectable items for sharing. We do appreciate all the hosts and sponsors of each Mass and fellowship as well as the liturgical ministers, candle-bearers and gift-offerers for making the celebrations well-participated, orderly and meaningful. We have truly given the best *Aguinaldo* (gift of love) that we can offer to honor the coming Son of God. A cherished tradition, indeed!



ORDER OF ASSIGNMENTS IN THE SIMBANG-GABI

DATE & TIME (December)

23 * Saturday (6:00pm)

24 * Sunday (6:30pm)

CELEBRANT

Fr. Edgar

Fr. Adrian

GROUPS-IN-CHARGE

Pastoral Council

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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

First Reading
Genesis 15:1-6, 21¹-3

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm: 105:1-9

Second Reading
Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Gospel
Luke 2:22-40

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

This passage from Samuel is a delightful conversation between David and the Lord. David has decided to build a fine house for the Lord, a place that would contain the presence of the Lord. The Lord will have nothing to do with the plan and tells David that he will continue to dwell on the midst of the people, wherever they are.

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

This passage concludes Paul's letter to the Romans. It is in the form of a doxology, a statement of praise for the revelation of God through the ages. Although the content of this revelation was not known in all ages, being "kept secret" from some, it is now fully revealed through Jesus Christ. This is the heart of the Christmas Gospel and the reason for our celebration during Advent-Christmas season

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Luke's account of the Annunciation brings us to the threshold of the celebration of the Nativity of the Word made flesh. Luke is careful to note that the event is part of the great plan of God; the house of David is represented by Joseph. The promise made to David is to be realized in a simple setting in Galilee, but its import will be to bring forth a kingdom that will have no end. Mary's response, first of fear and then of complete acceptance, helps us to identify with her as model of a servant of the Lord.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE AT HOME

For the past three Sundays and weeks of Advent we have been lighting the candles of the Advent wreath. It is such a beautiful tradition and meaningful symbol of the coming of Jesus as the light of the world.

It is also becoming a tradition for families to have an Advent Wreath in their homes. The prayers for the rite of lighting the Advent wreath at home by family members are reprinted from the *Hawaii Catholic Herald* for private use.

FOURTH SUNDAY/WEEK:



Leader: *Let us pray... Stir up your power and might, O Lord, and come. Rescue us through your great strength so that salvation, which has been hindered by our sins, may be hastened by the grace of your gentle mercy. Through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.*

All: Amen.

(Four candles are lighted.)

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.



Stewardship News & Announcements



“SAVE OUR CONVENT”

Our Finance Council announced that the fundraising project for the convent is a drawing. 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.



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.

PROJECT ACCOMPLISHED



The first phase of the renovation project in the Convent building of replacing the failing flooring on both ground and second levels is done. The steps of the staircases are also made new. The new flooring for the chapel and the replacement of the old commode bowls in the restrooms were later added and done too. It was started last November 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* who did an excellent job.

The whole project costs \$37,800.00 which includes labor and materials. One of the workers and our parishioner, *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 left-over funds from the ceiling fans and lights project. We are most grateful to the generosity of everyone. When funds are again available we shall continue to improve the entire structure so as to maximize its use for pastoral and relevant programs. Right now, it is being used only by RE students on Sundays and by the Knights of Columbus for their monthly meeting and for the Kokua Food Pantry storage and distribution.

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.”

GOOD STEWARDSHIP

Mass Attendance

	<u>12/16-1717</u>	<u>12/9-10/17</u>
Saturday (6:00 pm)	152	73
Sunday (6:30 am)	84	88
Sunday (8:30 am)	131	133

Sacrificial Offerings - “Thank you very much!”

Saturday (6:00 pm)	\$ 838.00	\$ 853.00
Sunday (6:30 am)	\$ 853.15	\$ 790.90
Sunday (8:30 am)	\$ 727.00	\$ 837.15
Initial Offering	\$ 20.00	\$ NA
Repair and Maintenance	\$ 268.00	\$ 50.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 30.00	\$ 982.25
Christmas	\$ 15.00	\$ NA
Donation: Booster	\$ NA	\$ 100.00
Donation: Candlestand	\$ 1,125.00	\$ NA
Donation: Zumba	\$ 60.00	\$ NA
Thanksgiving	\$ NA	\$ 30.00
Retirement Fund Relig.	\$ 210.00	\$ 1,034.16
Funeral	\$ NA	\$ 1,200.00
Youth Fundraising	\$ NA	\$ 607.00
Candles	\$ 207.10	\$ 250.00
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For Repairs & Maint.	\$ 5,000.00	\$ NA
Total	\$ 9,953.25	\$ 6,734.46



*“Enjoy serving the Lord and he will give you what you want.”
Psalm 37:4*



A Stewardship Moment

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

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day) Monday, December 25, 2017

...LEADS A GIVER’S HEART TO JESUS

In the Christmas Mass at dawn we hear from the Gospel reading that God has entered quietly into the world. Not into the great city of Jerusalem, but into a small village about five miles south. Not into a noble family, but to an outcast couple keeping the newborn in a manger. Not announced by royal edicts, but to common shepherds, the first human heralds of Christ’s birth. As Christian stewards we simply allow Christ to live in us no matter what our circumstances happen to be. We allow Christ to share his love with us and reflect that love out to others. We now are the heralds of Christ’s Incarnation. What an unimaginable gift from a generous Lord. Good stewards rejoice in this gift and give glory to God.

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: *Ray & 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.

❖*Wilfred and Rachel Soong* also donated Christmas trees to decorate the manger.

❖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.*

**SIGN-UP
TODAY**

"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 26** St. Stephen, first martyr, dc 35
- Dec 27** St. John apostle & evangelist, dc 100
- Dec 28** The Holy Innocents, martyrs; *male children slain instead of Jesus by King Herod, Matthew 2:16-18*
- Dec 29** St. Thomas Becket, bishop & martyr, 1118-1170
- Dec 30** Sixth day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
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- Dec 24** Final Misa Simbang Gabi, 6:00pm; fellowship to follow.
- 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



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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.



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WARM ALOHA

*Visiting from the Philippines is *Rev. Fr. Marcelo Cantorna* of the Archdiocese of Nueva Segovia in Ilocos Sur. He has served as Pastor in the parishes of Santa Lucia, Magsingal, San Esteban, Sta. Cruz and assisted in Candon. He is staying with us at OLM during the Christmas season for one week.



Fr. Adrian and Fr. Cantorna (right) concelebrated Misa Simbang Gabi at OLM on December 22, 2017.



PARISH CALENDAR GIVEAWAY

In all the Christmas Masses, at the Vigil, Midnight and Daytime, we shall be giving away the parish calendars for 2018. We are distributing one copy per family. Your family can pick it up as you go home after the Mass.

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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!



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❖ RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM ❖

ACTIVITIES

On Christmas Eve, the RE catechists and children 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 the Sunday School and Mass and act as primary catechists and concrete examples of living the Christian faith.

☺ L.O.L. (Laugh Out Loud) ☺

My husband and I were curious why our five-year old son referred to Jesus as "Jesus Christmas." Finally we asked why he thought Jesus' last name was Christmas. He quickly replied, "Well, why wouldn't it be? His mommy's name is Mary Christmas!"





Dec 16-Mar 2018 > 6:30am Healing & Speedy recovery - *Alfredo Acedera*
Dec 17 > 6:30am Healing & Speedy recovery - *Celia Julian* * Wedding anniv - *Alfredo & Reby Acedera*
 > 8:30am Birthday - *Ace Virgil Cabico*
 > 6:30pm Thanksgiving - *Linda Puzon* * RIP +*Rosalia, Nemesio, Marianna, Maryjoy, Jonathan, Martin, Fabian, Romeo*
Dec 19 > 6:30pm Thanksgiving & Birthday - *Liberato Valdez*
Dec 21 > 6:30pm Healing - *Ronnie Aguiar* * RIP +*Oriol. Dolores, Amante, Larry & Jerry Aurelio, Bert Aguinaldo, Casimiro & Dominica Susa*
Dec 22 > 6:30pm Birthday - *Bryson Canoneo*
Dec 23-31 > 6:30am RIP +*Leonora Bautista (1st anniv), Victorio & Edison Bautista*
Dec 23 > 6:00pm Healing - *Alfredo Acedera; Elena Graham, Alfredo Eliazar Jr, Romeo Eliazar* * RIP +*Franco Alfredo Casino; +Candido, Romana & Charlie Puzon, Honorio Gamiao; +Leonora Bautista, Victorio & Edison Bautista*
Dec 24 > 6:30am Birthday - *Fr. Spa Silva* * Healing - *Alfredo Acedera* * RIP +*Doris Nakasone, Edward Young, Joe Akima; +Jose & Narcing Carreon, Caroline & Martin Rodrigues; +Leonora Bautista, Victorio & Edison Bautista*
 > 8:30am (Missa pro populo) - *For parish & parishioners* * RIP +*Policarpo Agustin (10th anniv)*
 > 6:30pm (Christmas Vigil Mass) Healing - *Gwen Zanellato, Cantere family & Villaflor family* * RIP +*Franco Alfredo Casino; +Candido, Romana & Charlie Puzon, Honorio Gamiao; Anastacio Umblas & Valentina Umblas, Lopecita Refuerzo, Naty Bautista & Panchito Ignacio*
Dec 25 > 12:00am (Midnight Mass) - Joyous birthday of *Jesus* * Healing - *Alfredo Acedera* * RIP +*Jose & Narcing Carreon, Caroline & Martin Rodrigues*
 > 8:30am (Christmas Day Mass) Missa pro populo - *For parish & parishioners* * Birthday - *Anita Mariano Apdal* * RIP +*Policarpo Agustin (10th anniv); +Leonora Bautista, Victorio & Edison Bautista*
Dec 26-31 > 6:30am RIP +*Leonora Bautista (1st anniv), Victorio & Edison Bautista*
Dec 26 > 6:30am RIP (Birthday) +*Esperanza Balmores, Hermogenes Calpito & Paula Balmores (8th anniv)*
Dec 28 > 6:30am Wedding anniversary - *Caroline & Doren Gruenhagen* *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!**



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.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Good Health / Successful Surgery: Alfredo Acedera * Elena Graham, Alfredo Eliazar Jr, Romeo Eliazar * Ronnie Aguiar * Ruperto Pescador * 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 * 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 Eliazar * 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: Anita Mariano Apdal * Natalie Capino * Artemia Amian * Fr. Spa Silva * Aurora Cabico * Bryson Canoneo * Liberato Valdez * Rosita Dolormente * Maribel Dait * Roselani Ramones * Jeannie Layco * Purie Cortez * Ace Virgil Cabico * Juanita Ramos * Allison Balmores * Miguel Canoneo * Fr. Etuale Etuale * Jeanne Oshiro * Nida Flores * Nick Amian * Lynn Panganiban

Wedding Anniversary: M/M Emmanuel Artates * Caroline & Doren Gruenhagen * Alfredo & Reby Acedera * Andy & Chita Magbojos * Nick & Artemia Amian * M/M Tom & Becky DeCorte (47) * M/M Jessie Mamac * M/M Urbano Acosta * Bredy & Shirley Dumot (28) * Paulo & Emma Ah Sam

Safe Travel: Ed & Angie Balbuena & family

Deceased: +Esperanza Balmores, Hermogenes Calpito, Paula Balmores (8th anniv) * +Maria Balmores (birthday) * +Jose Calpito (27th anniv) * +Derna Kim, Helen & Jack Tui * +Jose & Narcing Carreon, Caroline & Martin Rodrigues * +Leonora Bautista (1st anniv), Victorio & Edison Bautista * +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, Apollonia, Abnomian * +Maxima, Akas, Segundo, Feliciana, 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



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



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

<p>ABOUT US</p> <p>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 salvation of souls. Men who are called and chosen will be formed and sent to teach, to guide and to bear witness to, and to serve Holy Mother the Church through the example of their lives and their ministries of Word, service and charity.</p>	<p>INQUIRY WEEKENDS</p> <p>Applications for the next class will be accepted only after attendance at one of the mandatory Deacon Formation Inquiry Weekends, along with your wives, if married.</p> <p>March 9 – Mar 11, 2018 Registration deadline: 02/28/18 Limited to 30 couples</p> <p>June 8 – 10, 2018 Registration deadline: 05/30/18 Limited to 30 couples</p> <p>St. Stephen Diocesan Center</p>	<p>CONTACT US</p> <p>If interested, we invite you to complete and submit an Inquiry Weekend Reservation Request form available on our website: www.catholichawaii.org/formation</p> <p>Contact: Deacon John Coughlin, Co-Director Phone: 808-203-6729 Email: jcoughlin@cchawaii.org</p>
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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