

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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Rev. Edgar B. Brillantes Pastor



"Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them." Mark 9:2

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Rev. Adrian R. Gervacio Pastor-Emeritus

Lent is the season of prayer, fasting 4 almsgiving!

RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM

A Message from Sr. Clemence:



To Parents and Guardians: The deadline for submission of completed Confirmation papers/sheets is <u>Sunday</u>, <u>March 4, 2018</u>. Please be present at a mandatory meeting on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>March 18</u> after the 8:30am Mass in the parish hall. God bless!

The students and catechists will make the *Stations of the Cross* after the 8:30am Mass this Sunday, <u>February 25</u> in observance of the Lenten season. The parents, parishioners and everyone are welcomed to join. The RE program is in full swing preparing the children from Grade 2 to Grade 12 for Confirmation. They are also being readied for their Lenten Reconciliation on <u>March 11 and 18</u>.

Meanwhile, the Youth Ministry is very much involved in carrying out the comprehensive youth ministry thru the Life Teen program. They also had their "car-wash fundraiser" last February 3 to raise funds for their participation at the Los Angeles Youth Congress in March.

Let's keep praying 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 implore the parents, grandparents, guardians and all parishioners to join hands in encouraging their children to attend the Sunday School and Mass and act as primary catechists and models of living the Christian faith.

The *Education and Stewardship Committees* are trying to provide catechetical materials for the parents such as video presentations from the Diocese as part of the required involvement of parents in the religious education of their children. They will be doing these on the three Wednesdays of <u>March 7, 14 & 21</u>.



Now that the raffle tickets have been distributed we urge and encourage every parishioner to be part of the campaign to raise funds for the renovation of the old convent. It is our concerted effort to show ourselves as good stewards in maintaining the legacy we inherited from the previous generations of faithful parishioners. In all the Masses this weekend, Becky Jandoc, the Parish Finance Council chairperson, will give further important points and tips on soliciting financial support for the "Save the Convent" fundraiser. First and above all, let us pray for God's blessing and success on this endeavor.

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

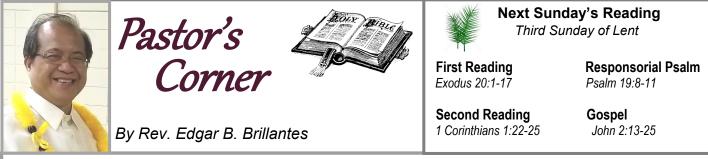
Community building, commitment, service, stewardship, unity, welcoming, youth and spirituality.

MASS SCHEDULE

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

"9 will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living." Psalm 116:9

Second Sunday of Lent



First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18

The story of the near sacrifice of Isaac is one of the most gripping and disturbing of the many stories related to the covenant in the Book of Genesis. It is worth noting what God does not ask, in the end, of Abraham, rather than focusing on his initial request. Ours is not a capricious God putting humanity to terrifying tests, although the test does reveal the extraordinary willingness of Abraham to listen to God. Scholars suggest that this startling story points to the fact that Abraham's God is one that does not demand human sacrifice for appeasement, as do the gods of the many neighboring cults of the time.

Second Reading: Romans 8:31-34

To close his observations on what it means to live life in God's Spirit, Paul speaks to what having God with us looks like. One with Christ, we can count on God's presence and fidelity. While there may be those who try to condemn, they cannot succeed, because Christ is our intercessor.

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Peter, James and John accompany Jesus up the mountain, where they experience him transfigured. They see his glory revealed in the company of the great prophets and representatives of the law of Israel, Moses and Elijah. In his terror, Peter resorts to the practical: Perhaps they should contain the moment by erecting dwellings for the three God names Jesus as his "beloved Son," echoing the proclamation made in the first chapter of Mark at the Baptism of the Lord in the Jordan. Jesus exhorts his companions to keep the experience a secret, a theme that weaves throughout the Gospel according to Mark when Jesus' identity comes into guestion.

Parish Calendar, News & Announcements

FEAST DAYS

- Mar 3 St. Katharine Drexel, virgin ਹ 💠 ਹ
- Eucharistic Adoration, after the 6:30am Mass Mar 2 Mar 3-4, 10-11 Sign-ups Pre-Easter Parish General
- Cleaning
- Mar 17 Pre-Easter Parish General Cleaning, 8:00am to 12noon

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PAULINE BOOKS DISPLAY

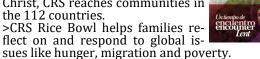
On March 3 and 4, the Pauline Sisters auline will come to our parish for a display of

BOOKS & MEDIA books, CDs, DVDs and various religious articles. This is part of their ministry of evangelization through media. We can have time to view and go over the items before and after the Masses. This is your opportunity to find or ask for the religious articles that you want to get for yourself or give as a gift. Their bookstore is located at the Bishop Street in downtown opposite the Cathedral-Basilica of Our Lady of Peace.

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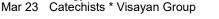
>Motivated by the example of Jesus Christ, CRS reaches communities in the 112 countries.



Please take home a Rice Bowl; they are at the entrances of the Church. Every \$1 helps! Thank you!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Fridays at 7:00 pm Date **Ministry Leads**

- Youth & Young Adults Mar 2
- Knights of Columbus * Outreach * Prison & Hospital Mar 9 Ministries
- Mar 16 Liturgy Committee





SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES FOR LENT & HOLY WEEK

February 28 at 7:00 pm – Biblical Prayer Meeting in the Parish Hall

March 4, 11, 18 at 6:30 pm – Catholicism Video Series: Lenten Recollections

March 18 at 6:00 pm - Ilocano Mass (Maika-5 a Domingo ti Cuaresma)

March 20 at 7:00 pm – Lenten Penance Service at OLM

March 24 at 9:00 am-12:00 noon – Lenten Retreat hosted by the Cursillo of Hawaii

March 27 at 3:00 pm-12:00 am (Holy Tuesday) – Lamentations of Mary (Pasyon or Lectio: A Filipino Tradition)

March 28 at 7:00 pm (Holy Wednesday) - Novena of Perpetual Help & Holy Rosary

Mar 29 at 7:00pm (Holy Thursday) Mass of the Last Supper with Washing of the Feet followed by Solemn Adoration till Midnight

March 30 at 11:30 am (Good Friday) – Start of the Divine Mercy Novena & Stations of the Cross

March 31 at 7:00 am (Holy Saturday) – Divine Mercy Novena (2nd day)

Stewardship News & Announcements



A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER God of mercy.

You have given us this special time to reflect on our lives, embrace the Good News and draw closer to You. During this season of Lent, help us use this time to fast and pray, be more

generous and show others how to live in Christ. Let us see each day of this season as a new opportunity to renew our lives and gain a deeper appreciation of Your active presence in our hearts and our community of faith. Give us the grace to see Your face in others, especially the poor and those who suffer. And through your Spirit, enkindle in us the fire of Your love so that we may be better stewards of Your redeeming work throughout the world.

We ask this through Jesus, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

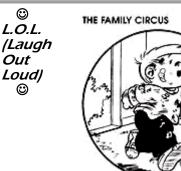


CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Keep a Prayer Journal During Lent *From International Catholic Stewardship Council

...LEADS A GIVER'S HEART TO JESUS This February two events took place on the very same day. Both Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday fell on the 14th of the month this year. Valentine's Day encourages us to offer written expressions of our love and affection to others through cards and letters. Why not express our love for the Lord by keeping a prayer journal during Lent?

The season of Lent can be a great time of spiritual growth and keeping a prayer journal can help strengthen our prayer life. Journaling can help us listen more intently to God's voice, track our spiritual growth, and deepen our relationship with the Lord. There are different ways to keep a prayer journal. You can simply reflect on a passage from scripture, then write down your thoughts and feelings. Or, you can write down what the Holy Spirit places upon your heart during prayer. It is important to commit to a specific time and place each day to pray and spend time in silence with God. Then, as part of your prayer experience, write a few lines. Whether you want to express your gratitude, challenges, praises or laments, share them with the Lord in writing. As Valentine's Day gives us an opportunity to reflect on and express ourselves to those we love, prayer journals accomplish the same thing in our relationship with the Lord. If you're not already in the habit of keeping a prayer journal, try it. You will be surprised by the spiritual awareness cultivated within yourself as you journey with Christ toward Easter.



"My Guardian Angel had a busy day today, but we had FUN!"

MASS ATTENDANCE

	<u>2/17-18/18</u>	<u>2/10-11/18</u>
Saturday (6:00 pm	74	75
Sunday (6:30 am)	75	89
Sunday (8:30 am)	177	165
Sun (llocano Mass-6pm	ı) 35	
Ash Wednesday (6:30am)		46
Ash Wednesday (6:00p	m)	162

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

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Saturday (6:00 pm)	\$	630.00	\$	685.00
Sunday (6:30 am)	\$	645.00	\$	795.00
Sunday (8:30 am)	\$	892.56	\$	1,140.15
Initial Offering	\$	8.00	\$	25.00
Repair and Maintenance	\$	363.00	\$	69.00
Donation - Zumba	\$	NA	\$	60.00
Ash Wednesday	\$	1,101.31	\$	42.00
Augustine Ed. Founda.	\$	235.00	\$	730.24
Insurance Hall	\$	NA	\$	95.00
Baptism	\$	53.00	\$	NA
Funeral	\$	500.00	\$	NA
Mass Intentions	\$	45.00	\$	10.00
Hall / Parking	\$	NA	\$	300.00
Candles	\$	340.00	\$	220.00
Mission Store	\$	NA	<u>\$</u>	77.00
Total	\$	4,812.87	\$	4,248.39

"God will make you rich in every way, so that you can always give freely." 2 Corinthians 9:11



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE In line with its mission, the Stewardship Committee, through its head, Marc Ulep, presented during the Sunday

Masses the general concept of stewardship as well as their forthcoming activities for the entire parish. While the other parishes are already in full swing with the parish-wide implementation of stewardship, we at OLM are starting to rev it up after the members did their self-study and reflection of the US Bishops document on *Stewardship as the Disciples' Way of Life*. This will be followed by regular presentation of the basic elements of stewardship and relevant videos.

To assist us in observing the holy season of Lent, the *Stewardship and Education Committees* will resume presenting the major doctrines of the Church through the Catholicism series of videos by *Bishop Robert Barron*. We invite all parishioners to attend and make the three evenings of March 7, 14 and 21 at 6:30pm occasions for spiritual recollection.

The Diocesan *Stewardship Day 2018* held last <u>February 17</u> at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa was attended by *Mark Correia, Marc Ulep, Tita & George Calizar, Fr. Edgar & Fran Kovaloff.* Meanwhile, they are looking for more members and any interested parishioner is welcomed to join.

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 e 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**

The donation letters mailed to parishioners last week acknowledge your generous contributions which support our pastoral programs and ongoing projects as well as the basic operation of the Church and the rectory. We, the priests, the parish staff and leaders, deeply appreciate and gratefully acknowledge all dear parishioners who faithfully and steadily support our Church with their prayers, stewardship and personal involvement in our parish activities and programs that made the past year 2017 productive and memorable for all of us. We look forward to another bright year ahead of us.

*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.

*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 - Angle Balbuena Eucharistic Ministry - Cleo Bala-Casino Lector Ministry & Receptionist - Gloria Rodrigues Altar & 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. 4:30-6:00pm; Sat. 10:00-11:30am 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.

February 25, 2018

MASS INTENTIONS

Feb 18 > 6:00pm (Ilocano Mass) Thanksgiving - M/M Vicente Velasco; Marlene Calventas Ohana; Silver & Marivic Palting; Bacani family * Healing - Avelina Orcino; Rosita Dolormente; Orlando Ar-

tates & Emilia Licudine * RIP +Benjamin Orcino; +Anselmo & Avelina Dolormente; +Deceased relatives of Silver & Marivic Palting

> 6:30am Healing - Alfredo Acedera; Elizabeth Ragaza

> 8:30am Birthday - Gertrudis Mina

Feb 19 > 6:30am Special intention - *President Trump & all world leaders*

Feb 20 > 6:30am Birthday - Juliana Aguinaldo & Ava Balmores * Healing - Julie Manuel * RIP +Alfredo Calpito Sr & Bernarda Orque; +Leticia Castillo

Feb 22 > 6:30am Healing - *Michael Schwengler; Julie Manuel* * RIP +*Leticia Castillo*

Feb 23 > 6:30am RIP +*Silvestre Marquez, Benito, Emiliana, Flo, Rosalina & Adriana Martin, Rolando Gubatan*

Feb 24 > 6:00pm Healing - *Alfredo Acedera; Mariano Facuri*

Feb 25 > 6:30am Healing - *Alfredo Acedera; Marcelina Rivera* * Birthday - *Steven Ramiscal* * RIP +*Rolando de Leon & Venecia Acene;* +*Rustico Agpaoa Rivera*

> 8:30am (Missa pro populo) - For parish & parishioners * Healing - Pelenato Falaniko, Charlie Newman, James Rodrigues; Julie Manuel * RIP +Leticia Castillo; +Marcela & Basilio Icarangal Sr

Feb 28 > 6:30am Healing - Mariano Facuri; Julie Manuel * RIP + Manuel & Mary Rodrigues, Stanley Rodrigues Sr & Jr, Doloris Davis

Mar 2 > 6:30am Family's good health, successful work & safe driving - *Purie Cortez*

Don't Miss the Deadline: Please submit your Mass intentions by <u>Thursday</u> if you want them printed on time for the weekend Parish Bulletin. *Mahalo*. In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Our Lady of the Mount Catholic Church

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

★Good Health / Successful Surgery: Julie Manuel * Michael Schwengler * Avelina Orcino * Marcelina Rivera * Rosita Dolormente * Orlando Artates & Emilia Licudine * Mariano Facuri * Jesse Ulep * Alfredo Acedera * Erorita-Laoan family * Eliseo Purganan * Gloria Atudo

Laoan family * Eliseo Purganan * Gloria Atudo * Elena Graham, Alfredo Eliazar Jr, Romeo Eliazar * Leonora Tesoro * Ronnie Aguiar * Ruperto Pescador * Sue Reynon * Stedson Roe Botol * Tomasa Ursulum * Theresa Schwengler * Michael Schwengler * Millie Pedro * Pelenato & Lagi Falaniko * Zoe Villaflor * Gwen Zanellato * James Paet * Marie Schwengler * Marian Gomes * Cres Paranada & 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 * John Pregil * Marvin & Sally Moore * Clara Adlawan * Marilou Bruno * Gregory & Medie Raguindin * Jeanne Oshiro * Stanley & Martha Castro * Charlie Newman

★Birthday: Steven Ramiscal * Juliana Aguinaldo & Ava Balmores * Gertrudis Mina * Marivic Palting * Audrey Peralta * Steven Schwengler * Mark Schwengler * Connie de Santos * Jesus Balmores * Armand Balmores * Doren Gruenhagen * Anjelica Schwengler * Mary Amian * Virgilio Cabico * Arlene Nishimura * Clementina Ceria-Ulep * Eliseo Aguada * Eliseo Purganan

Wedding Anniversary: M/M Fortunato Laguer (47)

Religious Profession: Sr Clemence Mira, spc

Thanksgiving: M/M Vicente Velasco * Marlene Calventas Ohana * Bacani family * Silver & Marivic Palting

★Deceased: +Leticia Častillo * +Manuel & Mary Rodrigues, Stanley Rodrigues Sr & Jr, Doloris Davis * +Rolando de Leon & Venecia Acene * +Silvestre Marquez, Benito, Emiliana, Flo, Rosalina Martin, Rolando Gubatan, Adriana Martin * +Alfredo Calpito Sr & Bernarda Orque * +Marcela & Basilio Icarangal Sr * +Rustico Agpaoa Rivera * +Benjamini Orcino * +Anselmo & Avelina Dolormente * +Pio & Consuelo Alcantra, Conrado Benitez Sr, Jovito Alcantra * +Nico Mira * +Richard "Sonny" Peralta * +Elizabeth Ragaza * +Caroline & Martin Rodrigues * +Cecilia Leong * +David Souza, John Freitas Sr * +Victoria Subia Ramiro * +Jason Tagalan * +Tyler Harrel * +Pedro Atudo * +Eduardo & Gregorio Daligcon * +Addie Freitas * +Ben Castillo * +Dionte Taylor * +Arsenio Balmores * +Rev Lawrence Mampaey * +Derrick Andres * +Pedro, Urbana & Virgilio Artates, Pio & Victoriana Bacani * +Caridad Doronio, Jose & Sofia Palting, Leonarda & Nicolas Palting, Rosalina Palting, Melecio & Eufrecina Lazaro, Ricardo & Ana Francisca Mateo, Flor & Victoria Barruga, Anthony & Linda Gutierrez, Eustaquio & Antonia Ancheta, Patricio & Teresita Mateo, Pedro & Maria Diego * +Norberto Montaus Jr * +Norberto Galicinao & Andrea Galicinao * +Leopoldo Hombrebueno * +Loeto Duma, Abner Duma & Verlee Cadiz * +Marcela, Tito, Angelina & Irineo Ulep * +Betty Santiago, Sr. Joanna Connally, SHF * +Cecilia & Manuel Medeiros * +Dolores Aurelio * +Pepito Dagsaan Datugan * +Romana Fontanilla * +Rogelio Laciste Agcaoili * +Mercy Muller * +Celia Julian * +Dennis Luat * +Cralina Tacderan * +Celestina Bragil Membrere * +Virgilio Artates * +Ramil Domingo Ramirez * +Magdaleno Sanchez * +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; +Those who have nobody to pray for them; +Soulis in purgatory

+Celia D. Julian, 97 Wake service: February 23, 2018, 7:00pm, at Hawaiian Memorial Chapel *Funeral Mass*: February 24, 2018, 10:00am at OLM Church Interment: 12:00n at Valley of the Temples Memorial Park

+Leticia Serapion Castillo, 77 Wake service: March 14, 2018, 7:00pm, at Ballard Moanalua Mortuary Chapel Funeral Mass: March 17, 2018, at Sacred Hearts Church, Lanai City

Interment: Lanai Cemetery

"Eternal rest grant unto the Faithful departed, O Lord." Heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.

NOVENA TO PERPETUAL HELP

The novena prayers to Our Mother of Perpetual Help is held regularly <u>every Thursday at 7:00pm</u> 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 their various needs thru this popular devotion. She will also guide us in making a meaningful Lenten journey. Come as a family and be blessed.





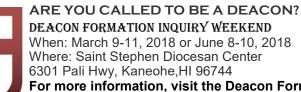
CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

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. The newly-ordained deacon, *Raffy Mendoza* of the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa leads the session accompanied by the witnessing of *Kathy Ferreira*. The next session will be on <u>February 28, 2018,</u> <u>Wednesday at 7:00pm</u> in the parish hall. We thank the Charismatic Team of Sts. Peter & Paul Church led by *Dr. Jorge & Chloe Samaniego* who helped us jumpstart the prayer sessions.

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Where: Saint Stephen Diocesan Center 6301 Pali Hwy, Kaneohe,HI 96744 For more information, visit the Deacon Formation website at <u>www.catholichawaii.org/formation</u> or contact Deacon John Coughlin at (808)203-6727 or email <u>jcoughlin@rcchawaii.org</u>



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RESPECT LIFE

MAHALO: Thank you for joining the Catholic force in opposing assisted suicides in Hawaii. All life is sacred. Your signatures in the petition letters addressed to the Hawaii State legislators not to promote assisted suicides will surely make a big difference. ** *The Respect Life Office has extended the request for signatures thru this weekend. If you have not done so yet, the forms are at the entrance of the Church; please stop and sign it.* ** Let us continue to take a vigilant and active role and pray that the bill on assisted suicide will never pass at all.

Again, God bless us all for upholding the dignity of life of the vulnerable, the elderly and the terminally-ill. Let us praise and thank God for the precious gift of life.

ALERT! HEARING ANNOUNCEMENT: HB2739 - MEDICAL AID IN DYING

HB2739 has been scheduled for hearing. Refer to the notice below.

NOTICE OF HEARING

*Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2018

*Time: 10:30am

*Place: Capitol Auditorium, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania St., Honolulu

TO: PASTORS/ADMINISTRATORS, DEACONS, PARISH RESPECT LIFE COORDINATORS, KNIGHTS OF COLUM-BUS COUNCILS, PARISHIONERS AND ALL:

<u>Action Plan</u>: Over the weekend inform parishioners of the hearing notice and continue petition drive at all Masses. Order of Priority:

* In Oahu - Activate parishioners to come to the Capitol for the hearing. (There is power in numbers. We need lots of bodies!!)

- o Wear aqua blue T-shirts
- o Meet at 9:30 a.m. by the St. Damien statue at the Capitol; stickers for T-shirts will be distributed.
- o Carpool if possible
- o Chancery parking will be validated.

*Call Representatives who requested hearing of this bill - flood their offices with phone calls

o Rep. John Mizuno

Phone 808-586-6050 * Fax 808-586-6051 * E-Mail: repmizuno@Capitol.hawaii.gov

o Rep. Scott Nishimoto

Phone 808-586-8515 * Fax 808-586-8519 * E-Mail: repnishimoto@Capitol.hawaii.gov

*Submit testimony: <u>https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2018/hearingnotices/HEARING_HHS-JUD_02-27-18_.HTM</u> *Do your best to get this information to your parishes this weekend.

May the Holy Spirit guide us in every good way that we may glorify and praise God for our positive actions to defend life.

