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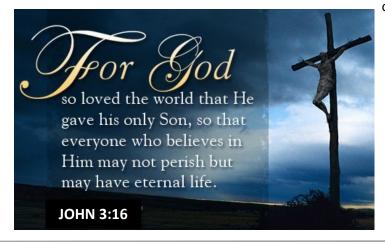
# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT \* LAETARE SUNDAY \*

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Rev. Edgar B. Brillantes Pastor





Rev. Adrian R. Gervacio Pastor-Emeritus



### Lent is the season of prayer, fasting & almsgiving!





#### SAVE OUR CONVENT FUNDRAISER

The Save Our Convent Fund Drive is now in full gear. Raffle tickets are being distributed while donations are solicited. We deeply appreciate the participation and involvement of every parishioner, ministry and organization to be part of the campaign to raise funds for the renovation of the old convent. It is a concerted effort to show ourselves as good stewards in maintaining the legacy we inherited from the previous generations of faithful parishioners. As we try to approach and seek support from everyone we know, let us, first and above all, pray for God's blessing and success on this endeavor.

#### \*RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM\*

This Sunday, <u>March 11</u>, the second group of students and catechists will celebrate the *Sacrament of Reconciliation and Confessions* after the 8:30am Mass as part of their 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 and First Communion. They are also being reminded to submit the required documents such as their Baptismal certificate and application forms

Meanwhile, the Youth Ministry is very much involved in carrying out the comprehensive youth ministry thru the Life Teen program.

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 urge 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. **NOTICE to Parents and Guardians: On Sunday, <u>March 18</u>, there is a mandatory meeting after the 8:30am Mass in the Parish Hall.** 

The Education and Stewardship Committees are providing 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 March 7, 14 & 21 at 6:30pm.

#### **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



# Pastor's Corner





## Next Sunday's Reading

Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading
Jeremiah 31:31-34

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 51:3-4, 12-15

**Second Reading** *Hebrews* 5:7-9

Gospel John 12:20-33

By Rev. Edgar B. Brillantes

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

After the reign of King Josiah a number of kings have led the people poorly, subjugating the people to the Egyptians. Although Jeremiah has witnessed to Nebuchadnezzar's place as the servant of the Lord meting out deserved punishment against Judah, the unfaithful Zedekiah revolts agains Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar destroys both Judah and Jerusalem and the Babylonian captivity begins. After 70 years, Cyrus, the good king of Persia, calls for the rebuilding of the Temple and allows the Jews to return to Jerusalem for this critical task.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

The Epistle reminds us that we are saved by the pure ad unfettered gift that is the grace of God. We are reminded that it is God who gives, and we who receive by this beautiful passage, and that even if we are "dead in our transgressions," as were the people of Judah in their exile, God awaits us with salvific, healing grace.

**Gospel:** John 3:14-21

Jesus has been conversing with the Jewish leader and teacher Nicodemus, who is both open and curious about Jesus, coming to him in the night and affirming that clearly Jesus must be from God, or he would not be able to perform such signs. Nicodemus wants to understand what it means to be reborn. Jesus begins his answer with a reference to the miracle performed by Moses in the book of numbers, where bronze serpent on a stick is raised and the people are saved (a confusing passage for Bible scholars given the prohibitions of the second commandment). Jesus, too, will be raised on wood - the Cross - but his death is one death for the salvation of all, for all time. Verse 16 may be one of the most widely known verses of scripture the United States due to its appearance in popular culture.



## Parish Calendar, News & Announcements



Mar 10-11 Sign-ups after all Masses, Pre-Easter Parish General Cleaning on Mar. 17

Mar 11 >Filipino Catholic Club Meeting after the 8:30am Mass

>Children's Reconciliation Service, after 8:30am Mass, Grades 2-6

**Mar 17**Mar 18

Pre-Easter Parish General Cleaning, 8:00am to 12noon; lunch to follow >RE Program Meeting with Parents & Guardians, after the 8:30am Mass >Commissioning of new liturgical minis-

ters at the 8:30am Mass



WEST HONOLULU VICARIATE LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES 2018

March 12 \* Monday \* 7:00pm - St. Stephen Church, Nuuanu Valley

March 13 \* Tuesday \* 7:00pm - Blessed Sacrament Church, Pauoa Valley

March 14 \* Wednesday \* 7:00pm - Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, Palama

March 15 \* Thursday \* 7:00pm - Holy Family Church, Airport

March 20 \* Tuesday \* 7:00pm - Our Lady of the Mount Church, Kalihi Valley

March 23 \* Tuesday \* 7:00pm - Our Lady of Peace Cathedral-Basilica, Honolulu Downtown

#### OLM SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES FOR LENT & HOLY WEEK

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

March 2 at 7:00 am – Eucharistic Holy Hour

March 4 & 11 at 10:00 am – Confessions for the Religious Ed students

March 7, 14, 21 at 6:30 pm - Lenten Catechesis thru the Catholicism Video Series by Bishop Barron

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 22 at 7:00pm – Chrism Mass & Blessing of Oils at Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa

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

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 (2<sup>nd</sup> day)

Every Friday in Lent at 7:00pm – Stations of the Cross; Abstinence from meat

# 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

The Gift of Stewardship

Leisa Anslinger, author and co-founder of Catholic Strengths and ...LEADS A GIVER'S HEART TO JESUS Engagement Community (CSEC), wrote:

Our focus in forming people as stewards is to help them recognize that everything is a gift from God. Our lives, talents, resources, faith — all are gifts that are entrusted to us, which we are called to steward well. We may not always be aware of it, but stewardship itself is a gift. Growing as stewards is a gift in the lives of individual people and the life of the parish. That is the essence of what so many people share as they offer stewardship witness talks, or as they speak of how their lives have been changed as a result of being introduced to the concept of stewardship as a way of life.

The following testimony of an OLM parishioner, Carol Caspillo, is a concrete example of the powerful effect of stewardship in the life of a Christian.

Aloha,

Your call asking me for a picture of Saint Marianne Cope, because someone said, "If there is a picture, to find, Carol would be the one to get it." Love you for that call. It was a project that filled my heart. That time I was missing Ray (deceased husband) and felt so down. But your call put me in gear!!!! I called my friend from

Pictured I to r, Tuki (Carol's friend), Fr. Edgar, Carol Caspillo, and Becky Jandoc.

school, a Franciscan Nun, Sister William Marie Eleniki, OSF. She said there were two pictures and we could choose the one we wanted. Father (Edgar) chose the picture that was done by the artist Peggy Chun, now deceased. It was my favorite too.

And my adventure began! Going into the church to see where we would place her picture and seeing that wonderful Saint Damien, on the wall in such a sad dark frame made me decide to do both pictures to match the décor of our church. I approached a framer who is a friend of mine, Dennis Nakano. We met two times to decide the wood and matting for the pictures. The cost of the framing is a donation from the "Raymond Caspillo Ohana.

It was a wonderful, fun project that turned out to be a beautiful finish just before Easter. Mahalo for allowing me the privilege to be a part of our parish in sharing this happy event. Carol Caspillo

Think about this from your own experience. What would your life be if you had never been introduced to stewardship? When we consider it, our stewardship is a true gift for our people and our parish or diocese. And like all gifts, this, too, must be shared! You might share your own personal stewardship witness in an article for our diocesan newspaper or website or parish bulletin. Or perhaps you might offer your insights into the impact of stewardship on your faith and life to our community gathered in Church. Whatever way, we thank God for the gift of stewardship.

#### MASS ATTENDANCE

	<u>3/3-4/18</u>	<u>2/24-25/18</u>
Saturday (6:00 pm	67	62
Sunday (6:30 am)	87	75
Sunday (8:30 am)	152	175

#### SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

"Thank you very much!"

Saturday (6:00 pm) Sunday (6:30 am) Sunday (8:30 am)	\$ \$ \$	654.00 1,344.00 1,255.00		532.00 ,042.00 ,453.25
Initial Offering	\$	15.00	\$	5.00
Repair and Maintenance	\$	628.00	\$	98.00
Ilocano Mass	\$	NA	\$	69.00
Donation - Zumba	\$	00.00	\$	00.00
Easter	\$	50.00	\$	00.00
Ash Wednesday	\$	NA	\$	45.00
Holy Land / Good Friday	\$	5.00	\$	0.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$	NA	\$	5.00
Baptism / Certificate	\$	20.00	\$	NA
Mass Intentions	\$	25.00	\$	20.00
Candles	\$	165.00	\$	160.00
Rebate - Rom.Catholic	\$	NA	\$	15.6 <u>5</u>
Total	\$	4,166.00	\$ 3	3,444.90

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." Peter 4:10

#### **STEWARDSHIP** COMMITTEE

In line with its mission, the Stewardship Committee. through head, *Marc Ulep,* will making regular



presentations of the basic elements of stewardship and pertinent videos during the Sunday Masses. Likewise, to assist us in observing the holy season of Lent, the Stewardship and Education Committees will be presenting the major doctrines of the

Church through the Catholicism series of videos by Bishop Robert Barron. . We invite all parishioners to attend and join the Lenten Catechesis on March 7, 14 and 21 at 6:30pm in the parish hall. This will serve as our Lenten Par-

ish Mission.

Meanwhile, the committee is looking for more members and any interested parishioner is welcomed to

0 L.O.L. (Laugh Out Loud)



"These are vegetables, mother. You wouldn't want me to eat something I've given up for Lent would you?"

# 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

\*Sincere thanks and appreciation to Carol Caspillo for her significant role in producing the framed images of St. Marianne Cope and St. Damien de Veuster for our Church. The painted image of St. Marianne was done by the late artist Peggy Chun and was donated by Sister William Marie Eleniki, OSF, a Franciscan nun. Carol Caspillo has the two pictures framed. The new images will be hung on the left and right sides of the sanctuary and will be blessed during the Saturday Vigil Mass at 6:00pm.

\*Big mahalo to Bernardo & Rebecca Villanueva for their donation towards the renovation of the convent in the amount of \$200.00. May God reward you abundantly.

\*We acknowledge all 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.

\*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.

\*Maintenance Services: Roger Isidro fixed the freezer in the hall which has been flooding the kitchen because of leaks. Jun Cortez checked and revived the Exit sign lights in the hall as required by the Fire Department guidelines.

\*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 Šervers - Angie 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.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Mar 4 > 8:30am Healing - Gloria
Atudo

**Mar 8** > 8:30am Healing - *Simeon Facuri* 

Mar 10 > 6:00pm Healing - Richard "Dickie" Kim; Alfredo Acedera;

Mariano Facuri \* Special intention - Guy & Jerrae Miranda & Chloe \* RIP +Neva Rego

Mar 11 > 6:30am Healing - Mae & William Kuboyama; Alfredo Acedera \* Birthday - Jocelyn Ramiscal \* Thanksgiving - Silverio & Marivic Palting \* RIP + Manuel Palting Saturnino; + Thomas Kuboyama; + Rolando de Leon, Ricardo & Dominga Ferrer, Arnulfo & Maricel Bersamin

> 8:30am (Missa pro populo) - For parish & parishioners \* Healing - Mae & William Kuboyama; Julie Manuel \* Thanksgiving - Silverio & Marivic Palting \* RIP +Santiago Cadaoas; +Thomas Kuboyama; +Leticia Castillo

Mar 12 > 6:30am Birthday - Sr. Clemence Mira, spc \* RIP +Francisco, Genaro, Alfredo, Lito Cabral, Felix & Teodora Saldua, Valentin & Silveria Cabral

Mar 13 > 6:30am RIP + Eddie Zanellato

**Mar 15** > 6:30am Birthday - *Clemente Fontanilla* 



Deadline: Please submit your **Mass intentions** by <u>Thursday</u> if you want them printed on time for the weekend Parish Bulletin. *Mahalo*.



\*Good Health / Successful Surgery: Richard "Dickie" Kim \* Mae T. Kuboyama, William H. Kuboyama \* Simeon Facuri \* Julie Manuel \* Herminia Ferrer \* Michael Schwengler \* Avelina Orcino \* Marcelina Rivera \* Orlando Artates & Emilia Licudine \* Mariano Facuri \* Jesse Ulep \* Alfre-

do Acedera \* Erorita-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 \* Aida Guerrero \* 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: Clemente Fontanilla \* Sr. Clemence Mira SPC \* Jocelyn Ramiscal \*Marina Pescador (90) \* Tessie Fontanilla \* Fr. Danny Laeda \* Pamata Liua \* Adoracion Laguer \* Angelita Sera \* Sharleen Daligcon \* Roger Mariano \* Steven Ramiscal \* Juliana Aguinaldo & Ava Balmores \* Gertrudis Mina \* Marivic Palting \* Audrey Peralta

❖Special Intention: Guy & Gerae Miranda & Chloe

**❖Thanksgiving:** Nick & Artemia Amian, Sixto II & Aurora Amian, Kikkawa, Nishimura & Mateo families \* Silver & Marivic Palting

❖Deceased: +Eddie Zanellato \* +Francisco, Genaro, Alfredo, Lito Cabral, Felix & Teodora Saldua, Valentin & Silveria Cabral \* +Thomas Kuboyama \* +Neva Rego \* +Manuel Palting Saturnino (39th anniv) \* +Santiago Cadaoas \* +Rolando de Leon, Ricardo & Dominga Ferrer, Arnulfo & Maricel Bersamin \* Henry Sabog \* +Millie & Joe Josol \* +Leticia Castillo \* +Sixto, Perpetua, Marina & Merlin Amian, Melanio & Mirasol Mateo, Francisco, Eugenia, Abundio, Dominador & Emilio Sao \* +Manuel & Mary Rodrigues, Stanley Rodrigues Sr & Jr, Doloris Davis \* +Rolando de Leon & Venecia Acene \* +Honorio Gamiao \* +Silvestre Marquez, Benito, Emiliana, Flo, Rosalina Martin, Rolando Gubatan, Adriana Martin \* +Alfredo Calpito Sr & Bernarda Orque \* +Marcela & Basilio Icarangal Sr \* +Erwin Panganiban \* +Rustico Agpaoa Rivera \* +Benjamini Orcino \* +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 \* +Derrick Andres \* +Pedro & Urbana Artates, Pio & Victoriana Bacani \* +Marcela, Tito, Angelina & Irineo Ulep \* +Dolores Aurelio \* +Pepito Dagsaan Datugan \* +Romana Fontanilla \* +Rogelio Laciste Agcaoili \* +Mercy Muller \* +Celia Julian \* +Dennis Luat \* +Cralina Tacderan \* +Celestina Bragil Membrere \* +Virgilio Artates \* +Magdaleno Sanchez \* +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; +Souls in purgatory

# **OBITUARY**

#### +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 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 their various needs thru this popular devotion. She will also guide us in making a meaningful Lenten journey of faith. Come as a family and be blessed.



### BIBLICAL 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. 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. He assisted at the



8:30am Mass last Sunday to introduce himself to the community and invite the men for the permanent diaconate program. We invite you to the prayer meeting on the last Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm in the parish hall. We thank the Charismatic Renewal Team of Sts. Peter & Paul Church led by *Dr. Jorge & Chloe Samaniego* who helped us jumpstart the prayer sessions.

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#### ARE YOU CALLED TO BE A DEACON?

DEACON FORMATION INQUIRY WEEKEND

When: June 8-10, 2018

Where: Saint Stephen Diocesan Center 6301 Pali Hwy, Kaneohe, HI 96744

For more information, visit the Deacon Formation website at

www.catholichawaii.org/formation or

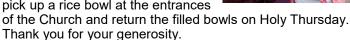
contact Deacon John Coughlin at (808)203-6727 or

email jcoughlin@rcchawaii.org

#### **CRS RICE BOWL**

God of the Journey, we encounter you in teachers.

CRS has partnered with the Catholic Education Commission in Haiti to provide new teaching techniques and resources for students. Please pick up a rice bowl at the entrances







### Respect life. All life is sacred.



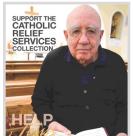
### **RESPECT LIFE**

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 and you're your visible presence at the Capitol during the hearings surely made a big difference. Let us pray that the bill on assisted suicide will never pass.

We must continue to take a vigilant and active role. The Respect Life Office requests that you take home a copy of the "No Aloha in Suicide" petition today and ask your family, friends and co-workers to please sign it; please return the form next weekend.

Again, God bless us all for upholding the dignity of life of the vulnerable, the elderly and the terminally-ill. May the Holy Spirit guide us in every good way that we may glorify and praise God for our positive actions to defend life. Let us praise and thank God for the precious gift of life.





SECOND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES March 10-11, 2018

'Help Jesus in Disquise"

This weekend our parish will take up *The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC)*. Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. Please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

## More Parish News & Announcements



Sr. Joseph speaks to the parishioners. (Sr. Patricia was outside manning the display.)

### PAULINE BOOK DISPLAY

MAHALO to the Pauline Religious Sisters who came last weekend to our Church for a display of books, CDs, DVDs and various religious articles. This is part of their ministry of evangelization through media. Their bookstore

located at the Bishop Street in downtown opposite the Cathedral-Basilica of Our Lady of Peace.







#### HOME FOR RENT

4 bedrooms, partially furnished for \$2,000 per month; utilities not included. Contact Clem Ceria-Ulep at 258-0802, if interested.

### Kupuna Caregivers Rally

You are invited to a Kupuna Caregivers Rally on March 19th at 11am on the State Capitol Rotunda facing Beretania. Similar to last year, there will have bentos for participants. The sign waving will take place along Beretania afterwards. This year, we are partnering with the Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition during their Caregiver Awareness Day at the Capitol, which will happen earlier in the day.



# NO ALOHA IN SUICIDE

Suicides have become a serious public health crisis in Hawaii, with one person dying from suicide in our islands every other day. We believe every life is precious and that preventing suicides is everyone's kuleana. We, the undersigned, believe every person is entitled to be safe at every stage in life, including those who may be marginalized such as the elderly, those who are disabled or have mental health challenges, and others. We believe awareness and suicide prevention programs are key to supporting the most vulnerable, consistent with our island values of caring for others like family. We believe physician-assisted suicide is not consistent with these values and sends conflicting messages to Hawaii's youth about suicide. Therefore, as a way to further reduce the prevalence of suicide in our state by 25% by 2025, we believe it is critical to concurrently prevent the legalization of assisted-suicide in our state.

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