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"Gaudete Sunday" THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel." Isaiah 12:6



ADVENT: Rejoice in the Lord Always!



TODAY IS GAUDETE SUNDAY

A New Beginning * by Bishop Robert Barron

The third Sunday of Advent is referred to as "Gaudete" Sunday. In Latin, *Gaudete* is a positive command that means, "Rejoice!" We Christians are a joyful people. In fact, St. Paul tells the Thessalonians in today's second reading, "Rejoice always!"

Now, does that mean we must be always giddy, always on an emotional high? No. But it does mean that we are basically and irrevocably an optimistic people, believers in the divine comedy - in good times and bad, in success and failure.

I always think of *Thomas Merton* in this context, telling one of his novices to get rid of his long face - and meaning it as a positive command. Christians have no business moping around.

Notice how beautifully this theme balances the theme - one that also belongs to the heart of Advent - the desperation of our sin and our need for salvation.

The sobering news is that we can't save ourselves. But the overwhelmingly good news is that we have been saved through the mighty power of God, and that's the reason why we are an essentially joyful people.



Simbang-Gabi Starts Today

*December 16-24 -> 6:30pm with fellowship after the Masses.

*9 Novena Masses before Christmas

The traditional series of 9 Masses and devotions celebrated in preparation for Christmas starts tonight at 6:30pm. They are called *Simbang-Gabi* meaning "Evening Mass" or *Misa Aguinaldo* meaning "Gift-Mass" for the Baby Jesus on his birthday.

We invite our parishioners to come and join the parish *ohana* in welcoming the birth of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. Potluck fellowship follows the Mass and it has been an occasion of festive gathering of old and new parishioners. This is the opportunity for everyone to share in the spirit of Christmas by bringing their favorite food serving. Various ministries, organizations and parish committees have been designated to coordinate the liturgical ministries and fellowship.

*Weekday Masses in the morning are suspended during the *Simbang-Gabi*.

*Saturday Vigil Mass on December 22 is moved to 6:30pm.

*There are no changes on the Sunday morning Masses on December 16 & 23.

*Envelopes are available for your gift-offerings to the Lord and for your personal intentions during the *Misa Aguinaldo* and Christmas Masses.





Pastor's Corner

By Rev. Edgar B. Brillantes



Next Sunday's Reading Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading
Micah 5:1-4

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Second Reading
Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel
Luke 1:39-45

First Reading: *Zephaniah 3:14-18*

Zephaniah prophesied fifty years before Isaiah =, yet his message is similar. This joyous text hails the day of the Lord, which is on the horizon. Then, God as savior will be in the midst of the people. This passage is the perfect start for the readings of Gaudete Sunday.

Second Reading: *Philippians 4:4-7*

This exquisite passage from Philippians reminds us that the path of the disciple of Christ is one of great rejoicing. Why? Because there is nothing of concern that we cannot place in the hands of God so that we may dwell in his peace—a peace that is beyond human comprehension.

Gospel: *Luke 3:10-18*

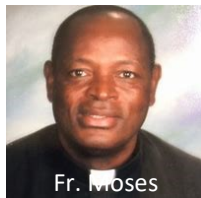
The people see in John a mighty power, and ask him for direction on how to live their lives. Nothing in this would be startling news: share with each other, be fair, avoid the cruelty of extortion, practice being satisfied. However, his news that there is one even greater coming after him would have been attention getting. This will be a new baptism, not with water but with fire that would eliminate all chaff – dividing the true from the false. This message superficially frightening, is an affirmation of the Messiah and a therefore a cause for joy.

ADVENT PENANCE & RECONCILIATION

*December 11, 2018 – 7:00 pm, Tuesday

We have been reconciled with the Lord. We thank the presence and assistance of our West Honolulu Vicariate Priests in hearing confessions:

Rev. Fr. Moses Akebule (St. John the Baptist) * Rev. Fr. Rico Bernadez (St. Philomena) * Rev. Fr. Edgar Brillantes (OLM) * Rev. Fr. Edwin Conselva (St. Anthony) * Rev. Fr. Adrian Gervacio (OLM) * Rev. Fr. Greg Honorio (St. Theresa) * Rev. Fr. Francis Sanchez (Hospital Chaplain) * Rev. Fr. Arnel Soriano (St. Anthony)



Fr. Moses



Fr. Greg



Fr. Edwin Arnel Francis Rico

(Taken on 12/14/18, "The Heart of Christmas" concert, Farrington High School auditorium, sponsored by St. Anthony's Parish, Kalihi)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

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*The children had their *Advent Confessions* last Sunday, December 9, after the 8:30am Mass. The catechists joined the children in the Rite of Reconciliation.

*The catechists held their *monthly meeting* also last Sunday, December 9, after the children's confessions. Let's pray for our hard-working volunteer-catechists that God reward them for their patience and love in forming our children in the Christian life.

*As part of their December activities, the students engaged in *Christmas craft-making* which they presented as gifts to elderly folks in Care Centers. They will also participate in the *Christmas tableau* at the *Christmas Vigil Mass* on December 24. Their rehearsal will be on December 16 & 23.

*Last Wednesday, December 12, the catechists, *Dorothy Pregil, Fran Kovaloff, Trini Agamao and Fr. Edgar* attended the *Workshop on Youth Ministry* at the St. Stephen Diocesan Center.

*For more info, please contact *Lucille Mohika*, the RE Coordinator, or any Catechist.



Catechists Dottie Pregil and Cathy Villanueva with their students having fun making Christmas crafts.

Stewardship News & Announcements

PRAYER FOR A STEWARDSHIP PARISH



Dear Heavenly Father,
 my parish is composed of people like me;
 I help make it what it is.
 It will be friendly, if I am.
 Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.
 It will do great work, if I work.
 It will make generous gifts to many causes,
 if I am a generous giver.
 It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship,
 if I invite and bring them.
 It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and
 faith, and a parish with a noble spirit,
 if I, who make it what it is,
 am filled with these same virtues.
 Therefore, with Your help, O God, I shall dedicate myself
 to the task of being all things that I want my parish to be.
 Amen.

MASS ATTENDANCE

	<u>12/8-9/18</u>	<u>12/1-2/18</u>
Saturday (6:00 pm)	71	74
Sunday (6:30 am)	80	87
Sunday (8:30 am)	137	147

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS



Saturday (6:00 pm)	\$ 952.00	\$ 739.00
Sunday (6:30 am)	\$ 563.55	\$ 1,507.00
Sunday (8:30 am)	\$ 878.00	\$ 768.56
Repair and Maintenance	\$ 25.00	\$ 379.00
Donation-Save Our Conv.	\$ NA	\$ 500.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,008.00	\$ 15.00
All Souls Day	\$ 35.00	\$ NA
Retirement Fund for Rel.	\$ 847.07	\$ NA
Christmas	\$ NA	\$ 10.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 35.00	\$ 30.00
Funeral	\$ NA	\$ 500.00
Mass Intention	\$ 1,485.00	\$ NA
Hall—Insurance	\$ NA	\$ 300.00
Candles	\$ 262.00	\$ 135.00
Candles—Killians	\$ 138.95	\$ NA
Mission Store	\$ 6.25	\$ NA
Total	\$ 6,235.82	\$ 4,883.56

"Serve the Lord with joy, come before him singing."
 Psalm 100:2

OLM STEWARDSHIP: "Serving Compassionately" *Testimony by: *Corazon Orcino*



I grew up in a simple farming family in the barrio with 11 siblings. My parents believed in God and their strong faith led us to ride on a *carizon* or wooden cart pulled by a cow to go to church in town. We even travelled to the next province, so we could visit the popular sanctuary of the Crucified Jesus known as Apo Lakay. When I was young, a priest came to teach catechesis and basic prayers in our barrio chapel. My belief and faith in God kept me in good stead as I grew up and especially when troubled by marriage issues and precarious health afflictions. In my trials and low moments, I sought refuge in God and he did not fail me. He gave me courage, strength and patience to raise up my son, send him to school and finish a law degree. It's a great consolation for me and I learn to love God more and I know God loves me too.

In living my faith and in gratitude to God, I tried to serve God not only in church but also by assisting neighbors and other people, especially the elderly folks. I drive them to their doctors or to the market or church and to their relatives' parties. I learned that when you help people with a joyful spirit and smiling face, they feel relieved and the compassion of God. When they say "Thank you" I tell them to offer it to God who made it possible for me to help them.

These simple services led me to get more active in sharing my time, talents and resources in church. I serve as Eucharistic minister, Ilocano choir member, lector, cleaner and decorator in church. I sew table covers, support fundraising initiatives for the convent renovation and make donations here and there for the church needs. I join the Bible study, attend the novena prayers and once in a while share my little knowhow of cooking for the priests' dinner.

In all that I am able to do I glorify God and help build His kingdom. It is my small way of thanking God for all his favors and blessings to me and my family. That's my humble understanding of stewardship and putting it into action.

*Corazon is a widow with a lawyer-son and two grandchildren. Her stewardship includes being a daily Mass-goer and active in the parish ministries including the Ilocano Ministry. She still serves occasionally her former Church of St. John the Baptist.



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:

***GIFTS OF LOVE

❖ 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.

❖ We thank *Eleanor B K Muller* for her early Christmas gift of \$1000.00-check to OLM.

❖ The Church got a new *presidential chair* ordered from the Mainland thru the generous donations of the *Ilocano Ministry members*. The *side chairs* and *altar server seats* are also refurbished with new upholstery and fresh varnish as their additional gifts of love to the Church in time for the Christmas holidays. The total cost is \$2,634.31. Big *mahalo!* We can only say: *God loves cheerful givers!*

❖ We are grateful to *Cathy Sanchez* for her stewardship giving of \$1,000.00 for the "Save the Convent Dance Night Fundraiser" as well as other direct *Anonymous Donors* to the fundraiser which was spearheaded by the *Santo Nino de Cebu Visayan Ministry*.

❖ Another gift-donation of \$500.00 for the "Save the Convent" ongoing fundraiser was received from *Felicidad Orsino*. We do appreciate such generosity with grateful hearts.

*****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.

❖ **REPAINTING THE PARKING LANES** – *Kalolo Tuihalafatai* of the Parish Facilities & Maintenance Team brightened up the parking lot with fresh white paint. It should be good to last for a span of two or more years.

❖ **PRE-CHRISTMAS CLEANING** – Sincere *Thank You* goes to *Aida Isidro & Rosie Jacinto* for providing the main food items at the lunch that were served for the volunteer cleaners. Thank you all who shared cheerfully your blessings of time, skills and material assistance.

❖ **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** – Festive decors and glittering lights were put up around and inside the buildings including the classrooms, rectory, hall and church by *Doi Facuri, Moses Andres, Mark Correia & Fran Kovaloff*. The Knights of Columbus led by *Sir Knights Andy Magbojos, Al Villanueva* and *Frankie Cabral* also decorated their usual spots in the church belfry and the evergreen trees in front of the parish hall. Meanwhile, *Adoracion Padilla* brought bunches of flowers and season's wreaths for the sanctuary and other parts of the church. *Jennifer Jandoc* also gave from her office Christmas ornaments and lights. They certainly add much to the heartwarming spirit and ambience of Christmas.

❖ **MAINTENANCE JOB** – *Roger Isidro, Adriano Daligon, Paul Valbuena & Jun Cortez* have been doing the skilled maintenance odd jobs in the church and rectory fixing and repairing leaks or busted fixtures. *Jun & Paul* just fixed to a mobile cart a bigger TV screen from the Priests' quarters, compliments of *Fr. Adrian*. We deeply appreciate their untiring sharing of their time, skills and services.

❖ **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. Among them, *Marivic Palting* takes charge of the plants and flower decorations at the sanctuary. If you are interested to join, please see *Roselani Ramones*.

❖ **GARDENERS** – The decorative plants by the church are being nurtured and taken cared of by the Visayan Community led by *Jun & Nida Flores* and *Eddie & Cita Lucero*. The grounds and backyard landscape are kept trim by *Clem Fontanilla* who also checks the gate and locks at the end of the day.

❖ **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* and the *Llamedo Band*.

❖ **ATTENDANTS** – Before and after Masses and during funerals and occasional functions they are directing traffic and the proper positioning of vehicles in our limited parking lot. They are happy to serve but it is not always easy especially when some would not heed their directions. Let us show our grateful appreciation for their patient and kind services by respectfully cooperating with them in keeping smooth flow of traffic and parking in the church grounds. *Mark Correia* is the Hospitality Ministry coordinator.

***Our parish is always welcoming and open to 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.

VOLUNTEER
all that's missing is **U!**

TO ALL THE GOOD STEWARDS, OUR SINCERE THANK YOU!



MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 8 > 8:30am Thanksgiving - *M/M Silverio & Marivic Palting* * Birthday/RIP +*Ana Francisca Mateo; +Daniel Wakakawa, Alice Nishima*

Dec 13 > 6:30am Safe trip - *Ray, Lori, Serenity & Trinity Malasig* * RIP +*Daniel Wakakawa, Joe Konno*

Dec 15 > 6:00pm Birthday - *Roselani Ramones* * Healing - *Val Elliazar, Guy Miranda; Segundo Facuri; Steve Tapat* * RIP +*John Pregil; +Mabel Santos*

Dec 16 > 6:30am Birthday - *Purie Cortez* *Healing - *Manuel & Lisa Espindola* * RIP +*Glir Dagdagan; +Hidiko Turner; +Fermin Subia; +Esperanza Bareng; +Deceased relatives & members of the Balbuena family*

> 8:30am (Missa pro populo) - *For parish & parishioners* * Good health & speedy recovery - *Rizza delos Santos; Mary Atudo; Ropati Liua; Alfonso & Mary Villanueva* * RIP +*Magdaleno Sanchez & deceased relatives and family members of Cathy Sanchez and Balbuena family*

> 6:30pm (Simbang-gabi) Birthday & health - *Purie Cortez* * Healing - *Aurelio Agamao* * *For the intentions of the Ilocano Ministry, Candle lighters and gift-offerers*

Dec 17-24 > 6:30pm (Simbang-gabi) *For the intentions of the Fellowship hosts, Candle lighters and gift-offerers*

Dec 19 > 6:30pm Birthday, health & success - *Jeannie Layco; Marilyn Chee*

Dec 21 > 6:30pm Birthday - *Aurora Cabico* * Safe trip - *Vangie Bacani, Adoracion Padilla*



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:** Lucille Mohika * Aurelio Agamao * Florentina Cabral * Betsaida Vila * Rizza Eugenia delos Santos * Val Elliazar, Guy Miranda, Millie Pedro, Tessie Fontanilla * Ropati Liua * Trinidad Corpuz * Timothy P Barroga Sr * Maria Ambrosio * Orlando Artates * Florentina Cabral * Vicenta Baron * Marie Schwengler * Gloria Atudo * Petronila Jandoc * Cris & Crescencia Paranada * Avelina Orcino Fralaide * Manuel & Lisa Espindola * Alfonso & Mary Villanueva * William Char * John Guieb * Nellie Tomas * Mae T. Kuboyama * Doi Facuri, Simeon Facuri & Mariano Facuri * Jesse Ulep * Alfredo Acedera * Ely Purganan * Tomasa Ursulum * George Calizar * Aida Padua * Lydia Bondad Andres * Cherry Vives * Katrina Santos * Joann Gibbs * Florentino Sotto * Hazel Rodrigues * Marvin & Sally Moore * Clara Adlawan * Marilou Bruno * Gregory Raguindin * Jeanne Oshiro * Stanley & Martha Castro * Charlie Newman



◆**Birthday:** Jeannie Layco * Purie Cortez * Aurora Cabico * Marilyn Chee * Brison & Miguel Canoneo * Roselani Ramones * Malia Balbuena * Juanita Ramos * Fr Etuale Etuale * Jeanne Oshiro * Gracelyn de Vega * Frankie Cabral * Andres Ibera * Andrea Aguada * Marina Torio

◆**Wedding Anniversary:** Jessie & Marilou Malab (32) * Alex & Marichu Pe Benito (4) * Tom & Becky Decorte (48) * Roger & Aida Isidro (49) * Kalolo & Yvonne Tuihalafatai (36) * Edward & Teresita Dayoan (56)

◆**Special intention & Thanksgiving:** Special blessing for all supporters and donors of the "Save Our Convent" Fund Drive * For the success of the Stewardship campaign at OLM * For all catechists, youth ministers and children in the Religious Education program * For the RCIA Catechumens * For all seminarians in the Diocese * Silverio & Marivic Palting * Inez & Marcy Remigio * Marlene Calventas & Ohana * Renato & Cora dela Rosa * Bacani family * Gloria Atudo * Purie Cortez

◆**Safe trip:** Vangie Bacani * Adoracion Padilla * Silver Palting * Ray, Lori, Serenity & Trinity Malasig * Armelita Canoneo * Fe Go * Luida Susa * Renato & Cora dela Rosa * Joe & Julie Manuel * Susan Mita

◆**Deceased:** +Glir Dagdagan * +Pio Enrico * +Hidiko Turner * +Fermin Subia (35) * +John Pregil * +Mabel Santos * +Esperanza Bareng * +Ana Francisca Mateo * +Joe Konno, Daniel Wakakawa, Alice Nishima * +Gail P. Silva * +Isabelo, Martina, Benjamin, Magdalena Orcino * +Caroline & Martin Rodrigues * Antone & Veronica Schwengler * +Elizabeth Ragaza * +Antonio Garcia * +Ernesto & Zavier Ventura * +Ped Panganiban * +Leona * +Melita Vila * +Nelly, Gaudencio & Aurora Tadeo * +Tito Ulep * +Marcelina Rivera, Rustico A. Rivera, Simeon C. Alonzo, Consolacion Garcia * +Frederick Cheet * +Ben Sanchez * +Pulileka Tuihalafatai * +Simplicio Canoneo * +Deceased loved ones of Ferrer family, Apolonio, Patricio, Fernando, Faustina, Jacoba & Demetrio Ferrer and Zosima Alverne * +Florentina Ellazar * +Mary Sunae Haruno * +Beatrice Loman * +Angela & Nicolas Balbuena, Fabian & Laurena Balbuena, Pastor & Malwenda Balbuena, Petronilo, Teodulo, Maximo, Felipe & Eulalia Balbuena, Magdaleno Sanchez, Clemente Ogates, Graciano Tenaja, Fr. Raymond Kolk, Mary & Helen Halpin * +Pedro Domion Sr * +Bernardo Centino II * +Medsura Raguindin * +James Rodrigues Sr * +Nick Amian * +Pelenato Falaniko * +Shirley DeCorte * +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

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



Parish Calendar, News & Announcements



Feast Day

Dec 21 St. Peter Canisius, priest and doctor of the Church



Dec 16 & 23 Religious Education children's practice, "The Nativity Story," Church, after the 8:30am Mass

Dec 16-24 Simbang-Gabi, Novena Masses, 6:30pm, fellowship to follow

Dec 23 Request parishioners to donate/bring Christmas goodies for the RE Children, given after the Vigil Mass on December 24

Dec 24 6:00pm Christmas Caroling by the Music Ministry

6:15pm RE children, Tableau

6:30pm, Simbang-Gabi, Novena & Nativity of the Lord,

Christmas Vigil Mass; at the Fellowship after, Santa Claus visits OLM

Dec 25 The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Midnight Mass

Dec 25 The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Day Mass, 8:30am

Jan 1 Mary, the Holy Mother of God Mass, 8:30am

Jan 5 Vigil Mass, the Epiphany of the Lord, 6:00pm

Jan 6 The Epiphany of the Lord, Mass at 6:30am and 8:30am

Jan 8 2019 Verbum Dei Bible Study, 6:00pm



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to:

JESSIE & MARILOU MALAB (32)

ALEX & MARICHU PE BENITO (4)



✚ OBITUARY

+LILIA CASISON BUGARIN, 71

Wake Service: January 4, 2019, 6:30pm at Hawaiian Memorial Park Mortuary

Funeral Mass: January 5, 2019, 11:30am, at OLM Church

Interment: 2:30pm in Valley of the Temples Memorial Park

+JUANA DULDULAO LONGBOY, 95

Wake Service: January 25, 2019, 6:00pm at Diamond Head Mortuary

Funeral Mass: January 26, 2019, 9:30am, at OLM Church

Interment: 11:00am in Valley of the Temples Memorial Park



*"ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, O LORD."
HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILIES.*



BIBLE STUDY

The "Verbum Dei" Bible Study program is on recess for the Christmas season. It will resume on **January 8, 2019**.

The "Verbum Dei" Encounter is tailored for Catholics who want to understand better the teachings of God and of the Church based on the Sacred Scriptures. It is held weekly on **Tuesdays, 6:00pm-**

7:00pm and facilitated by *Bro. Firmo Dayao*. Everyone is invited and welcomed to attend. There are no fees to the course, but donations are accepted.

NOVENA TO PERPETUAL HELP

The novena prayers to Our Mother of Perpetual Help is 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 prayers for various needs have been granted by her intercession thru this popular devotion. She will also guide us in living a meaningful and genuine Christian life. Come as a family and be blessed.



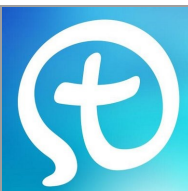
SANTO NINO NOVENA

The *Santo Nino de Cebu Ministry of the Visayan Community* is currently holding a novena of 9 Fridays in preparation for the *Feast of the Infant Jesus, Santo Nino*. They are doing it in the Church at 7:00pm on Fridays, and later have fellowship at the hall. Everyone is invited to join them. The group is headed by *Anacleto Patoc*.



☺ L.O.L. (Laugh Out Loud) ☺

"Why do you keep reading your Bible all day long?" a youngster asked his grandfather. "Well," he explained, "you might say I am cramming for my final examinations."



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>Or, you can also use our text to download feature. Text "app" to 88202 and you will receive a link to download. Once installed, choose Our Lady of the Mount Parish and view the app in its BASIC format.

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DIOCESAN NEWS



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Retirement
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ReligiousPlease give to those who have given a lifetime.
retiredreligious.org**MAHALO FROM THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS (RFR)***Second Collection: December 8-9, 2018**Religious Men & Women Give Thanks**

"This money is pure gift," writes a Religious Sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. "It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly Sisters."

Your gift to last week's collection of \$847.07 helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God.

Your gift provides vital support for retired and senior Catholic Sisters, Brothers and Religious Order Priests. Thank you for your generosity!

**CHAMINADE SCHOLARSHIP**

Chaminade University of Honolulu offers its students an education in a collaborative learning environment that prepares them for life, service and successful careers. In keeping with its tradition of developing leaders in the community, they are seeking candidates for their *Religious Scholarship Programs*. Recipients of these scholarships may receive a tuition discount of 50%-75% and may also qualify for need-based financial aid. Scholarships are renewable if the student is academically successful.



Learn more about the Religious Scholarships and find out if you're eligible at Chaminade.edu/scholarships.

CLERGY AND STAFF

Pastor - Rev. Edgar B. Brilliantes

Pastor Emeritus - Rev. Adrian R. Gervacio

Office Assistant - Sr. Clemence Mira, spc

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Religious Education Coordinator - Lucille Mohika

Bookkeeper - Yvonne Tuihalafatai

Technology Consultant - Jun Cortez

PERSONNEL

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Young Adult Ministry - c/o Lucille Mohika

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Altar & Decorations Ministry - Roselani Ramones

Website & myParish Administrator - Tita Calizar

Ilocano Ministry & Choir - Silverio Palting

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Santo Niño Devotion & Visayan Ministry - Cleto Patoc

Parish Bulletin Editor - Fran Kovaloff

Choir Practice: Parish Choir: Wed. 4:30-6:00pm; Sat. 9:00-10:30am

Ilocano Choir: Thu. 7:30pm

Rosary: Before the weekday and Sunday 6:30am Masses.**Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction:** After the First Friday 6:30am Mass**Mother of Perpetual Help Novena:** Thursdays, 7:00pm in the Church.**Reconciliation:** Saturday: 5pm - 5:30pm or by appointment.**Religious Ed. Classes:** 9/9/18-5/26/19 Sundays, after the 8:30am Mass.**Confirmation & First Holy Communion:** Candidates must be baptized.**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.



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SIMBANG-GABI

9 Novena Masses before Christmas

***December 16-24 at 6:30pm**

Fellowship after Mass

This is a traditional series of 9 Masses and devotions celebrated in preparation for Christmas. They are called *Misa de gallo* or “Dawn Masses” in some parishes. OLM and other parishes celebrate them in the evening hence the name *Simbang-Gabi* meaning “Evening Masses”. *Bishop Larry Silva* has been presiding in these masses for the past years and has done it at OLM, too.

We invite our parishioners to come and join the parish *ohana* in welcoming the birth of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. Potluck fellowship follows the Mass and it has been an occasion of festive gathering of old and new parishioners. This is the occasion that anyone can share in the spirit of Christmas by bringing their favorite serving.

**Weekday Masses in the morning are suspended during the Simbang-Gabi.*

ORDER OF ASSIGNMENTS IN THE SIMBANG-GABI

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GROUPS-IN-CHARGE</u>
16 - Sunday	Ilocano Choir
17 - Monday	Music, Decorating & Hospitality Ministries
18 - Tuesday	Catechists
19 - Wednesday	Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion
20 - Thursday	Knights of Columbus
21 - Friday	Outreach, Kokua, Hospital & Prison Ministries
22 - Saturday	Jr. Filipino Catholic Club & Altar Servers
23 - Sunday	Filipino Catholic Club & Visayan Group
24 - Monday	Pastoral Council, Finance Council & Stewardship Comm.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION SCHEDULE

- *December 24
 - > 6:00 pm—Christmas caroling, Music Ministry
 - > 6:15 pm—Nativity Story by the Religious Education Students
- *December 25
 - > Midnight Mass
 - > 8:30am Mass
- *January 1
 - > 8:30am Mass—Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God; the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Blessing of Marian images