

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNT CHURCH



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Rev. Edgar B. Brillantes
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"To you, O Lord, I lift my Soul." Psalm 25:1



ADVENT: Prepare the Way of the Lord!



HAVE A BLESSED ADVENT

- *December 1 - Pre-Christmas General Church Cleaning & Decorations
- *December 1/2 - First Sunday of Advent * Blessing of Advent Wreath * Blessing of new presidential chair and re-upholstered chairs
- *December 8 - Solemn Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Holyday of obligation (Like Sunday) > Dec 7 / 6:30pm - Vigil Mass > Dec 8 / 8:30am Feastday Mass
- *December 11 - 7:00pm Advent Penance & Reconciliation - Guest-priests will be available for Confessions
- *December 16-24 - Simbang-Gabi (9 Novena Masses before Christmas) > 6:30pm with fellowship after the Masses



Advent Wreath



Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. As to the color, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.

The purple candles symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, *Gaudete Sunday*, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass. *Gaudete Sunday* is the Sunday of rejoicing, because it is the midpoint of Advent, when preparation is now half-over and we are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

The use of the Advent Wreath is a traditional practice which has found its place in the Church as well as in the home. The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening or Vigil Mass of the First Sunday of Advent.

When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

(From the USCCB Advent Resources)



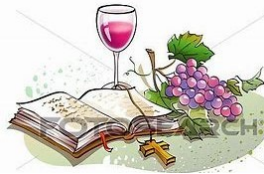
ADVENT PENANCE & RECONCILIATION December 11, 2018 - 7:00 pm

*Let us take this occasion to prepare the coming of the Lord
 this Christmas by going to Confession.
 Guest-confessors will be available.*



Pastor's Corner

By Rev. Edgar B. Brillantes



Next Sunday's Reading Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading
Baruch 5:1-9

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 126:1-6

Second Reading
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel
Luke 3:1-6

First Reading: *Jeremiah 33:14-16*

As Advent commences, we hear from Isaiah, the mystic prophet of Israel. In an extended discourse, he speaks hopefully of the long anticipated new Davidic dynasty that has yet to be realized. This hoped-for Messiah will be the salvation of Israel.

Second Reading: *2 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2*

Paul's powerful letter to the community at Thessalonica concludes with prayer and gratitude. His hope for the followers of Jesus is that they grow in love and persevere in right conduct as they continue to follow the Lord. Paul notes that he speaks not from his own authority; his instructions to them come "through the Lord Jesus."

Gospel: *Luke 21:25-28, 34-36*

Jesus speaks to his disciples about the cosmic occurrences at the time of the coming of the Son of Man. While others might be crushed with fear by the devastating reality of the end of the world, the followers of Jesus can stand with their heads held high, anticipating redemption. To be prepared for such a moment requires vigilance, however. They are called to watch and to pray, a foreshadowing of the instructions Jesus will give them in the Garden of Gethsemane as he faces the chaos and suffering of death on the Cross.



BLESSING OF THE MASS CELEBRANT'S CHAIR

The *Ilocano Ministry* is donating a new chair for the Presiding Minister at Mass, also called *presidential chair*, and it is to be blessed this Sunday at the 6:30am Mass. The group also had the former side chairs and altar server seats refurbished with new upholstery and fresh varnish. We thank all the individual donors and the leaders who spearheaded the project, among them, *Cora Orcino, Marivic Palting, Vangie Bacani*, etc. We do appreciate them for their love for the Lord and His Church.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

*The catechists will have their monthly meeting on December 9, after the Sunday classes. 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.

*For December, the students will engage in *Christmas craft-making* which they will present as gifts to elderly folks in Care Centers. They will also participate in the *Christmas tableau* at the *Christmas Vigil Mass* on December 24.

**Dorothy Pregil* is leading the implementation of the comprehensive Youth Ministry Program among our children.

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



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

	11/24-25/18	11/17-18/18
Saturday (6:00 pm)	58	58
Sunday (6:30 am)	89	85
Sunday (8:30 am)	157	120
Sunday Ilocano Mass (6:00pm)		39
Thanksgiving (8:30 am), 1/22, 75		

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

"Thank you, very much!"

Saturday (6:00 pm)	\$ 678.65	\$ 672.00
Sunday (6:30 am)	\$ 669.00	\$ 876.00
Sunday (8:30 am)	\$ 1,089.00	\$ 907.00
Repair and Maintenance	\$ 40.00	\$ 15.00
Donation - 2019 Calendar	\$ NA	\$ 50.00
Donation-Save Our Conv.	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
All Souls Day	\$ 37.00	\$ 20.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 1,423.00	\$ 65.00
Catholic Camp. Human Dev.	\$ 70.00	\$ 617.00
Baptism Certificate	\$ 20.00	\$ NA
Mass Intention	\$ NA	\$ 5.00
Hall Insur.-Booster Club	\$ 195.00	\$ NA
Candles	\$ 80.00	\$ 85.00
Total	\$ 5,063.65	\$ 3,812.00

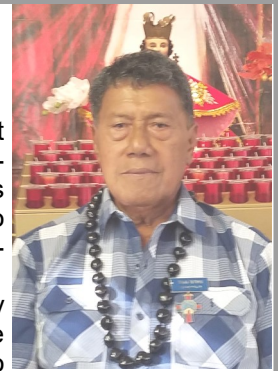


"Serve each other with love."
 Galatians 5:13

OLM STEWARDSHIP:

"Serving Compassionately"

*Testimony by: *Siola'a Tu'itupou*



I want to share with you about my experience as good steward, serving our Lord Jesus Christ by using my talents to serve compassionately in Parish Ministry.

Christian stewardship is a way of living in which we recognize that everything belongs to God. In 2005 I joined the Hospitality Ministry serving at the 8:30am Sunday Mass. I first served under the liturgical guidance and pastorship of *Fr. Steve Nguyen* and then under *Fr. Adrian* and *Fr. Edgar*. I was appointed coordinator of the Hospitality Ministry and became member of the Liturgy Committee. As coordinator I was tasked to help *Fr. Steve* draft the Liturgical Hospitality Minister Guidelines. The guidelines were endorsed by the Liturgy Committee and subsequently implemented in our liturgical celebrations.

During my term of 13 years I experienced notable changes in my way of living and practice of the faith. *First*, I made it a point to be *punctual* in my duty. I arrive at least 20 minutes before the Mass begins. *Second*, I endeavored to remain faithful and consistent in the ministry with emphasis on *dedication* and *compassion*. *Third*, I saw the importance of *coordination* especially at times when I could not go to church because of health issues and unavoidable circumstances. I had to contact a fellow minister ahead of time to take my place. *Fourth*, I *share ideas* with fellow ushers and discuss with them about relationship with parishioners, understanding usher's guidelines and traffic parking constraints with the intention of improving situations. *Fifth*, over the years of serving God as hospitality minister, I feel I gained *satisfactory relationship* with fellow parishioners as they see me greeting and showing them respect when they enter the church. *Finally*, I gained enormous *knowledge, understanding and appreciation* of the church liturgy. This is significant for me as convert to the Catholic faith and a blessing to me and my family.

The entire foundation of Christian stewardship is, to me personally, grounded on the Great Commandment which is to "*Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.*" The words "*Love*" and "*All*" are the cornerstone of Christian stewardship. ☩

**Sio* has a family of 17 members which include 5 children and 10 grandchildren. He is from Tonga, the smallest kingdom in the world located in the middle of the South Pacific. He grew up as non-Catholic but converted to the Catholic faith when he married a Catholic woman. He is a faithful and friendly steward of OLM as shown not only by serving for 13 years now as Hospitality Minister and one-time Coordinator but also by regularly delivering for his Pastors fresh fruits from his garden.

Stewardship News & Announcements, contd.

"Save the Convent Fun Dance" Report

Becky Jandoc, the chair of the Finance Committee, made the following report:

One hundred fifty people, maybe more, put on their dancing shoes and graceful moves to dance the night away on Sunday, November 11 to *Save Our Convent*. They Cha-Cha, Rumba, Waltz, Tango and line-danced. Some slid to the Electric Slide and the Chicken Dance even wiggled its way to the floor. The event raised \$5,100.00 (\$3,600 in ticket sales and \$1,500 in direct donations) exceeding the \$5,000 goal.



The Finance Committee would like to thank the *Santo Nino de Cebu Visayan Ministry* here at Our Lady of the Mount Church for spearheading the event. *Fe Go* and her team of volunteers, *Flora Villahermosa, Esther Domingcil, Cathy Villanueva, Firmo & Olivia Dayao* did a spectacular job coordinating the event and welcoming the attendees. Special Thanks goes out to the generous donors who provided food and drinks to help defray expenses and to those who volunteered their time to usher, man the ticket booth, set up and clean up after the event. The Finance Council looks forward to working with any parish organization to coordinate the next convent fundraiser.



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 has been gifted with a new presidential chair ordered from the Mainland thru the generous donations of members of the *Ilocano Ministry*. 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. 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*.

*****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.

❖ **PRE-CHRISTMAS CLEANING** – We are most grateful to the many helping hands that made our parish cleaning fast and easy this Saturday, December 1. We do appreciate the generous parishioners who brought and served food for everyone. We thank *Aida Isidro, Bill & Joann Amoroso* and many others who shared cheerfully their blessings.

❖ **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** – Days before December some Christmas decorations and lights were put up around the buildings including the classrooms, rectory and church by *Doi Facuri, Moses Andres, Mark Correia & Fran Kovaloff*. They certainly add much to the heartwarming spirit and ambience of Christmas.

❖ **MAINTENANCE JOB** – *Roger Isidro, Adriano Daligcon & Jun Cortez* have been doing the skilled maintenance odd jobs in the church and rectory fixing and repairing leaks or busted fixtures. We deeply appreciate their cheerful 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*.

❖ **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*.

❖ **PARKING 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



Nov 25 > 6:30am Thanksgiving for Titus - *Purie Cortez*
 > 8:30am RIP +*Meliton, Francisca, Norma & Maria*
Nov 29 > 6:30am Birthday - *Lemoto Manukeu*
Dec 1 > 6:00pm Petition for family safety & peace - *Purie Cortez* * Healing - *Val Elliazar, Bella Miranda, Guy Miranda, Millie Pedro, Tessie Fontanilla; Lorraine*

Freitas; Segundo Facuri; Steve Tapat * RIP +*Leona*

Dec 2 > 6:30am Healing - *Betsaida Vila; Manuel & Lisa Espindola* * RIP +*Melita Vila; +Nelly, Gaudencio & Aurora Tadeo* * +*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; Avelina Fralaide; Alfonso & Mary Villanueva* * RIP +*Deceased family members of the Gines & Cabico families* * +*Deceased relatives and family members of Cathy Sanchez and Balbuena family*

Dec 3-7 > 6:30am Healing - *Rizza delos Santos; Ropati Liua, Tessie Fontanilla, Doi Facuri*

Dec 4 > 6:30am RIP +*Elizabeth Ragaza*

Dec 7 > 6:30am Good health & family safety - *Purie Cortez*



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



Prayer Requests

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

❖**Good Health / Successful Surgery:** *Rizza Eugenia delos Santos * Val Elliazar, Bella Miranda, Guy Miranda, Millie Pedro, Tessie Fontanilla * Ropati Liua * Trinidad Corpuz * Timothy P Barroga Sr * Maria Ambrosio * Orlando Artates * Pat Laca * Florentina Cabral * Michael Javines * Vicenta Baron * Marie Schwengler * Anthony Maunakea * Gloria Atudo * Petronila Jandoc * Cris & Crescencia Paranada * Steve Tapat * Avelina Orcino Fralaide * Crescencio Paet * Manuel & Lisa Espindola * Jose Cadiz * 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 * Reynold Guerrero * Lydia Bondad Andres * Cherry Vives * Katrina Santos * Joann Gibbs * Florentino Sotto * Hazel Rodrigues * John Pregil * Marvin & Sally Moore * Clara Adlawan * Marilou Bruno * Greg-*

*ory Raguindin * Jeanne Oshiro * Stanley & Martha Castro * Charlie Newman*

❖**Birthday:** *Andres Ibera * Lemoto Manukeu * Armelita Canoneo * Andrea Aguada * Marina Torio * Dorie Mina * Aida Valbuena * Rufina Buenafe * Ramon Madariaga * Nenita B Barroga & Naomie B Malacas * Marie Schwengler*

❖**Wedding Anniversary:** *Tom & Becky Decorte (48) * Roger & Aida Isidro (49) * Kalolo & Yvonne Tuihalafatai (36) * Charles & Elizabeth Apuan (65) * Leo & Marlyn Zamora (32) * 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 * *Inez & Marcy Remigio * Ibera family * Maxima Ellazar * Rosita Dolormente * Marlene Calventas & Ohana * Rufina Buenafe * Renato & Cora dela Rosa * M/M Vicente Velasco & family * Bacani family * Gloria Atudo * Purie Cortez*

❖**Safe trip:** *Renato & Cora dela Rosa * Joe & Julie Manuel * George & Tita Calizar * Ruperto & Condelita Pescador * Susan Mita*

❖**Deceased:** +*Pio Enrico * +Elizabeth Ragaza * +Leona * +Melita Vila * +Nelly, Gaudencio & Aurora Tadeo * +Tito Ulep * +Marcelina Rivera, Rustico A. Rivera, Simeon C. Alonzo, Consolacion Garcia * +Frederick Cheet * +Mary Sunae Haruno * +Leonora, Victorio, Edison, Milagrina & Trinidad Bautista * +Elpidio Calucag * +Norberto & Andrea Galicinao, Rustico & Eulalia Tacang, Tiburcio & Leona Ramiscal, Rudy & Matilde Valite, Dionicio, Maria & Felipe Tacang * +Pulileka Tuihalafatai * +Bernardo V. Castro * +Simplicio Canoneo * +Caroline & Martin Rodrigues * +Pedro Domion Sr * +Deceased loved ones of Ferrer family, Apolonio, Patricio, Fernando, Faustina, Jacoba & Demetrio Ferrer and Zosima Alverne * +Florentina Ellazar * +Rogelio Agcaoili * +Beatrice Loman * +Agaton Reynaldo Gualberto * +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 * +Bernardo Centino II * +Dorotea Gabriel Villanueva * +Medsura Raguindin * +James Rodrigues Sr * +Nick Amian * +Primo Soliven Ritumban * +Pelenato Falaniko * +Shirley DeCorte * +Leticia Serapion Castillo * +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.

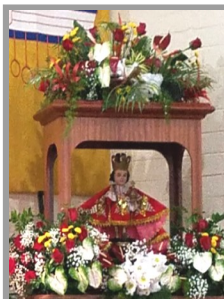
MASS SCHEDULE

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

Parish Calendar, News & Announcements

Feast Date

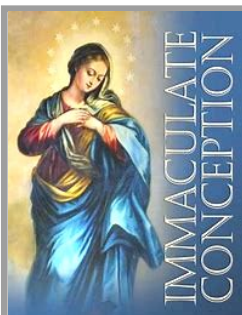
- Dec 3** St. Francis Xavier, priest
- Dec 7** St. Ambrose, bishop and doctor of the Church
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- Dec 1** Pre-Christmas Church Cleaning, 8am-12noon; lunch to follow
- Dec 2** First Sunday of Advent
- Dec 3** Liturgy Committee meeting, 7:00pm, Rectory Conf. Room
- Dec 4** Verbum Dei Bible Study, 6:00pm
- Dec 6** Novena Mother of Perpetual Help, 7:00pm
- Dec 7** > First Friday, Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 6:30am Mass
(Fri) > **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, 6:30pm Vigil Mass**
> Anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor
- Dec 8** **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, 8:30am Mass**, holy day of obligation. (Per the Diocese: all evening Masses on Saturday, Dec. 8 are Vigil Masses of the 2nd Sunday of Advent)
- Dec 9** Second Sunday of Advent
- Dec 11** Advent Reconciliation & Penance Service, 7:00pm



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*.

KALIHI-UKA SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB invites you to the Annual Christmas Party.

When: Friday, December 7, 2018
Where: Our Lady of the Mount Parish Hall
Time: *6:30p.m. (**Important note: The Mass of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is at 6:30p.m. also; please refrain from loud noises until after the Mass. Your cooperation is appreciated. Thank you.**)
This is a Potluck. Please bring your family and enjoy the fellowship.



SOLEMN FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The *Immaculate Conception* is a dogma based on sound Christian tradition and theological reasoning. It was defined in 1854 by Pope Pius IX as a dogma of Faith in his *Ineffabilis Deus*. It declares that from the first moment of her conception, Mary was preserved from original sin by the singular grace of God and by virtue of the

merits of Jesus Christ. This means that original sanctity, innocence and justice were conferred upon her, and that she was exempted from all the evil effects of original sin, excluding sorrow, pain, disease and death which are temporal penalties given to Adam.

Mary herself approved it in 1858 by telling St. Bernadette Soubirous at Lourdes, France: *"I am the Immaculate Conception."*

Let us all come to honor our heavenly Mother and fulfill our obligation on Friday, December 7, at 6:30pm and on Saturday, December 8 at 8:30am. The feast is a holyday of obligation which is observed like Sunday.



BIBLE STUDY

A Bible Study program is going on in our parish. It is called "*Verbum Dei*" Encounter which is tailored for Catholics who want to understand better the teachings of God and of the Church based on the Sacred Scriptures. The Bible Study is held weekly on Tuesdays, 6:00pm-7:00pm. It is facilitated by *Bro. Firmo Dayao*. The next session is on December 4, Tuesday at 6:00pm. Everyone is invited and welcomed to attend. There are no fees to the course, but you may bring any edible food for sharing at the fellowship after the session.

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.



48th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to: **TOM & BECKY DE CORTE**

*November 25, 2018



HOME FOR RENT

Upper Kalihi, newly renovated: 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1 parking. No pets, shared utilities, long term, \$1,800. Available now! Call 220-0947.



L.O.L.

(Laugh

Out

Loud)



"That's called an advent calendar—it tells you just how many more days you have to be good!"


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Retirement Fund for Religious

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS (RFR)

***Second Collection: December 8-9, 2018**

Rising Costs: Like many Americans, religious communities face the monumental challenge of funding eldercare. Currently, the average annual cost of care for women and men religious past age 70 is \$43,913 per person. Skilled care can reach more than \$66,000. The total cost of care for senior women and men religious in the United States has exceeded \$1 billion annually for each of the last 10 years.

Lack of funds: Of 547 communities, only 23 are adequately funded for retirement. Historically, Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests - known collectively as women and men religious - received small stipends that just met the needs of the day. Any surplus funds were reinvested in ministry and the education of younger members. As a result, hundreds of U.S. religious communities lack adequate retirement savings.

Please give to those who have given a lifetime. Your gift provides vital support for retired and senior

Catholic Sisters, Brothers and Religious Order Priests. Thank you!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

Free Workshop: Helping Millennials Grow In Faith by Magis Center

When: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 @ 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

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

Christianity's core beliefs don't change, but every age group has its key questions - the driving themes that shape their attitudes about God, the human person, and Jesus Christ.

Through the generosity of [The Magis Center](#) and *Fr. Robert J. Spitzer, S.J., Ph.D.*, those who teach religion to 5th-12th Graders and those who serve as Young Adult Coordinators are invited to a **FREE WORKSHOP** that will provide **instruction on the effective use of resources**, so they can better provide all students, especially millennials, comprehensive and systematic responses to revitalize belief in God, the transcendent dignity of every person, the significance of virtue, the higher levels of happiness, love, and freedom, and the real presence of Jesus Christ.

This **free workshop at St. Stephen Diocesan Center, 3:00 – 6:00 PM, December 12, 2018**, is for Religion Teachers, Young Adult Coordinators, and those interested in practical resources supporting evangelization efforts in the Catholic church. It will be presented by *Janell Whaley*, Regional Director of Education Development for the Magis Center. We will also use "gotomeeting" so that the neighbor island teachers and coordinators can also "attend."

Call Mona Ishihara at #203-6759 or email mishihara@rcchawaii.org to save your spot.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR TEACHERS AND YOUNG ADULT COORDINATORS ARE AWARE OF THIS EXCELLENT PROFESSIONAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITY!



CLERGY AND STAFF

Pastor - *Rev. Edgar B. Brillantes*

Pastor Emeritus - *Rev. Adrian R. Gervacio*

Office Assistant - *Sr. Clemence Mira, spc*

Office Coordinator - *Bella Miranda*

Religious Education Coordinator - *Lucille Mohika*

Bookkeeper - *Yvonne Tuihalafatai*

Technology Consultant - *Jun Cortez*

PERSONNEL

Custodian - *Lolito Dullin*

Music Ministry & Choir - *Mary Ann Llamedo*

COMMITTEE * MINISTRY * ORGANIZATION CHAIRPERSONS

Pastoral Council & Education (RCIA) - *Clementina Ceria-Ulep*

Finance Council - *Rebecca Jandoc*

Stewardship Committee - *Marcelino Ulep*

Hospitality Committee - *Mark Correia*

Liturgy Committee & Respect Life Ministry - *Francisca Kovaloff*

Outreach Coordinator & Family Fun Night - *Tom DeCorte*

Kokua & Food Pantry Ministry - *Becky DeCorte*

Parish Planning and Building Committee - *Joyce Oliveira*

Youth Ministry - *Dorothy Pregil*

Young Adult Ministry - *c/o Lucille Mohika*

Altar Servers - *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*

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Filipino Catholic Club - *Fe Go*

Knights of Columbus - *Andresito Magbojos*

Prison & Hospital Ministries - *Wilfred Soong*

Stewardship Counter & Receptionist - *Linda Puzon*

Cemetery Maintenance - *Kalolo Tuihalafatai*

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.