

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNT CHURCH

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Rev. Edgar B. Brillantes
 Pastor



Rev. Adrian R. Gervacio
 Pastor-Emeritus

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved."
 Psalm 80.4



CHRISTMAS:



Come Let Us Adore Him * Glory to the Newborn King!

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE > COME LORD JESUS COME!

In Tagalog, the Filipinos would say: "Isang tulong na lang." Just one more night sleep and we're there.

We have prepared well for the coming of the Lord. We celebrated with joy and anticipation his birthday with our Simbang-gabi. The novena nights are filled with solemnity and sacredness as we join Mary and Joseph in their journey to Bethlehem where Jesus is born. We commenced with a penitential spirit at the celebration of the Advent Penance and Reconciliation service. Guest-priests came to assist then we sang the hymns, lit the Advent candles, offered our gifts during Misa Aguinaldo and prayed for the Lord Jesus to come into our hearts and lives. We certainly enjoyed the festive atmosphere of our dinner-fellowships where everyone brought and shared their favorite food serving and enjoyed some entertainment. Yet, we did not miss our own shopping to prepare our own gifts to our dear ones and a Christmas dinner for our families. It's indeed the joyous time of the year and we're there.

We commend our liturgists led by *Fran Kovaloff* and liturgical ministers – the Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Musicians, Choir members, Decorators, Ushers, Parking Attendants, Altar Servers, Collectors – and the Fellowship hosts and all who shared their potluck for making our celebrations solemn and joyful.

Fr. Adrian and I wish you a heart-warming and glorious season as we offer our special prayers for each one and impart upon you our priestly blessing for more peace, joy and love in your life now and always.

Devotedly yours in the Lord,

Fr. Edgar



Christmas Schedule

*December 24 -> Christmas Vigil

6:00pm Christmas Carols by the Parish Choir

6:15pm Christmas Tableau by the RE Children & Catechists

6:30pm Solemn Christmas Vigil Mass followed by Fellowship and distribution of Christmas goodies by Santa Claus

*December 25 -> 12:00am Christmas Midnight Mass

*December 25 -> 8:30am Christmas Day Mass



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

*2019 Calendars will be distributed one for each family after all the Christmas Masses



Pastor's Corner

By Rev. Edgar B. Brillantes



Next Sunday's Reading

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

First Reading
1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

Second Reading
1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Gospel
Luke 2:41-52

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4

Micah predicts that a great ruler will emerge from the lowliest of places: Bethlehem, the place of King David's birth (Ephrathah is the ancient name of Bethlehem). The word *Bethlehem* means "house of bread" in Hebrew; an apt birthplace for the one John will call "the bread of life."

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

The author of Hebrews builds, here, on the assertions of Psalm 40. A new kind of worship is now available; one not tied to sin offerings of burnt animal flesh. Jesus, the ultimate sacrifice, has offered his body as the once and final sacrifice to redeem all. In this passage, we are reminded that the Incarnation is directly tied to redemption.

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

For the second time in Advent we hear the story of Elizabeth and Mary encountering each other. We refer to the mother of Jesus as the "blessed" mother. Here, Elizabeth notes that reality when she cries out, in the Spirit, that her cousin is "blessed." Mary is blessed in two ways. First, because she has demonstrated a stunning faith in God, and second because she is the chosen one who will bring the Son of God into the world.

The New Eve

*by Bishop Robert Barron



In our Gospel for this fourth Sunday of Advent, we turn to the beautiful and familiar story of the Annunciation. The angel Gabriel comes to a virgin named Mary to announce she will give birth to a son. Although undoubtedly shocked, Mary responds, *"I am the maidservant of the Lord. Let it be done to me according to your word."* Mary abandoned her own plans and acquiesced to what God wanted her to do.

The Church Fathers were fond of describing Mary as the new Eve, the new mother of all the living. In fact, some say the angel's *"ave"* ("hail") reversed *"Eva."*

What was Eve's problem? Eve grasped at the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, claiming along with Adam that she would be the criterion of right and wrong, that her will would determine the nature of the good. Every one of our spiritual and moral problems flows from this primordial sin. But when Mary says, *"Let it be done to me according to your word,"* this spiritual momentum is stopped and then reversed. It is this reversal that allows Christ to be born into the world.

Meister Eckhart noted that every Christian has the vocation of Mary, to bring Christ to birth. We each do this in our own ways and styles, according to the exigencies of our unique vocations. But we do this, Eckhart saw, the same way Mary did: by abandoning our projects and plans, our sense of the good life, and acquiescing to God's purpose working through us.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

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*At the Christmas Vigil Mass on December 24, 6:30pm, the RE children will re-enact the *Christmas tableau*. They have a rehearsal today December 23 after the 8:30am Mass.

Let's pray for our hard-working volunteer-catechists that God reward them for their patience and love in forming our children as good Christians.

*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

	<u>12/8-9/18</u>	<u>12/15-16/18</u>
Saturday (6:00 pm)	71	51
Sunday (6:30 am)	80	60
Sunday (8:30 am)	137	124
Sunday (6:30 pm—Simbang-Gabi)		125

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS



	12/8-9/18	12/15-16/18
Saturday (6:00 pm)	\$ 952.00	\$ 680.00
Sunday (6:30 am)	\$ 563.55	\$ 716.00
Sunday (8:30 am)	\$ 878.00	\$ 829.00
Repair and Maintenance	\$ 25.00	\$ NA
Donation-Kalihi Booster Club	\$ NA	\$ 100.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,008.00	\$ 5.00
All Souls Day	\$ 35.00	\$ NA
Retirement Fund for Rel.	\$ 847.07	\$ NA
Thanksgiving	\$ 35.00	\$ NA
Mass Intention	\$ 1,485.00	\$ NA
Candles	\$ 262.00	\$ 100.00
Candles—Killians	\$ 138.95	\$ NA
Mission Store	\$ 6.25	\$ NA
Total	\$ 6,235.82	\$ 2,430.00

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

OLM STEWARDSHIP: "Giving Generously"

*Testimony by:
Silverio Ancheta Palting



Born and baptized Catholic, I grew up in a family of poor barrio folks in Laoag City, Philippines where hardships in life drove us to move to Hawaii through the assistance of generous people.

In Hawaii, my family settled down in Kalihi Valley, forty years ago in October 1978. My poor background motivated me and my wife to work hard by engaging in small business trading and insurance salesmanship aside from my main job with Hawaiian Electric. But these did not deter us from keeping our obligation to God and getting actively engaged in church ministries as well as civic organizations. Our first parish was St. John the Baptist where our son attended his elementary schooling. We eventually welcomed Fr. Edgar as the Pastor of St. John in 1999 who inspired us all the more to get involved in church activities such as leading the *Ilocano Gimong*, spearheading the *San Lorenzo Ruiz festivity*, the *Flores de Mayo* festival and *Misa de Gallo* celebrations. He also brought us with him in visiting and praying for the sick and homebound, singing at wake services and funerals and blessing of homes. I witnessed the sudden increase of visiting priests and even Bishops to our Church and Fr. Edgar consistently showing hospitality and giving accommodations to them. This admirable hospitality moved me and my wife to extend the same to all those guests in our humble home by at least inviting them for meals. These occasions made me feel close all the more to these ministers of God and surprisingly to be more generous in giving to God and His Church.

I believe that God has been guiding my life all the way and thru his blessing I was able to make it good in providing for my family. This generosity of God went beyond my prayers and expectations for He has bestowed upon my family unexpected material blessings.

As proof and evidence, God is keeping us healthy in body and spirit, giving us enough patients in our care-home business and we have not become poor or lost anything at all by giving, donating or sharing our blessings. And that's how God shows his overflowing love and repays a thousand-fold when we know how to give generously and cheerfully.

In gratitude and in return for God's love, me and my wife offer our time, services and financial support to our Church. We volunteer in church ministries, we lead novenas and family rosaries in homes, we support church fundraisers and send money to our relatives and barrio mates in the Philippines. My wife loves especially to decorate and bring flowers and plants to the altar as well as cook for group and parish fellowships. We believe that giving generously from our heart will always be reciprocated by God abundantly because God can never be outdone in generosity.

*Silver is married to Marivic. Silver has one son in his previous marriage while Marivic has a son and daughter. Silver's good and faithful stewardship includes being a *Knight of Columbus* while Marivic is with the *Church Environment Committee*. Both are Eucharistic ministers and active leaders in the *Ilocano Ministry*. They also spearhead the *Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help* and other traditional Filipino devotions.



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. The *Ilocano Ministry* added a donation of \$920.00 for a new stage curtain in the parish hall. 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 Daligcon, 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.

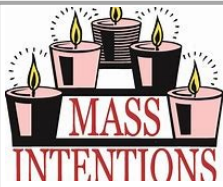
❖ CHURCH CHOIR – Every Wednesday and Saturday, the choir takes time to rehearse under the baton of *Mary Ann Llamedo*. Aside from the adults, children and the youth are being trained cantors. The Sunday worship is made more alive because of their lead in singing praises to God. Please don't hesitate 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*.

❖ 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!



- Dec 16** > 6:30am Birthday - *Krystle Teocson Parinas*
> 8:30am Birthday - *Allison Balmores * RIP +Arsenio Balmores (Birthday)*
> 6:30pm Birthday - *Ace Virgil Cabico*
- Dec 16-24**> 6:30pm RIP +*Rogelio Agcaoili: +Candido, Romana & Charlie Puzon, Honorio Gamiao*
- Dec 17** > 6:30pm Birthday - *Ruperto Pescador*
- Dec 17 & 19** > 6:30pm Healing - *Frankie Bitagon; Florentina Cabral*
- Dec 18-25** > 6:30pm RIP +*Edward Chu, Alice Chu, Mildred Pascua*
- Dec 19** > 6:30pm Birthday - *Liberato Valdez * RIP +Joseph & Minda Castro, Maribel & Maricel Castro*
- Dec 21** > 6:30pm Birthday - *Aurora Cabico * Healing & speedy recovery - Frankie Bitagon; Edwin Balbuena*
- Dec 22 & 31** > 6:30pm Safe travel - *Fr. Adrian Gervacio*
- Dec 22** > 6:30pm (Simbang-gabi) * Birthday - *Bryan Andaya; Brison & Miguel Canoneo * Thanksgiving - Cora Orcino * Safe travel - Fr. Adrian Gervacio * Healing - Val Elliazar, Florentina Cabral; Guy Miranda; Segundo Facuri * For the intentions of the Simbang-gabi ministers, the fellowship hosts - Junior Filipino Catholic Club & Altar Servers, candle-lighters and gift-offerers * RIP +Maria Theresa Cabaluna; +Edward Chu, Alice Chu, Mildred Pascua; +John Pregil; +Mabel Santos*
- Dec 23** > 6:30am Birthday - *Purie Cortez *Healing - Manuel & Lisa Espindola * RIP +Glir Dagdagan; +Pio Enrico; +Edward Chu, Alice Chu, Mildred Pascua; +Bonifacia Subia (25th anniv); +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 * Thanksgiving - Vanni Layne Aurelio Gapuz * RIP +Oriol Aurelio, Dolores & Amante Aurelio, Bert Aguinaldo; +Magdaleno Sanchez & deceased relatives and family members of Cathy Sanchez and Balbuena family*
> 6:30pm (Simbang-gabi) * *For the intentions of the Filipino Catholic Club & Visayan Community, Candle lighters and gift-offerers*
- Dec 24** > 6:30pm (Christmas Vigil) * Birthday - *Fr. Spa Silva; Avelina Fralalde * RIP +Edward Chu, Alice Chu, Mildred Pascua*
- Dec 25** > 12:00mn (Midnight Mass) * *Blessed Christmas for parish & Parishioners*
> 8:30am (Christmas Day Mass) Healing - *James Paet & Tessie Fontanilla * RIP +Edward Chu, Alice Chu, Mildred Pascua*
- Dec 26** > 6:30am RIP +*Esperanza Balmores (Birthday), Paula & Maria Balmores*
- Dec 27** > 6:30am RIP +*Cralina Tacderan*
- Dec 28** > 6:30am Wedding anniversary - *Caroline & Doren Gruenhagen*



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:** James Paet & Tessie Fontanilla * Francisco “Frankie” Bitagon * Lucille Mohika * Aurelio Agamao * Florentina Cabral * Betsaida Vila * Rizza Eugenia delos Santos * Val Elliazar, Guy Miranda, Millie Pedro * 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 Fralalde * 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:** Minda Teocson * Fr. Spa Silva * Avelina O. Fralalde * Bryan Andaya * Liberato Valdez * Michael Javines * Rose Paulo * Krystle Teocson Parinas * Aurora Cabico * Ruperto Pescador * Ace Virgil Cabico * Allison Balmores * James Russel * Jeannie Layco * Purie Cortez * 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

❖**Wedding Anniversary:** Caroline & Doren Gruenhagen * Jessie & Marilou Malab (32) * Alex & Marichu Pe Benito (4) * Tom & Becky Decorte (48) * Roger & Aida Isidro (49) * Kalolo & Yvonne Tuihalafatai (36)

❖**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 * Vanni Lane Aurelio Gapuz for passing the CPA Board Exam * Cora Orcino * Silverio & Marivic Palting * Bacani family * Purie Cortez

❖**Safe trip:** Vangie Bacani * Adoracion Padilla * Silver Palting * M/M Elmer Castro * Armelita Canoneo * Fe Go * Luida Susa

❖**Deceased:** +Cralina Tacderan * +Edward Chu, Alice Chu, Mildred Pascua * +Rogelio Agcaoili (1st anniv) * +Oriol Aurelio, Dolores & Amante Aurelio, Bert Aguinaldo * +Joseph & Minda Castro, Maribel & Maricel Castro * +Glir Dagdagan * +Esperanza Balmores, Paula & Maria Balmores * +Arsenio Balmores * +Candido, Romana & Charlie Puzon & Honorio Gamiao * +Pio Enrico * +Hidiko Turner * +Bonifacia Subia (25th anniv) * +Fermin Subia (35) * +John Pregil Sr * +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 * +Melita Vila * +Nelly, Gaudencio & Aurora Tadeo * +Tito Ulep * +Marcelina Rivera, Rustico A. Rivera, Simeon C. Alonzo, Consolacion Garcia * +Juana Duldulao Longboy * +Lilia Casison Bugarin * +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 26** St. Stephen, the First Martyr
 - Dec 27** St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
 - Dec 28** The Holy Innocents, martyrs
 - Dec 29** Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
 - Jan 2** Memorial of Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory, bishops and doctors of the Church
 - Jan 4** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
 - Jan 5** St. John Neumann, bishop
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- Dec 23** Religious Education children's practice, "The Nativity Story," Church, after the 8:30am Mass
 - Dec 23-24** 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
 - Jan 1** Mary, the Holy Mother of God Mass, 8:30am
 - Jan 5** The Epiphany of the Lord Vigil Mass, 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

✚ OBITUARY

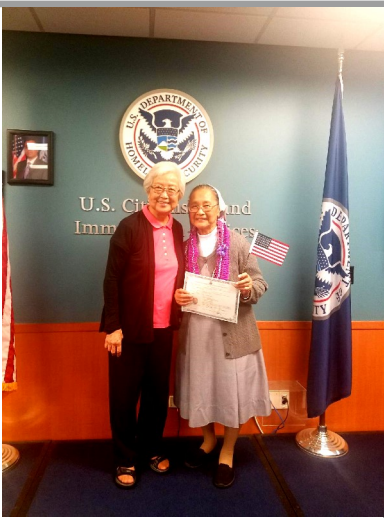


- +BEN SANCHEZ**
Memorial Service: December 28, 2018, 10:00am at OLM Church
- +LILIA CASISON BUGARIN, 71**
Wake Service: January 4, 2019, 6:30pm at Hawaiian Memorial Park Mortuary
Funeral Mass: January 5, 2019, 11:30am, at OLM Church
Interment: 2:30pm in Valley of the Temples Memorial Park
- +JOHN PREGIL SR, 81**
Wake Service: January 21, 2019, 6:00pm at Diamond Head Mortuary
Funeral Mass: January 22, 2019, 10:30am, at OLM Church
Interment: 1:00pm in Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery
- +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.



NEW AMERICAN CITIZEN
Congratulations to Sr. Clemence Mira, SPC. On December 18, 2018, she took her oath of citizenship at the US Citizenship & Immigration Services office in Kakaako.



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.

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*.



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L.O.L. (Laugh Out Loud)

"How about if instead of giving you everything that you want that I give you what you need?"

Thanks to Christopher Hoffman 12-21-11

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.



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.

Parish News & Announcements, contd.



PARISH BUILDING & MAINTENANCE

The committee headed by *Joyce Oliveira* is now contacting prospective contractors for the remaining works in the Convent renovation, such as the windows, plumbing, re-wiring and carpentry job.

Their member, *Kalolo Tuihalafatai*, and his *cousin* will work this Sunday to replace the sagging ceiling caused by the elements and due to wear and tear located by the church main entrance door.



KOKUA MINISTRY

December 18, 2018: The *OLM Kokua Ministry* brought and distributed bags of goodies to the students of *Kalihi Elementary School* as their way of bringing Christmas cheer. Everybody was filled with joy and the *Principal* and *Vice Principal* of the school expressed their gratitude to the group and to the Church. The group consisted of *Becky DeCorte*, *Helen Newman*, *Roselani Ramones* and *Angelita Sera* (pictured with two of the school's staff).



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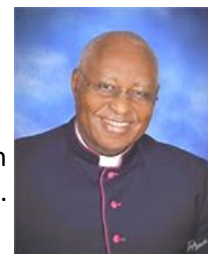
DIACONATE ORDINATION

One of the Seminarians in the Honolulu Diocese, *Vincent Anh Vu*, will be ordained deacon as a major step to the priesthood on December 28, 6:00pm at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa. Let's pray that he may persevere and will serve with dedication as minister of the Lord.



GOLDEN SACERDOTAL JUBILEE

Congratulations to *Msr. John Mbinda*, the Pastor of St. John Apostle & Evangelist Church in Mililani, who is celebrating his *50th (Golden) Sacerdotal Ordination Anniversary* on December 27, 2018. A solemn concelebrated Mass will be presided by *Bishop Larry Silva* at 6:00pm. *Ad multos annos!*



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 App* Administrator - *Tita Calizar*
 Ilocano Ministry & Choir - *Silverio Palting*

COMMITTEE * MINISTRY * ORGANIZATION CHAIRPERSONS, contd.

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.