

Our Lady of the Mount Catholic Church

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Rev. Fr. Edgar B. Brillantes
Pastor



Rev. Fr. Adrian R. Gervacio
Pastor-Emeritus

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY! HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

FOURTH OF JULY

Almighty God, you guide the destiny of nations.

Bless this country the United States of America

That every citizen may work together for peace and harmony,
Cherish freedom and liberty and respect each other's life.

Amen.



FROM THE PASTOR

GOOD NEWS REPORTS

Last Sunday we heard the exciting good news that our parish leaders reported during the weekend Masses. We're all gladdened to hear the wonderful things that are happening under their leadership. They truly help our Pastor make our parish vibrant and alive and we certainly appreciate them all.

Among the significant good news reported is that our parish pastoral plan presented to the Bishop two years ago is being pursued with vigorousness and persistence and we are on track of realizing our goals. The liturgy is keeping us spiritually high with the ministers carrying out their roles and functions conscientiously. Our stewardship program is steadily picking up and stirring our parishioners to share their gifts of time, talent and resources generously. Both the Outreach Ministry and Kokua Ministry are helping hundreds of folks including the students of Kalihi Elementary School. From our fundraising efforts we are slowly completing the targeted renovations at the old convent. While the Finance Committee keeps a watchful eye on our stable financial standing, it is also exploring avenues to continue raising funds so we can complete the renovations for our forthcoming celebration of the 150th Parish Anniversary next year 2020. Yes, wonders are quietly happening in our beloved Church thru the grace of God and thru your graciousness, dear leaders and parishioners. No wonder, the Diocesan Task Force rated our parish as generally healthy.

Perhaps another good news report is that in the midst of a flurry of movements among priests in the Diocese who are being transferred and reassigned, my name has not appeared in the Catholic Herald as one of those being moved. I came to OLM in July 1, 2014 and so I complete today my five years of ministry here. With you, I have been enjoying the fruits of the many accomplishments of our parish leaders. What I can say is that it is a great honor and opportunity to serve the church here with you and together we can move forward to accomplish more for the greater honor and glory of God. And that's good news, dear folks!

Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Edgar Brillantes

"You are my inheritance, O Lord." Psalm 16:5



Pastor's Corner



By Rev. Fr. Edgar B. Brillantes

Next Sunday's Reading Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading
Isaiah 66:10-14

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm: 66:1-7, 16, 20

Second Reading
Galatians 6:14-18

Gospel
Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:16, 19-21

At the Lord's word, Elijah invites Elisha to join him in his prophetic mission. Elisha will eventually be the prophet who succeeds Elijah. Elijah called Elisha as he was performing a farmer's ordinary task of plowing. Elisha asks Elijah if he can first say goodbye to his parents before setting out on mission with Elijah. The experienced prophet sends Elisha back to say his farewells, but Elisha does not go back to this family empty-handed. He would bring provisions for his family to eat while he was away. This was symbolic for how prophets feed people with the Lord's word.

Second Reading: Galatians 5:1-1, 13-18

We can use the freedom God gives us for the flesh or for love. The choice is ours, but the commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves is clear. Paul needed to lay this choice out to the Galatians for the community struggled how to see everyone — male and female — rich and poor — Jew and Gentile — as children of the same God. In God, no one is opposed to one another. We live in freedom to love every neighbor equally in God.

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

Jesus' demand for those who want to be his disciples to follow him unconditionally to Jerusalem seems to stand in contrast to Elijah permitting Elisha to go back to bid farewell to his family in the First Reading. Like Jesus, his followers must set their face directly on Jerusalem. He does not promise an easy journey, but the journey is the way to the Kingdom of God.

PARISH LEADERSHIP



*In line with the new Diocesan Norms for Parish Pastoral Councils, some current members and officers of the Pastoral Council are stepping down. For many years they have served dutifully for the building up of our church, ably advising our Pastor on his administrative functions and leading parishioners in many noteworthy projects and endeavors. So, we are grateful to the outgoing officers and members of the Pastoral Council – *Dr. Clementina Ceria-Ulep*, *Tom De-Corte* and *Fran Kovaloff*. Nonetheless, they will continue to serve in their respective current ministries and organizations. As they leave, we have to tap other parishioners to fill up their positions. We are earnestly inviting everyone to consider being a part of the parish leadership by stepping up to be a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. We hope to have some willing souls by July 14 so we can hold the induction within the same month.

*There are also other movements in certain areas. *Robert Liua* has recovered from a serious illness and has returned to resume his being a Youth & Young Adult Minister. He will also succeed *Angie Balbuena* in coordinating the Altar Server Ministry. Together with *Nicole Peterson*, *Robert* just attended the Christian Leadership Institute that trained 50 youth leaders from all over the State.

It has been the persistent clamor of the parish leaders to have a full-time secretary to coordinate the business and official communications of the parish as well as attend to the many calls and needs of the parishioners. The parish, however, cannot afford a full-time secretary. With the departure of Sr. Clemence Marie Mira, SPC to a new mission of their congregation in the Mainland, we definitely need additional hands to man the office. *Fran Kovaloff* has stepped up to assume the role of an office manager who handles business communications, keeps tabs on parish schedule of events and activities, keeps the canonical records in order, and does other secretarial duties. Her work schedule in coordination with the current volunteer receptionists – *Bella Miranda*, *Gloria Rodrigues* and *Linda Puzon* - will be posted. *Fran* has offered her services *gratis et amore* and aside from that, she will remain the *Parish Bulletin Editor* and *Respect Life Ministry coordinator*. She may step down as Liturgy Committee chair as soon as a replacement comes up.

*Just recently, the Diocese of Honolulu through *Bishop Larry Silva* has strongly recommended that every parish must have an active *Crisis Team Ministry*. The new ministry will ensure that the parish and its constituents are properly and adequately prepared and trained on how to respond in the event of an emergency or crisis, either man-made or natural. We have approached *Kalolo Tuihalafatai* to chair the new ministry and members are asked to volunteer or will be appointed.

*Our current parish bookkeeper, *Yvonne Tuihalafatai*, has asked to be relieved from her position due to increasing demands in her professional job. She has been volunteering to do our books, cut checks, prepare the annual budget, balance our financials and make regular reporting to the Diocese. *Yvonne* has been in this thankless but vital position for three years and we are certainly most grateful for all her kind and cheerful services. We have asked the Diocese for some names to take her place and will eventually be announced.

Stewardship News & Announcements

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

*"May we always manifest the compassion for others that is the hallmark of Christian stewardship."
(From our 2019 Stewardship calendar by J.S. Paluch Company, Inc.)*



A TRINITARIAN STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

God our Creator,
You made us all that we are
and gave us all that we possess.
Open our hearts so that we may live fully,
in gratitude for the abundant gifts entrusted to us.
Jesus our Redeemer,
You showed us how to attain eternal life
by following in your footsteps,
and by our loving service to others;
thereby proclaiming your Gospel in word and deed.
Holy Spirit, lift us up and be with us each day.
Teach us, guide us and give us the courage
to embrace stewardship as a way of life in Christ
as we journey along our pilgrim way
back to the Father.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with the Father
and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.
Amen.

MASS ATTENDANCE

	<u>6/22-23/19</u>	<u>6/15-16/19</u>
Saturday (6:00 pm)	57+0C	51A+3C
Sunday (6:30 am)	82A+0C	89A+0C
Sunday (8:30 am)	120A+23C	155A+25C
Ilocano Mass (6:00pm)		40A+3C

(A=Adults; C=Children)

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

	6/22-23/19	6/15-16/19
Saturday (6:00 pm)	\$ 604.00	\$ 649.00
Sunday (6:30 am)	\$ 908.00	\$ 710.00
Sunday (8:30 am)	\$ 963.00	\$ 1,062.46
Initial Offering	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 10.00	\$ 33.00
Ilocano Mass	\$ 134.00	\$ NA
Candles	\$ 115.00	\$ 195.00
Candles - Killians	\$ NA	\$ 144.00
Oahu Council of Filipino Catholic Clubs (OCFCC)		
Fundraising	<u>\$1,143.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,352.00</u>
Total	\$3,877.00	\$ 5,145.46

Thank you

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

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
Education Committee - Michael Javines
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 / 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

COMMITTEE * MINISTRY * ORGANIZATION CHAIRPERSONS, contd.

Ilocano Ministry & Choir - Silverio Patting
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. 4:30-6:30pm; Sat. 9:00-11:30am
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 & Rosary: 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 Wednesday, 8:30-10:00am.
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.



MAHALO TO GOOD STEWARDS

Stewardship is responsible sharing in gratitude 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 through the regular Sunday offering envelopes and donations. We, the priests, the parish staff and leaders, deeply appreciate and gratefully acknowledge all dear parishioners who faithfully and steadily support our Church with their prayers, stewardship and personal involvement in our parish activities and programs.

*****MINISTERS & VOLUNTEERS** – Our Parish has been blessed with such responsible stewards who serve and give without counting the cost and we keep praising and thanking God for them.

❖**BUILDING & MAINTENANCE** – Under the lead of *Joyce Oliveira*, the Parish & Maintenance Committee selected the winning bid for the replacement of the old louver windows in the Convent. The contractor is *KKTF Hawaii* who will install *PlyGem Pro Line*, white vinyl, double-hung with insulated clear low-e sliding glass windows at the contract price of \$40,942.81. The amount is taken from the funds raised from the “*Save the Convent*” fundraising in May and November 2018 as well as from direct donations from parishioners.

❖**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*.

Giving occasionally some bunch of flowers for the church is *Myra dela Cruz*. She has been a regular donor thru her friend and OLM parishioner *Adoracion Padilla*. Mahalo and God bless you!

❖**GARDENERS** – The decorative plants by the church are being nurtured and taken care 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 doors and locks the gate 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 and their practices on Wednesdays and Saturdays. 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. 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.**



TO ALL THE GOOD STEWARDS, OUR SINCERE THANK YOU!

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



MASS INTENTIONS

June 24-30 > 6:30am Healing & speedy recovery - *Marie Schwengler* * Special intention - *Schwengler family*

June 24 > 6:30am Birthday - *Trevor Miyashiro*

June 25 > 6:30am Birthday - *Rosario Valdez; Manuel Espindola* * Wedding anniversary - *Lisa & Manuel Espindola (14)* * RIP +*Francisco & Maria Rodrigues*

June 28 > 6:30am RIP +*Ralph Rios; +Natividad Arato*

June 29 > 6:00pm Thanksgiving - *For the Graduates* * Wedding anniversary - *Ruperto & Condelita Pescador* * Healing & speedy recovery - *Alfredo Acedera; Marie Schwengler; Valentina Elliazar; Jeannie Oshiro* * Special intention - *For all the Fathers living & dead in the Book of Remembrance; For Schwengler family* * RIP +*Christopher Flores (10th); +James Rodrigues, Charlene Rodrigues Santiago, Donald Baptiste, Frank & Louise Riveira, Richard Rodrigues Jr, Jodie Mendez, Candida Santiago, Joey Rivera*

June 30 > 6:30am Healing - *Alfredo Acedera; Guy Miranda; Marie Schwengler; Tessie Fontanilla; Manuel & Margaret Espindola; Reynold Ramiscal* * Wedding anniversary - *Ruperto & Condelita Pescador* * Special intention - *For the Schwengler family; For all Fathers living & dead in the Book of Remembrance* * RIP +*Francisco Baptista +Christopher Flores (10th); +James Rodrigues, Charlene Rodrigues Santiago, Donald Baptiste, Frank & Louise Riveira, Richard Rodrigues Jr, Jodie Mendez, Candida Santiago, Joey Rivera; +Natividad Arato; +Florencia Tapat*

> 8:30am (Missa pro populo) - *For parish & parishioners* * Healing - *Alfredo Acedera; Urbano Acosta; Caridad Dagda-gan; Rizza Go delos Reyes; Alfonso & Mary Villanueva* * Special intention - *For all Fathers living & dead in the Book of Remembrance* * RIP +*Simon Cenence; +Delfin Cabuena Sr, Prima Nono; +James Rodrigues, Charlene Rodrigues Santiago, Donald Baptiste, Frank & Louise Riveira, Richard Rodrigues Jr, Jodie Mendez, Candida Santiago, Joey Rivera*

July 4 > 6:30am Safe Travel - *Fr. Adrian Gervacio*

July 5 > 6:30am Good health & Thanksgiving - *Purie Cortez*

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

Don't Miss the

DEADLINE!



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

❖ **Good Health / Successful Surgery:** Alfredo Acedera * Linda & Mr Dumaguit * Reynold Ramiscal * Guy Miranda * Gwen Perry * Zeny Digermanio * Marie Schwengler * Raynell Hunt * Doren Gruenhagen * Mr Dumaguit, Linda * Baby Pele Langi * Urbano Acosta * Steven Schwengler * Elko Higa * Purie Cortez * Josephine Jojo Barnachea * Caridad Dagdagan * Avelino Peneyra * Michael Schwengler * Rizza Go delos Reyes * Tessie Fontanilla * Valentina Elliazar * Timothy P Barroga Sr * Maria Ambrosio * Vicenta Baron * Petronila Jandoc * Cris & Crescencia Paranada * Avelina Orcino Fralalde * Manuel & Lisa Espindola * Alfonso & Mary Villanueva * John Guieb * Nellie Tomas * Simeon Facuri & Mariano Facuri * Jesse Ulep * Ely Purganan * Tomasa Ursulum * George Calizar * Joann Gibbs * Florentino Sotto * Hazel Rodrigues * Marvin & Sally Moore * Clara Adlawan * Marilou Bruno * Gregory Raguindin * Jeanne Oshiro * Stanley & Martha Castro * Charlie Newman

❖ **Birthday:** Michele Schwengler * Luz Neri * Teresita Dayoan * Silverio Palting * Fr Steve Nguyen, Rosita Larsen, Marcela Arciaga * Florentina Cabral, Sandra Madison, Jacob Tee Sy * Ed Ryan Balbuena * Michele Schwengler; Luz Neri * Siu Tuitupou * Edwin Balbuena * Manuel Ramiscal * Chloe Bala-Casino * Terri Leong * Millie Pedro * Tom DeCorte * Urbano Acosta * Justin Layco (24) * Cora Orcino * Sandra Heyly Tee Sy * Jun Flores * Dolores & Reynold Ramiscal

❖ **Graduation:** Richard Velez; Payton Abby Quinto Antonio * Tony Peterson * Nickolus Peterson * Caroline Kikkawa * Taylor Souza

❖ **Wedding Anniversary:** Aniceto & Maryann Llamedo * Edwin & Angie Balbuena * Manuel & Dolores Ramiscal * Theresa & Michael Schwengler (63) * Tim & Robin Johnson (12) * Silverio & Marivic Palting (12) * Rafaele & Orefa Manupuna (45) * Noemi Joseph & Mila Llantero (40) * Edwin & Angie Balbuena (18) * Thomas & Olivia Mita (17) * Lino & Aurora Cabico (64) * Rudy & Myrna Balmilero (45) * Armelita & +Simplicio Canoneo (42) * Frankie & Florentina Cabral (48) * Wil & Rachel Soong (52)

❖ **Ordination Anniversary:** Rev. Fr Danny Laeda (37) * Rev Fr. Steve Nguyen (20) * Rev. Fr. Alfred Guerrero (2)

❖ **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 the newly-ordained Priests of Honolulu * For all graduates * For all Seminarians and increase of priestly vocations in the Diocese * For all the Fathers both living & dead * M/M Virgilio Cabico & Ace Cabico * Patoc & Sabanal families * Jose Cadiz & family * Gilbert & Emeline Bacani, Brandy & Brenton Aczon * Gloria Rodrigues * Marlene Calventas & family * Angie Sera & family * Cora Orcino * Silver & Marivic Palting * M/M Renato dela Rosa * M/M Alex Pe Benito * M/M Noemi Joseph & Mila Llantero * Bacani family * Jayson & Bridget Canoneo & family; Cherry Abonias & Dumaguit family

❖ **Safe trip:** Fr. Adrian Gervacio * Duaguit family * Payton Abby Q. Antonio & Auntie * Armelita Canoneo * Fr. Adrian Gervacio * Fr Mike Semana * Doi Facuri * Damien Brother Dan Casey * Angie & Malia Balbuena * Gloria Rodrigues * Thomas & Olivia Mita * Robert Liua * Julieta Walsh

❖ **Deceased:** +Christopher Flores (10) * +Ralph Rios * +Robert Walsh * Augusto & Dorothy Morales * +Christopher Velez * +Victoriano Salvador, Aurelio Acosta, Orlando Lao * +Teodoro Acosta, Antonio Acosta, Vidal Manuel * +Canuto Patoc, Jerah Lourdes Sambilad * +Norberto Montaus Jr * +Alejandro Duma & Celedonio Cadiz * +Leonarda Palting, Victoria Barruga, Anthony Gutierrez, Jose & Sofia Palting, Ricardo & Anna Francisco Mateo * +Francisco & Maria Rodrigues * +Martin Rodrigues, Ramon Rodrigues, Antone Fivella * +Sr Mary Martin Moran, SHF * +Cecilia & Manuel Medeiros * +Leodora Sucao * +Linda Kamai * +Carlos Pasion * +Lucia B de Guzman * +Alvin Wright * +Sakopo Sole * +Teodulo Tabaniag * +Fortunato & Warlita Melodia * +Modesto Bautista (2nd anniv) * +Alvin Wright * +Dale Kessler * +Simon Pagdilao Cenence * +Santiago Almazan Sr & Avelino Pescador * +Mardonio & Don Orsino, +Mauro & Felomina Garingo, +Ildelfonso & Flora Orsino, +Estefanio & Maura Badua, +Eladio & Tecla Garingo, +Lucas & Teresa Arcibal, +Quon Yao & Dorothy Lee, all deceased loved ones of Felicidad Orsino * +Miriam A Capistrano * +Cris Andres * +Martina, Isabelo, Benjamin & Magdalena Orcino * +Virgilio & Orlando Artates * +Anselmo & Adelina Dolormente * +Dorothy Morales * +Aurelio Acosta * +Francisco Duma * +Fr Henry Sabog * +Rolly Blas Jr * +Cecilia Carvalho * +Ethel Mita & Valentina Umblas * +Avelina & Pedro Baclagan, Froilan & Felix dela Rosa * +Mary & David Souza, Ronald Souza * +Karen Correia-Lemana * +Jonathan Telles * +Meliton, Teofilo, Francisca Quinones, Pedro Pamaylaon, Abnomian, Tony Ponce, Herbei * +Delfin Cabuena Sr, Prima Nono * +Bodhi Iakona Robertson * +Pepito Calderon Lara * +Francisco Pascual Baptista * +James Rodrigues Sr * +Irineo Jacinto Gervacio * +Magdaleno Sanchez * +Florencio Clemente * +Benjamin C. Mabini * +Ramon V. Agbayani * +Josie Pascua Pascual * +Henaro dela Cruz Agbayani * +John Pregil Sr * +Beatrice Loman * +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

“GOOD NEWS REPORTS” by OLM’s Pastoral Council



Good News Report, 2019

June 22-23, 2019

By C. Ceria-Ulep, *OLM Pastoral Council Chair*

My name is Clementina Ceria-Ulep, OLM PC chairperson. The other Pastoral Council chairpersons and I along with the Finance Council and the Stewardship Committee will be providing you the Annual Good News Report!

To preface, as you will note from the reports given this evening/day, much of the Pastoral Council activities this past year have been implementing the Pastoral Plan and OLM Five Year Plans that we presented during the successful visit by Bishop Silva in May, 2017. We had a glowing review for our first year evaluation of the Pastoral Plan, which we submitted last July, 2018, meaning we were meeting the goals we have set out to do.

For the Education Committee

This past year, the Education Committee's main efforts were focused on:

Planning & offering the Advent & Lenten Seminars—particularly showing videos about our Catholic faith. Although the videos were excellent, the attendance ranged between 10-20 people. But, the movie, “The Little Boy,” which had Christian values integrated in it, was well attended about, 50+ peoples.

Recommendation: use movies as vehicle to convey Christian values/messages.

Good news: we had a new Education Committee Chairperson, Michael Javines, but unfortunately, had to step down for personal reasons.

What the Education Committee needs assistance in:

1. Someone to fill in the Chairperson for this committee;
2. Additional members.

Please, we need you to participate!

For Faith Action for Community Equity (FACE), recently renamed, Faith Action

For 2019 Legislative Session, Faith Action focused on the following issues: affordable housing to address our homelessness issue, real estate investment tax (REIT), and care for our elderly. For the REIT issue, there is a bill that was passed both by the House of Representative and Senate to require big real estate owners to pay taxes which they are not at the moment. It has been estimated, that if these real estate owners do pay taxes, it will bring in significant amount of money that can be used for affordable housing, and education for example. Lastly, to care for our kupuna, for 23 years, FACE worked on legislation to help family take care of our elders. In 2017, we finally succeeded! Act 102, the Kupuna Caregivers Act, created the Kupuna Caregivers Program, to help working family members take care of their kupunas. The intent of the bill was to provide \$70 per day to covers costs for services including: transportation, personal care services, respite care, adult day care, chores and home-making services. This year, there was \$1.5 million appropriated for this program & it will be for \$210/week.

To address the great need for Certified Nurse Assistants (CNAs) to care for our elders, Faith Action will be sponsoring training for CNAs. I would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would be interested in being trained to be a CNA. The cost is \$970 but, Faith Action would pay for the cost of the training. You can let me know outside if you are interested and I can sign you up.

At this time, we have our Faith Action Annual Investment Drive. Connie DeSantos, Jennifer Jandoc & I will be approaching you to invest in Faith Action. Thank you in advance for your support of Faith Action! OLM Church also gives to Faith Action through our annual dues.

I would like to add that in November, 2018, the Bishop’s office sent new guidelines/statutes for all Pastoral Council to follow throughout the Diocese. Our OLM Pastoral Council developed new OLM Statutes that have been in effect as of June 8, 2019. **One important change this will bring is that the pastor becomes the president of the council and then appoints a chairperson to conduct the business of the Pastoral Council.** Further, the guidelines require that individuals who have been members of the Council for 2 terms of 3 years or more, need to step out of the Council, take at least one year off, then is eligible for membership again. For this reason, a few of us, Tom DeCorte, Fran Kovaloff, and myself will be stepping down. This is a good thing to give others the opportunity to take on leadership roles which is necessary for the viability and sustainability of not only OLM but our Catholic Church in general.

As I step down as the Chair of the Council, I can honestly say that we are in a good place. We have a 5 Year Pastoral Plan, and individual 5-Year Plans, of each of the Committees and Council that will assist with the operations of our church to be in line with Diocesan Strategic Plan and Standards. For this, I want to thank the Pastoral Council chairpersons and members in making this possible.

To meet the goals that we have set in our Pastoral Plan, we need you all to participate—big or small. So, when any of the Committee chairpersons ask you to become members of their committees, or to participate, please say, “yes!”

In closing, thank you, all Our Lady of the Mount co-parishioners for contributing your time, talent and treasure in our efforts to make OLM a welcoming and vibrant parish. Thank you as well to Fr. Edgar and Fr. Adrian, our shepherds, for guiding our OLM faith community and for their support; and to Sr. Clemence for her assistance and support as well.

We will be outside after all the masses to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your kind attention!

"GOOD NEWS REPORTS" by OLM's Pastoral Council, contd.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

By Tom DeCorte, Chair

OUTREACH continues two main projects: "Feeding the Homeless" and "Family Fun Night." The Kokua Ministry is now under the Outreach Ministry, a report follows. The good news for OLM is that this October will make ten years that we have been participating with feeding of the homeless at the Next Step Shelter in Kakaako. It is estimated that we have fed over 6,000 of our brothers and sisters in need. There is a decrease in the number of homeless coming to the shelter which means that families are being placed in permanent housing and this is outstanding news.

I cannot say enough of the fun, fellowship, and awesome prizes we have at our family fun nights. Family Fun Night was started back in the 1990's and it is still one of our best ways to get our parishioners together to meet, have fun, or to just talk story. So I invite you to come and experience our family fun night.

Outreach and any ministry does not function without good dedicated people. So I want to personally thank our Outreach committee members: **Becky DeCorte, Linda Puzon, Connie deSantos, Trinidad Agamao** and **Wilfred & Rachel Soong**.

And also the many volunteers that give so much of their time, talent and treasures to make all our outreach events happen. In fear of mentioning names and missing someone I will only say that God has seen what you have done, and HE has got to be pleased. God bless you for your love and kindness.



Becky and Tom DeCorte with Fr. Edgar

KOKUA MINISTRY

By Becky DeCorte, Chair

The new **KOKUA MINISTRY** is almost one year old. It was re-established in August 2018. From August 2018 to May 2019 reports indicate that we served about 218 families who came to our parish doors for help.

The distributed clothes, household items, food and other miscellaneous items were bought or donated by you.

During the Christmas season, the Kokua Ministry reached out to Kalihi Elementary School. The principal of the school was contacted and asked what the kids needed most. The principal said shoes and socks because when they have field trips many do not have any footwear.

The Kokua Ministry donated good used shoes that were donated to the ministry. We then bought socks to go along with the shoes. We also made beautiful Christmas bags for the children.

The principal sent a beautiful appreciation letter to OLM.

I could not have done it without God's blessings and all the helping hand angels who come to help. They devote their time every 1st and 3rd Tuesdays and Wednesdays of the month to set up, clean, and distribute items. From the bottom of my heart, a big thank you to the volunteers: **Frankie Gomes, Helen Newman, Angie Sera, Roselani Ramones** and **Nelie Puzon**. Also thank you to all those who support our Kokua Ministry by donating food, clothes, and household items.

May God continue to bless each and every one of you for your generosity.



PARISH PLANNING AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

By Joyce Oliveira, Chair

The **PARISH PLANNING AND BUILDING COMMITTEE** is excited to report that the convent building window replacement project will begin next month. We have been waiting for the custom window frames to arrive from the mainland and once the materials are accepted, it will take approximately 1-2 weeks to complete the work.

Projects like this one can occur only through the generosity of Our Lady of the Mount parishioners. We will finally have an opportunity to repair and replace windows and jalousies that have been in disrepair for too long and be proud once again of our facility.

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LITURGY COMMITTEE
By Francisca Kovaloff, Chair

The **LITURGY COMMITTEE** is responsible to promote active participation in worship by the appropriate carrying out of the rites of the Church. Planning facilitates uniformity while promoting creativity.

Six separate committees make up the Liturgy Committee and they are kept busy all year round. Fortunately, OLM is blessed to have six very committed, talented and energetic persons who chair these committees.

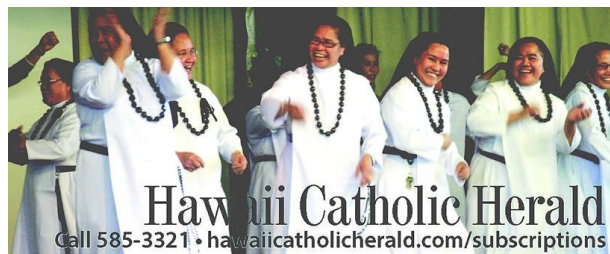
Each Chairperson is assigned to a different activity, however, their finished work complement each others. These committees make up the core of our Mass celebrations and the fruits of their hard work are beautiful and spiritual. The Chairpersons are:

Cleo Bala-Casino, Chair for the Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion. **Mark Correia**, Hospitality Chair. **Gloria Rodrigues**, Lector Chair. **Roselani Ramones**, Liturgical Environment or Decorating Committee Chair. **Mary Ann Llamedo**, Music Director. Lastly, the Altar Server Chair is **Angie Balbuena**. It is sad to announce that Angie who has chaired the Altar Server ministry for the past seven years will resign as of June 30. We want to thank Angie for her dedication and commitment and wish her happiness and prosperity in all her future endeavors.

Although it is sad that Angie is leaving, we are excited to announce that effective July 1, the new Altar Server Chair will be **Robert Ropati Liua**. Robert is back home for good. Robert is also OLM’s new Youth Ministry Coordinator.

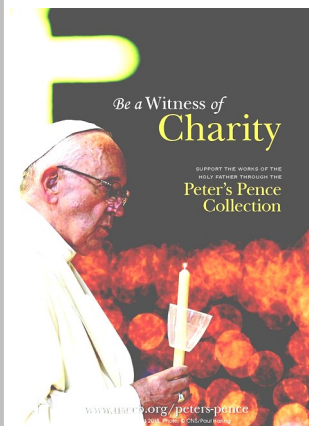
To the Liturgy Committee Chairpersons and your members, thank you for your hard work throughout the years. We thank **Fr. Edgar** and **Fr. Adrian** for their continued support and spiritual guidance. We had an awesome 2018-2019 year and we look forward to a more exciting and spirit-filled 2019–2020, as we plan our 150th Parish Anniversary celebration.

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PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION

This weekend, June 29/30, we will take up the *Peter’s Pence Collection* which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.



Parish Calendar, News & Announcements

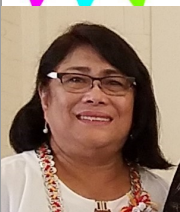
Feast Days

- Jun 29** Sts. Peter and Paul, apostles
- Jul 1** Blessed Juniper Serra, priest
- Jul 3** St. Thomas, apostle
- Jul 4** Mass for Independence Day
- Jul 5** > Eucharistic Holy Hour, after the 6:30am Mass
> St. Anthony Zaccaria, priest
> St. Elizabeth of Portugal
- Jul 6** > St. Maria Goretti, virgin & martyr
> Blessed Virgin Mary
- Jul 9** St. Augustin Zhao Rong, priest and Companions, Martyrs
- Jul 11** St. Benedict, abbot
- Jul 13** > St. Henry, German king & emperor
> Blessed Virgin Mary

Activities

- Jun 22 - 29** - Religious Freedom Week
- Jun 29 & 30** - Second Collection, Peter Pence Collection
- Jul 1** Liturgy Committee meeting, 7:00pm, Rectory Conf Rm
- Jul 4** Independence Day, the Office is closed
- Jul 7** > Catechists meeting after the 8:30am Mass, Convent
> Filipino Catholic Club meeting, after the 8:30am Mass, Parish Hall
- Jul 10** Stewardship Council mtg., 6:00pm, Rectory Conf. Rm.
- Jul 14** Sr. Clemence's Farewell Fellowship, 10:00am to 12:00 noon, Parish Hall
- Jul 17** Special Pastoral Council meeting, 7:00pm, Rectory Conference Room
- Jul 20** Filipino Catholic Club Fundraiser Pickup, 9:00am to 1:00pm, Parish Hall
- Jul 21** Commissioning Pastoral Council members, 8:30am Mass
- Jul 24** Pastoral Council meeting, 7:00pm, Rectory Conference Room

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Fe Go, Filipino Catholic Club President, would like to thank all of you for your generosity in support of their annual fundraiser. Your generous support placed them as #2 in sales among the other participating parishes. Product pick up is Saturday, July 20, from 9:00am to 1:00pm at the Parish Hall. *Thank you OLM parishioners, family & friends!*



WEDDING BELLS
***RINO MIOCHY & FUTALINA PAUL**
June 30, 2019 – 1:00pm

EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR Eucharistic Adoration



July 5 is the First Friday of the month. We invite you to join us in the solemn exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for one Holy Hour after the 6:30am Mass. We believe in the Real Presence of the Lord in the consecrated host and we come to adore and thank him for his manifold blessings and for his being with us always. We also take this opportunity to pray for peace in our lives and in the world, for love and harmony in homes and families, for an increase of priestly and religious vocations and for the conversion of sinners and heathens.



Baptized with the Holy Spirit **BAPTISM: Welcome to God's Family**
June 23, 2019
Child: **BRAYCE MADRIAGA**
Parents: Fernando Saludes Madriaga & Lisa Domingcil Lumabao
Godparents: Jerry Madriaga & Racquel Cabanting
Congratulations to the Parents and Godparents!

NOVENA TO PERPETUAL HELP

The novena prayers to Our Mother of Perpetual Help is held 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.

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(Laugh Out Loud)
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"I'm gonna say my prayers, Daddy. Do you have any requests?"