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Rev. Fr. Edgar B. Brillantes
Pastor



Stay awake!
For you do not know
on which day
your Lord will come.
Matthew 24:42



Rev. Fr. Adrian R. Gervacio
Pastor-Emeritus

First Sunday of Advent

BLESSED ADVENT TO ALL!

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

We enter the **season of Advent** this weekend. It marks the *new year of the Church for 2020* since the liturgical year 2019 concluded with the feast of Christ the King last Sunday. Advent is a period of joyful and prayerful preparation for the coming of the Son of God and Savior of the world. We celebrate His First Coming on his birthday on Christmas and His Second Coming at the end of time.

As we would to any important guest, we like to prepare well for the Lord's coming and arrival. We would make sure that our house is in order. And, indeed, we are going to do that in our own homes and in our church, as we do **General Church Cleaning**, on Saturday, November 30.



We also make our spiritual preparation. You see, Jesus is no ordinary guest. In the gospel we read that Jesus has come for the wounded and the broken because of sin. So, we clean up the mess in our lives and straighten our relationship with God and with fellow human beings thru the **Sacrament of Confession and Reconciliation** on December 6, Friday. Jesus comes to heal and make us whole again so we should not be hesitant or afraid to let him touch and vanish our wounds, our grief and anger, our selfishness and prejudice, faults and shortcomings.



The **Advent wreath** is a popular traditional symbol of the season placed in the church as well as in homes. Customarily, it is made of a circle or wreath of evergreen branches into which are inserted four candles that correspond to the four weeks of Advent. Three of the candles are violet and the fourth is rose which is lighted on the Third Sunday of Advent, known as *Gaudete Sunday*. The **blessing of the wreath** is done on the vigil and day Masses of the First Sunday of Advent which are this weekend, November 30 and December 1.

Adding solemnity to his season are our celebration of the **Feasts of the Immaculate Conception** on December 9, Monday, and **Our Lady of Guadalupe** on December 12, Thursday. The Blessed Virgin Mary has been prepared by God through her immaculate conception in her mother's womb to be the Mother of the Son of God. It was such a singular privilege and honor for this simple woman of Nazareth who had nothing to give but herself, her whole being. As Christ grew in Mary, we can learn a lot from her how we can let Christ grow in our own lives too.



Our longing and preparing for the Lord's coming will intensify in our traditional celebration of **Simbang-Gabi**. For *nine evenings*, starting December 16 up to the 24th, we shall gather as one parish family to welcome the Lord in our world thru the celebration of the Holy Mass and offering them as sacrifice of love. As our custom too, we shall gather in *fellowship after Mass* anticipating the joy that comes with the birthday of the Messiah.



With hearts filled with gladness and fervent devotion, let us make the cry of the early Christians our own: **"Maranatha!"** meaning **"Come, Lord Jesus!"**

"Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1



Pastor's Corner



By Rev. Fr. Edgar B. Brillantes

Next Sunday's Reading Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading
Isaiah 11:1-10

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm: 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Second Reading
Romans 15:4-9

Gospel
Matthew 3:1-12

First Reading: *Isaiah 2:1-5*

Isaiah's prophecy, from seven centuries before Christ, is a hope-filled cry for God's salvation envisioned as a future reality. The prophet arouses his people's hope by using a common Old Testament phrase for the time of God's final act of re-creation: "In the days to come." Isaiah longs for the day when not only Israel but all nations will hear God's teaching and respond fully. To walk in God's path we must follow divine instruction in all aspects of life and so create the world God envisions, an everlasting kingdom of peace.

Second Reading: *Romans 13:11-14*

In his Letter to the Romans, Paul also urges daily response to God's act of salvation in Jesus. Writing about thirty years after Jesus' Resurrection, Paul knows that what Isaiah longed for has already begun in Christ. But like most Christians of the time, Paul expected Christ's imminent return in full glory. Such expectation surely requires conduct befitting those who through "Baptism, have "put on the Lord Jesus Christ."

Gospel: *Matthew 24:37-44*

The Gospel continues to focus on the Christ who has already come but will return to complete God's work of salvation and new creation. Matthew points out that the fullness of God's work remains always in God's hands, to be accomplished in God's unknown hour. Christ's followers play their part in God's work by daily watching, waiting, and preparing for his final coming.

*** 150th PARISH ANNIVERSARY NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS ***



In last week's Parish Bulletin, we published the schedule of activities for the celebration of OLM's 150th Anniversary. The festivities will be held on a monthly basis starting January 1, 2020 and culminate on August 16, 2020.

While our current parish leaders and chairpersons of committees, ministries and organizations are designated as lead groups we are enjoining each and every parishioner to be part of the celebrations. Anyone is also welcomed to volunteer as member of the working committees. An

important meeting for all lead groups and members shall be held on December 11, Wednesday, at 6:00pm in the parish hall.

For the **February** event which is dedicated to **Family Life and Marriage** we shall be holding **Revalidation of Marriages** and **Renewal of Marriage Vows**.

Revalidation is for Catholic couples who have been married civilly but not in the Catholic church and want to be blessed and receive the graces of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. Any of the couple should not have been divorced or if so, their prior marriage should have been properly annulled. They should apply in the parish office to help them prepare for the Revalidation.

Renewal of Marriage vows is for all couples, young or old, who were married according to the Catholic Rite of Holy Matrimony. They are asked to submit their names to the parish office.

The **deadline** for application for Revalidation and submission of names for Renewal of vows is December 31, 2019.

MAHALO FROM CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD)

Thank you for your support to the second collection for the US Bishops' *Catholic Campaign for Human Development* last weekend. Your support helps our brothers and sisters in faith as they work for justice and peace according to the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church. As a parish, we raised \$760.75 and with your contributions, many across the country are breaking out of the cycle of poverty. 25% of our collection will remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. God bless you for your generosity. If you missed the collection, you can still give thru www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click on "How to Give" on the left.



Stewardship News & Announcements

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

“Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God’s own love and concern.”
 St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

*GRACIOUS AND LOVING GOD,
 we raise our hearts and minds to give You thanks and
 praise for the abundant blessings
 You have bestowed upon us:
 For life and health, safety and comfort, food and
 nourishment, we are sincerely grateful.
 Through your Spirit, open our hearts so that we may be
 even better stewards of these rich and unmerited gifts.
 We accept with joy the gift of faith and show
 our gratitude through joyful service.
 Show us how to be a blessing for the poor, sick,
 lonely and all who suffer.
 And help us nurture the gift of faith, revealed to us
 by your Son, Jesus Christ,
 our greatest gift, who lives and reigns with You and the
 Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.
 Amen.*

MASS ATTENDANCE

	11/23-24/19	11/16-17/19
Saturday (6:00 pm)	47A+2C	51+1C
Sunday (6:30 am)	81A+0C	75A+2C
Sunday (8:30 am)	135A+25C	110A+22C
Samoan Mass (2:00 pm)		134A+28C
(A=Adults; C=Children)		

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

	11/23-24/19	11/16-17/19
Saturday (6:00 pm)	\$ 799.00	\$ 793.41
Sunday (6:30 am)	\$ 1,522.10	\$ 634.00
Sunday (8:30 am)	\$ 1,080.51	\$ 972.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 39.00	\$ 30.00
Ilocano Mass	\$ 232.00	\$ NA
Donation - Save Our Convent	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00
Donation	\$ NA	\$ 650.00
All Souls' Day	\$ 10.00	\$ 50.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 20.00	\$ NA
Thanksgiving	\$ 213.00	\$ NA
Archdiocese of the Military Services (AMS)	\$ NA	\$ 10.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$ 760.75	\$ NA
Hall	\$ 300.00	\$ NA
Candles	\$ 125.00	\$ 120.00
Check discrepancy resubmission	\$ NA	\$ 30.00
St. Augustine Hymnal Book	\$ 90.00	\$ 00.00
Mastercard Rebate	\$ 5.59	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 5,696.95	\$ 3,289.41



“Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.” Matthew 10:8

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP

Gratitude: The Heart of Stewardship

For Christian stewards, Thanksgiving Day has special meaning, for we know that gratitude lies at the very heart of stewardship.

A grateful heart heralds the beginning of discipleship and opens the way to our deepest response, the desire to return to God for the bounty of our lives. The French educator Jean Baptiste Massieu put it beautifully: *“Gratitude is the memory of the heart.”* For what do we thank our Creator? The early American colonists, who gave inspiration to the Thanksgiving Day tradition, were thankful for their very survival in a harsh and unforgiving environment. Many of their compatriots were buried in the soil of their new land, far from all that had been cherished and familiar.



It’s natural to thank God when things seem to turn out the way we had hoped, when disaster is averted, when life seems filled with abundance. Harder, perhaps, is the ability to thank God for being present to us in times of struggle, seeming failure, illness and death. But, in the heart of the Christian steward, the memory of God’s presence is a comfort and a gift all its own. If we take time to reflect on our lives, we often discover that that for which we are most grateful was a gift which we struggled to receive. What came to us in the form of hardship has in hindsight revealed itself as gift. This is why each day’s struggles and trials should be met with a heartfelt *“thank you.”* Meister Eckhart, the 14th century Dominican mystic, wrote, *“If the only prayer you ever say is ‘thank you,’ that will suffice.”* At first, this seems puzzling. What of praise and petition? But Eckhart knew that the most genuine response, and indeed, the first and most spontaneous response of the heart which has discovered God, is *“thank you.”* Gratitude lies at the beginning of true prayer. As we reflect on this time of thanksgiving, let us be present to those moments when God’s gifts were hidden in shadow and remember to be thankful for all.

*(Lifted from International Catholic Stewardship Council (ICSC) e-bulletin.)

Commitment Weekend Results



OLM COMMITMENT CARD RESULTS SUMMARY

- November 23 and 24, 2019

Thank you to the grateful stewards who participated!!

ADULTS

Mass attendance counts / # Commitment cards offered:

6:00pm - 47A, 2C / 14 cards or **30%** * **6:30am** - 81A, 0C / 16 cards or **20%** * **8:30am** - 135A, 25C / 29 cards or **21%**

"SHARING OF OUR TREASURES"	6:00 PM	6:30AM	8:30 AM	TOTAL
WEEKLY OFFERING				
> Remain the same	5	5	9	19
> Increase	9	10	13	32
> No Response			7	7
MONTHLY OFFERING	None Responded			
> Remain the same		1		1
> Increase				

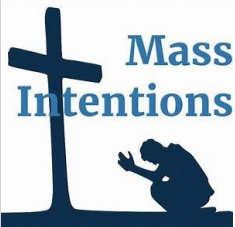
TOTAL: 263 parishioners; 59 cards offered or **22% PARTICIPATION**; 54% committed to increase their weekly offering

CHILDREN

The children completed their commitment cards in their classrooms on Sunday, November 17, 2019.

Mass attendance count - 25 / Commitment cards offered - 29 or **100% participation**

"SHARE MY TIME"	Responses
>Attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Days	21
> Say my morning and night prayers and grace before meals with family	18
> Help clean the Church and not destroy any property	17
> Joyfully help whenever needed at home, at Church at school and in the community	22
"SHARE MY TALENT"	
> Serve at Church as Altar Server, Cantor/choir member, Hospitality minister, Lector	24
> Volunteer at school to: tutor fellow students; plan special events, work on the school bulletin or year book	16
"SHARE MY TREASURES"	
> Give \$1, or whatever I can spare, in the Church collection basket when I go to Mass	22
> Bring to Church, at least once a month, canned goods for needy families	15
> On special occasions give a toy or a gift to children in need thru the Kokua Ministry	14



MASS INTENTIONS

Nov 24 > 6:30am Birthday - *Yvonne Amoroso Motilla*

> 8:30am Healing - *Amelia Pascual; Jane Pe Benito* * Thanksgiving - *M/M Alex Pe Benito* * RIP +*Francisca, Meliton, Teofilo, Norma, Maria, Eduardo, Crisanta, Leonora, Dominador, Corazon, Herbie, Tony & deceased relatives of Celerina Pamaylaon*

Nov 25-29 > 6:30am Healing - *Amelia Pascual; Jane Pe Benito; Virginia Donato*

Nov 28 > 8:30am (Thanksgiving Day Mass) Safe trip - *Andrea Baptista*

Nov 30 > 6:00pm Birthday - *Andres Ibera* * Healing - *Virginia Donato* * RIP +*Marlene Facuri, Leonora Tesoro*; +*For our deceased loved ones and those whose names are in the Book of Remembrance*; +*For all the departed founders, Pastors, Religious, benefactors, donors & parishioners of OLM*; +*Souls in purgatory*

Dec 1 > 6:30am Healing - *Gwen Perry* **Timothy Barroga Sr, Nemecia Bistayan, Tessie Fontanilla; Caridad Dagdagan; Angelita Sera* * Safe trip - *Andrea Baptista* * RIP +*Caroline & Martin Rodrigues, Antone & Olivia Fivella, Francisco & Mary Rodrigues*; +*Paulino Corpuz*; +*Margaret Kang*

> 8:30am (*Missa pro populo*) - For parish & parishioners * Healing - *Amelia Pascual; Jane Pe Benito; Virginia Donato; Avelina & Michael Orcino Fralaide; Dottie Pregil; Urbano & Crescencia Acosta; Alfonso & Mary Villanueva* * Special intention - For RCIA candidate *Daniel Kang* * Thanksgiving - *M/M Alex Pe Benito; M/M Noemi Joseph & Mila Llantero; M/M Jay R & Marilou Doropan*

Dec 4-12 > 6:30am RIP +*Paula Bersola*

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

Dec 6 > 6:30am Good health & safe driving - *Purie Cortez*

Dec 10 > 6:30am RIP +*Clara Martinez*

Don't Miss the



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:** *Amelia Pascual * Jane Pe Benito * Virginia Donato * Purie Cortez * Urbano & Crescencia Acosta * Gwen Perry * Carlito, Fred & Delia Lampitoc * Timothy Barroga Sr, Nemecia Bistayan * Romy Rapisura * Nemecio Lacar * Avelina Orcino Fralaide & Michael O Fralaide * Terencia Membre * Alberto Nguyen * Jessica Jacinto * Theresa Schwengler * Sonny Seden * Fidel Flores * Bishop Larry Silva * Brian Schwengler * Charlie Newman * Marie Schwengler * Dottie Pregil * Tessie Fontanilla * Petronila Jandoc * Palmas Flores * Susan Reynon * Marjorie Vannatta * Angelita Sera * Betsaida Vila * Marilou Bruno * Katrina Santos * Guy Miranda * Steven Schwengler * Caridad Dagdagan * Michael Schwengler * Rizza Go delos Reyes * Valentina Eliazar * Vicenta Baron * Alfonso & Mary Villanueva * John Guieb * Nellie Tomas * Simeon Facuri & Mariano Facuri * Jesse Ulep * George Calizar * Joann Gibbs * Florentino Sotto * Hazel Rodrigues * Marvin & Sally Moore * Clara Adlawan * Jeanne Oshiro*

* *Stanley & Martha Castro*

❖**Birthday:** *Fannie Montemayor * Yvonne Amoroso Motilla * Armie Canoneo * Andres Ibera * Teresa Siruno * Andrea Aguada * Adoracion Mina * Jay Magbojos * Marie Schwengler * Nenita Barroga, Nowalie & Kegan Malacas * Rey Malasig * Rey Teocson * Mary Ann Llamado * Alfonso Villanueva * Ropati Liua * Fr. Edgar Brillantes * Rosela Madiaga * Moses Andres * Alfredo Baptista * Luz Velasco * Robin Johnson * Visitacion Batar * Bella Miranda*

❖**Wedding Anniversary:** *Roger & Aida Isidro (50) * Urbano & Crescencia Acosta (50) * Tom & Becky Decorte (49) * Bredy & Shirley Dumot (30) * Chris & Toni Martines (53) * Yvonne Amoroso Motilla (33) * Edward & Teresita Dayoan (57)*

❖**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 Seminarians and increase of priestly vocations in the Diocese * For a spiritually fruitful celebration of our 150th Parish Anniversary * For RCIA candidate *Daniel Kang* * *M/M Jay R & Mariou Doropan* * *M/M Alex Pe Benito* * *Norma & Adriano Daligcon & family* * *M/M Renato dela Rosa & family* * *Rosita Dolormente, Ivy & Lito Ellazar family* * *Noemi Joseph & Mila Llantero* * *Silver & Marivic Palting* * *Bacani family* * *Marlene Calventas & family* * *M/M Olivia & Thomas Mita* * *Gloria Rodrigues & Schwengler family*

❖**Safe trip:** *Alex & Marichu Pe Benito * Andrea Baptista * Ely & Andrea Aguada * Alfredo & Praxedes Javines*

❖**Deceased:** +*Elizabeth Ragaza* * +*Caroline & Martin Rodrigues, Antone & Olivia Fivella, Francisco & Mary Rodrigues* * +*Gregorio & Juana Longboy, Desiderio (Jerry) & Alex Longboy* * *Consuelo Timpog Manicdao* * +*Rolando de Leon, +Venancia Aceret* * +*Deceased family & relatives of Celerina Pamaylaon* * +*William Kubuyama* * +*Juanita Martin Colobong* * +*Marlene Facuri, Leonora Tesoro* * +*Paulino Corpuz* * +*Paula Bersola* * +*Mabel Chang* * +*Candido Puzon* * +*Alfredo Eliazar Sr* * +*Alfredo Eliazar Jr* * *Felix Edmalin* * *Erlinda Pascua Ellazar* * +*Francisco, Genara, Valentin, Silveria, Alfredo, Amelito Cabral* * +*Patricio Ferrer, Apolonio, Fernando, Demetrio & Jacoba Ferrer, Zosima Alverne, James McNeal* * +*Isabelo, Martina, Benjamin & Magdalena Orcino* * +*Alejandro Quarto; Crisostomo Atendido; Pedro, Ronilo & Edwin Pe Benito; Danilo, Jaime, Marlita & Esperanza Quelnan* * +*Leonarda, Leopoldo, Jose & Sofia, Nicolas & Rosalina, Ricardo & Ana Francisca, Flor & Victoria, Melecio & Eufrecina, Anthony & Linda, Melecio & Benita, William & Juanita* * +*Roel Jandoc* * +*Jose Acosta* * +*Emilia Taqueban* * +*Simplicio Canoneo* * +*Alberto Nguyen* * +*Chandler Tyrell-Esdicul* * +*Marcelino Esdicul Sr* * +*Jeremias Melchor Gabriel* * +*Margaret Kang* * +*Bernard Sr & Hermenegilda Centino*; +*Servillano Tabonda Sr* * +*Augusto & Dorothy Morales* * +*Victorio, Leonora & Edison Bautista, Romana Apuya* * +*Pedro & Urbana Artates, Virgilio & Orlando Artates, Pio & Victoriana Bacani* * +*Caroline & Martin Rodrigues* * +*Clara Martinez* * +*Jaime Saldua Uganiza* * +*Pio Enrico* * +*Maria Pascual* * +*Ely Purganan* * *Simon Cenence* * +*Marcos & Imelda Villaspil* * +*Cres M Paranada* * +*Deceased parents, siblings & relatives of Crescencia A Paranada* * +*Nancy Canubida* * +*Fermin Cruz* * +*Christopher Flores* * +*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 11:30-12:30
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



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.

❖ *William & Mitronia Amoroso* donated \$1,000 for the *Parish Repairs & Maintenance Fund*. God loves a cheerful giver.

❖ *Two anonymous donors* donated \$650.00 to help defray for the OLM 2020 calendars as their personal compliments.

❖ Aside from the regular Raffle Ticket donors and winners during the "Save Our Convent" fundraiser, some other generous parishioners who want to remain anonymous donated directly for the completion of the Convent renovation. We are grateful to them all.

*****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.

❖ **REPAIR & MAINTENANCE** – The makai side door of the parish hall was found termite-ridden which was the reason for the tightness and difficulty of opening and closing it. *Roger Isidro* is going to change it with a new door frame and install it. **MAHALO!**

****REPAINTING THE PARKING LANES** – The parking area for the handicaps received fresh coating of painting thru the volunteer efforts of the joint team of *Jun & Nida Flores, Eddie & Cita Lucero & Cathy Villanueva*.

****ADVENT & CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** – Prior to Thanksgiving Day, the decorations and lights for Advent and Christmas gradually began to be put up. We thank the efforts of *Fran Kovaloff, Doi Facuri, Moises Andres* and *Frankie Cabral*.

❖ **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 some pink anthuriums and other flowers for the church is *Evan Morita Florist Grand* thru her friend and OLM parishioner *Adoracion Padilla*. Mahalo and God bless you!

❖ **GROUNDKEEPER** – The grounds and backyard landscape are mowed by *Clem Fontanilla* who also checks the doors and locks the gate at the end of the day. The garden by the Church are taken care of by *Jun & Nida Flores* and *Eddie & Cita Lucero*.

❖ **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 *Audrey Peralta, Connie de Santos* and the *Llamedo Band*.

**The *Ilocano Choir* is being accompanied by *Mila Llantero* (piano), *Ping Lopez* (guitar) and *Bredy Dumot* (guitar).

❖ **SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING** – This is a mandated compliance in the entire church of the United States for all who work, serve, minister and volunteer in the parishes. Some have fulfilled the Safe Environment enrolment by themselves but for those who have not done it, please let the Safe Environment Coordinator, *Fran Kovaloff*, know so she can set a time to assist you. This is done online with the use of a computer.

***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.

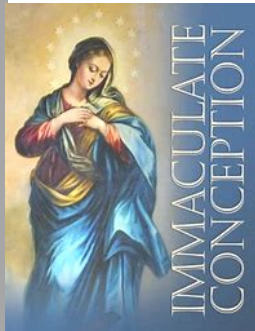


* TO ALL THE GOOD STEWARDS, OUR SINCERE THANK YOU! *

SECOND COLLECTION: RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

***December 7 & 8**

Please give to those who have given a lifetime of service to God's people. Your gift provides vital support for senior Catholic Religious Sisters, Brothers and Priests. Thank you for your generosity.



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The *Solemn Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary* on December 8 is observed as holyday of obligation in the universal Church meaning it is our duty to attend Mass as on a Sunday. Since December 8 this year falls on the Second Sunday of Advent, the observance is moved to the following day, December 9, Monday. On this day, there will be two Masses at 6:30am and 6:00pm in our church at OLM. May the Blessed Mary of the Immaculate Conception pray for us all who have recourse to her intercession.

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 Religious Education Coordinator - *Lucille Mohika*
 Bookkeeper - *Deacon Raffy Mendoza*
 Technology Consultant - *Jun Cortez*

PERSONNEL

Custodian - *Lolito Dullin*
 Music Ministry & Choir - *Mary Ann Llamedo*

COMMITTEE * MINISTRY * ORGANIZATION CHAIRPERSONS

Pastoral Council & Stewardship Council - *Marcelino Ulep*
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 Kokua & Food Pantry Ministry - *Becky DeCorte*
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 Eucharistic Ministry - *Cleo Bala-Casino*
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 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*
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 Crisis Management / 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. 8:00-10:30am.
 Ilocano Choir: Thu. 7:30pm (Ilocano Mass - every third Sunday at 6:00pm)
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 Education Classes: 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.

Parish Calendar, News & Announcements



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

* DECEMBER 6 / FRIDAY / 7:00 PM *

Let's gather together as God's people anticipating the coming of our Redeemer. We prepare ourselves spiritually by humbly acknowledging our sinfulness and receive God's pardon and mercy thru the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Priests from the neighboring parishes in the Vicariate of West Honolulu will be coming to assist in the Confessions.

Let us take this opportunity to be forgiven and healed and make Christmas truly meaningful in our lives.

FEAST DAYS

- Nov 30 St. Andrew, apostle
- Dec 3 St. Francis Xavier, priest
- Dec 4 St. Jhb Damascene, priest and doctor of the Church
- Dec 6 St. Nicholas, bishop
- Dec 7 St. Ambrose, bishop and doctor of the Church

ACTIVITIES

- Nov 30 Pre-Christmas Church Cleanup, 8am to 12noon; lunch to follow. Please come! We need help!
- Nov 30 / Dec 1 Vigil & First Sunday of Advent
- Dec 2 Liturgy Committee Mtg, 7:00pm, Rectory Conf Room
- Dec 6 > First Friday, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration, after the 6:30am Mass
> **Advent Penance Service, 7:00pm**
- Dec 8 Filipino Catholic Club Meeting, after the 8:30 Mass
- Dec 9 Immaculate Conception of the BVM, Masses at 6:30am & 6:00pm
- Dec 11 150th Parish Anniversary Meeting for all group leaders and members, 6:00pm, Parish Hall
- Dec 16-24 Simbang Gabi, 6:30pm

✚ OBITUARY



+PAULINO BELONG CORPUZ, 81

Funeral Mass: December 28, 2019,
10:30am at OLM Church

Interment: December 28, 2019, 1:00pm at Valley of the
Temples Memorial Park

(+PAULA BERSOLA CANCELLED)

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

SANTO NINO NOVENA SCHEDULE

The *Santo Nino Visayan Ministry* is holding a series of novena prayers in preparation for the solemn feast of the Santo Nino.

They are held in various venues and all at 7:00 in the evening –
November 15, 22, 29 * December 6, 14, 20, 27 * January 3, 10.

On January 12, 2020 is the grand fiesta celebration of Santo Nino with procession and *Simulog* street dancing.



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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."

FOR RENT

HOUSE FOR RENT

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- *Ready for occupancy on December 2019
- *Call *Aida Fiesta* at 282-4223