



OUR LADY OF THE MOUNT CHURCH

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Rev. Fr. Edgar B. Brillantes
Pastor



Third Sunday of Advent



Rev. Fr. Adrian R. Gervacio
Pastor-Emeritus

GAUDETE SUNDAY: REJOICE!

St. Paul wrote: *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near* (Philippians 4:4-5). The prophet Isaiah foretold: *"the desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom"* (Isaiah 35:1).

Jesus' coming is nearing. He is coming for each one of us. He is our hope and our light. As he enters humanity, he brings eternity to our reality. Let us ready our hearts to welcome Jesus as God's eternal gift to the world.

Pope John Paul II said on his General Audience on December 18, 2002: *"The liturgy of Advent, filled with constant allusions to the joyful expectation of the Messiah, helps us to understand the fullness of the value and meaning of the mystery of Christmas. It is not just about commemorating the historical event, which occurred some 2,000 years ago in a little village of Judea. Instead, we must understand that our whole life should be an 'advent,' in vigilant expectation of Christ's final coming. To prepare our hearts to welcome the Lord who, as we say in the Creed, will come one day to judge the living and the dead, we must learn to recognize his presence in the events of daily life. Advent is then a period of intense training that directs us decisively to the One who has already come, who will come and who continuously comes."*



SIMBANG-GABI

*DECEMBER 16-24 > 6:30 PM *

NOVENA MASSES IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS
FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL AT THE PARISH HALL FOLLOWS AFTER MASS

*There are **NO** weekday morning Masses, during the Simbang-gabi.

*On Saturday, December 21, the regular 6:00pm Mass is moved to 6:30pm.

*Come one, come all, and prepare well for the birth of our Savior.



"Lord, come and save us." Psalm 146:6-10



Pastor's Corner



By Rev. Fr. Edgar B. Brillantes

Next Sunday's Reading Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading
Isaiah 7:10-14

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 24:1-6

Second Reading
Romans 1:1-7

Gospel
Matthew 1:18-24

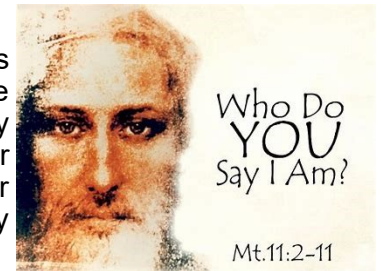
First Reading: *Isaiah 35:1-6, 10*; **Second Reading:** *James 5:7-10*

In today's First Reading, Isaiah presents yet another glorious vision of the final coming of God that Israel longed for. In a part of the world where large swaths of land lie parched for most of the year, the image of sudden lush greenery evokes joyful song. Isaiah indicates that as certainly and suddenly as rain transforms bare desert, so surely will God arrive to bring new life to body, heart, and spirit. In such a moment, the long, seemingly fruitless wait give way to rejoicing in a new world created by the God who comes to save you" (Isaiah 35:4)

As we reflect on Advent readings that promise God's final act of salvation, it is important to hear these Scriptures in their own time and place. Unfortunately, many Christians have reduced "salvation" to assurance of a blessed afterlife with God. In the Bible however, salvation clearly belongs to this world as well. Judaism developed a belief in the afterlife only in the mid-second century before Jesus; even in his day, not all Jews held such a belief. Biblical words normally translated as "salvation" convey meanings of healing, wholeness, and right relationships, all of which can and ought to begin on this earth. And so Isaiah envisions salvation as healing of the blind, deaf, mute, and lame, which elicits songs of "joy and gladness."

Gospel: *Matthew 11:2-11*

Matthew, always eager to demonstrate that Jesus completes all of Israel's hopes, announces the beginning of that fulfillment. Some who considered the Baptist as God's awaited Messiah question him on the matter but he rightly points to the one who makes Isaiah's prophecy a living reality. The hoped-for new healing and wholeness take shape before their eyes through one greater than his messenger: Jesus the Messiah. God's rule of salvation has already begun!



*** 150TH PARISH ANNIVERSARY UPDATES ***



January 1 of the New Year 2020 will kickstart the festivities for our 150th Parish Anniversary and will culminate on August 16, 2020.

Our current parish leaders and chairpersons of committees, ministries and organizations are designated as lead groups for the monthly events, but we are also enjoying each and every parishioner to take an active part. Anyone is surely welcomed to volunteer as member of the working committees. And we definitely need your input.

For the **February** event which is dedicated to **Family Life and Marriage** we shall be holding **Revalidation of Marriages** and **Renewal of Marriage Vows**. We enjoin all Catholic couples to sign up and hopefully we shall be able to reach the target number of 150.

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

Stewardship News & Announcements



CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

"May our Advent preparation enliven our stewardship and expand our generosity as we rejoice in the miracle of Christmas."

Stewardship Calendar, December 2019, J.S. Paluch Company, Inc.



COME, LORD JESUS!

Make us good stewards of Advent.

Strengthen our faith; calm our fears.

Come, Lord Jesus! We hear John the Baptist's cry.

Open our hearts. Give us humility to repent.

Come, Lord Jesus! Let us walk in your light!

Show us how we prepare your way

and make straight your paths.

Come, Lord Jesus! We give you thanks and praise,

for the shining star and angelic host,

for Mary and Joseph, good stewards, both.

Come, Lord Jesus! We rejoice and are glad!

For the Good News you bring

and God's glory you revealed.

Come, Lord Jesus!

Amen.

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

MASS ATTENDANCE

Thursday, Thanksgiving, 11/28 (8:30 am) 83A+1C

	12/7-8/19	11/30-12/1/19
Saturday (6:00 pm)	75A+0C	85A+4C
Sunday (6:30 am)	64A+0C	63A+0C
Sunday (8:30 am)	114A+30C	115A+20C
Mon, Immac. Concep. 12/9 6:30 am - 34A+0; 6:00 pm - 45A+0C (A=Adults; C=Children)		

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

Saturday (6:00 pm)	\$ 757.00	\$ 827.00
Sunday (6:30 am)	\$ 752.60	\$ 1,136.95
Sunday (8:30 am)	\$ 1,090.00	\$ 932.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 93.00	\$ 533.00
Donation - Save Our Convent	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 238.00	\$ 5.00
Holy Christmas	\$ 0.00	\$ 50.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,404.42
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 743.00	\$ NA
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$ NA	\$ 20.00
Mass Intention	\$ 100.00	\$ 40.00
Candles	\$ 130.00	\$ 172.00
St. Killians Candles	\$ 199.24	\$ NA
Mission Store	\$ 12.00	\$ 0.00
St. Augustine Hymnal Book	\$ 0.00	\$ 300.00
Credit Car Reimbursement	\$ 94.19	\$ NA
Total	\$ 4,209.03	\$ 6,520.37

"It is good to be merciful and generous." Psalm 112:5

CLERGY AND STAFF

Pastor - Rev. Edgar B. Brillantes

Pastor Emeritus - Rev. Adrian R. Gervacio

Office Manager - Francisca Kovaloff

Office Coordinator - Bella Miranda

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

Finance Council - Rebecca Jandoc

Hospitality Committee - Mark Correia

Liturgy Committee, Respect Life & Safe Environment 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 / Altar Servers / Education - Ropati Liua

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

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.

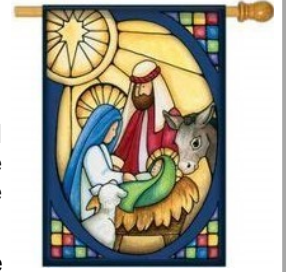
* **Wake and Funeral Services:** Before making arrangements with the mortuary.

CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP

Be a Good Steward of the Advent and Christmas Seasons

**Lifted from the *International Catholic Stewardship Council (ICSC)* e-bulletin, December 2019

December is such a busy time of year, and a month that tempts us to lose sight of the profound spiritual importance of the Advent and Christmas seasons. The best way to stay focused on the coming of Jesus Christ is to be good stewards of his presence in our daily lives. Here are simple ways to exercise good stewardship of this sacred time of year.

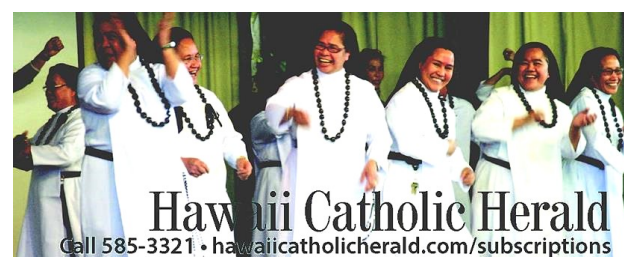


- 1. Give God a very special gift this year:** Let this gift be something personal that no one else needs to know about, and let it be a sacrifice. Perhaps your gift will be to commit to spending more time with God daily. Perhaps there is a habit you know you should give up. Why wait for a New Year's resolution? Start now.
- 2. Celebrate the season of Advent:** Light the Advent wreath candles each night before dinner. If you have children, let them offer their own prayers to the Christ child for whom we are waiting.
- 3. Set aside a special time to read the Christmas story in the Gospel of Saint Luke 1:5-56 through 2:1-20:** Consider reading this account with your family and discussing it together.
- 4. Put a crèche up in your home at the beginning of Advent:** Consider having one set that is "kid-proof" which your children are allowed to handle. Kids love to make the Nativity story their own, and they especially love the angels!
- 5. Plan a project to help someone this Christmas:** Identify someone with a genuine need, involve your whole family and see how happy you can make someone this Christmas. Participate in your parish Adopt-a-Family program or call Catholic Charities or another charity and find a family through their programs. Make sure your children take part in shopping for a family who needs extra help and make them aware of the needs in your community.
- 6. Take a group Christmas caroling to a nursing home or a children's hospital:** Get people together. Make it festive. Bring the gifts of your joyful smiles and voices to those who may need these gifts.
- 7. Give a surprise gift of service to each member of your family:** The idea of giving an unexpected gift of service to members of your family reveals your own love and concern for them. You might consider giving your spouse a day away, running an errand for your brother, or cleaning out a closet for your mother. Make it personal and meaningful.
- 8. Send Christmas cards and thank you notes that convey a spiritual message:** This is an easy way to share your faith during the Advent season. Don't just sign your name! Include a personal message with each card. Set aside some time after Christmas Day to write thank you notes and help your children to write thank you notes for the gifts they receive. This is a wonderful habit for a lifetime, and a good way to foster a steward's gratitude for all gifts.
- 9. Write a Christmas letter to someone far away such as someone in the service, or perhaps someone working or ministering in a foreign country:** It has been said that receiving a letter when you are far away from home is like opening a priceless gift on Christmas morning, no matter what day of the year. Many people are unable to travel home for the holidays, so it can be a very lonely time for them. Write a special Christmas letter to someone of your choice.
- 10. Attend Christmas Mass together with your family:** December 25 falls on Wednesday this year so make sure you are present at the Table of the Lord. If you are alone this Christmas or don't have family living near you, invite a friend or a neighbor to join you.

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MAHALO FROM RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Thank you for your support to the second collection last weekend for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your gift of \$743.00 to the *Retirement Fund for Religious* offers vital support for necessities, such as medications and nursing care for 30,000 senior Catholic Sisters, Brothers, and religious order Priests. *They have given a lifetime of service to God's people.* Most of them ministered in Catholic schools, hospitals, parishes, and social services, usually for little or no pay. Today, hundreds of religious communities lack enough savings for retirement and eldercare. May God bless you for your generosity.



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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.

❖We thank *Rey & Minda Teocson* for their gifts of 2 Christmas lanterns or *parol* from the Philippines. They truly add glitter to our Christmas environment.

❖*Elmer & Juvelyn Castro* gifted the church with a beautiful customized rubber door mat which is placed at the entrance of the church to welcome all mass-goers. The couple also provided the previous door mats. It's so thoughtful of them!

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

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

❖Aside from the regular Raffle Ticket donors and winners during the "Save Our Convent" fundraiser, some other generous parishioners donated directly for the completion of the Convent renovation. We are deeply 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* put up a temporary fix on it as well as on the *mauka* side door of the church. **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, Moses Andres, Frankie Cabral* and *Andy Magbojos*.

❖**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 *makai* 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



MASS INTENTIONS

- Dec 12** > 6:30am RIP +*Edgar Aurelio*
- Dec 13** > 6:30am Health - *Purie Cortez*; RIP +*Kymani Mercado*
- Dec 13-21** > 6:30am RIP +*Edgar Aurelio*; +*Oriol, Dolores, Amante, Larry, Jerry Aurelio*; *Bert Aguinaldo & Casimiro Susa*
- Dec 14** > 6:00pm Healing - *Purie Cortez, Jun Cortez, Carlotta Elido* * RIP +*Audrey Mananquil, Lorraine Freitas*; +*Edgar Aurelio*; +*Oriol, Dolores, Amante, Larry, Jerry Aurelio*; *Bert Aguinaldo & Casimiro Susa*; +*Eleonor Lau, Amadeo Cacanindin*; +*Mae & William Kuboyama*; +*Kymani Mercado*
- Dec 15** > 6:30am Healing - *Purie Cortez, Dottie Pregil, Gwen Perry, Tessie Fontanilla, Caridad Dagdagan, Manuel Espindola* * RIP +*Edgar Aurelio*; +*Oriol, Dolores, Amante, Larry, Jerry Aurelio*; *Bert Aguinaldo & Casimiro Susa*; +*Paulino Corpuz*; +*Brigida Reyes*
> 8:30am (*Missa pro populo*) - For parish & parishioners * Birthday - *Roselani Ramones* * Health - *Avelina & Michael Orcino Fralaide, Urbano & Cresencia Acosta, Alfonso & Mary Villanueva; Those affected by the measles epidemic in Samoa* * Safe trip - *Mila Llantero*; *Jay & Andy Magbojos* * Special intention - For RCIA candidate *Daniel Kang* * RIP +*Carlos Pasion*; +*Marcela Ulep*; +*Simon Cenence*; +*Maria, Francisca, Meliton, Maria, Margarita, Potenciano, Agapito, Leonardo, Jesusa, Crispin, Linda, Quirino, Porfiria*; +*Mae & William Kuboyama*
- Dec 16** > 6:30pm Birthday & healing - *Purie Cortez; Krystle Parinas*
- Dec 16-21** > 6:30pm RIP +*Edgar Aurelio*; +*Oriol, Dolores, Amante, Larry, Jerry Aurelio*; *Bert Aguinaldo & Casimiro Susa*
- Dec 16-24** > 6:30pm RIP +*Candido, Romana, Charlie Puzon & Honorio Gamiao*; +*Mae & William Kuboyama*
- Dec 17** > 6:30pm Successful surgery & healing - *Edna Gamiao*
- Dec 18** > 6:30pm RIP +*Paulino*
- Dec 19-27** > 6:30pm RIP +*Paulino Corpuz*



Don't Miss the **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:** *Edna Gamiao* * Victims of the measles epidemic in Samoa * *Carlotta Elido* * *Nelie Puzon* * *Tom & Olivia Mita* * *Amelia Pascual* * *Jane Pe Benito* * *Virginia Donato* * *Purie Cortez* * *Urbano & Cresencia Acosta* * *Gwen Perry* * *Carlito, Fred & Delia Lampitoc* * *Timothy Barroga Sr, Nemezia Bistayan* * *Romy Rapisura* * *Nemecio Lacar* * *Avelina Orcino Fralaide & Michael O Fralaide* * *Terencia Membre* * *Alberto Nguyen* * *Jessica Jacinto* * *Theresa Schwengler* * *Sonny Sedeno* * *Fidel Flores* * *Bishop Larry Silva* * *Brian Schwengler* * *Charlie Newman* * *Marie Schwengler* * *Dottie Pregil* * *Tessie Fontanilla* * *Petronila Jandoc* * *Palmas Flores* * *Susan Reynon* * *Marjorie Vannatta* * *Betsaida Vila* * *Marilou Bruno* * *Katrina Santos* * *Guy Miranda* * *Steven Schwengler* * *Caridad Dagdagan* * *Michael Schwengler* * *Rizza Go delos Reyes* * *Valentina Elliazar* * *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:** *Krystle T Parinas* * *Roselani Ramones* * *Purie Cortez* * *Fr Etuale Etuale* * *Jeanne Oshiro* * *Brison & Miguel Canoneo* * *Frankie Cabral* * *Marichu Pe Benito* * *Tupou Sole* * *Fannie Montemayor* * *Yvonne Amoroso Motilla* * *Armie Canoneo* * *Andres Ibera* * *Teresa Siruno* * *Andrea Aguada* * *Adoracion Mina* * *Jay Magbojos* * *Marie Schwengler* * *Nenita Barroga, Nowalie & Kegan Malacas*

❖ **Wedding Anniversary:** *Rizal & Aida Fernandez (47)* * *Alex & Marichu Pe Benito (5)* * *Roger & Aida Isidro (50)* * *Urbano & Cresencia Acosta (50)*

❖ **Sacerdotal Ordination Anniversary:** *Pope Francis (50)* * *Fr. Mario Raquepo (40)* * *Fr. Floro Bautista (40)*

❖ **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 meaningful Advent preparation for Christmas and spiritually fruitful celebration of our 150th Parish Anniversary * For RCIA candidate *Daniel Kang* * *Alfredo & Andrea Baptista* * *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*

❖ **Safe trip:** *Mila Llantero* * *Andy & Jay Magbojos* * *Olivia Mita* * *Juliet Walsh & Cora Orcino* * *Andrea Baptista*

❖ **Deceased:** +*Kymani Mercado* * *Edgar Aurelio* * +*Oriol, Dolores, Amante, Larry, Jerry Aurelio*; *Bert Aguinaldo & Casimiro Susa* * +*Carlos Pasion* * +*Audrey Mananquil, Lorraine Freitas* * +*Marcela Ulep* * +*Candido, Romana, Charlie Puzon & Honorio Gamiao* * +*Paulino Corpuz* * +*Rolando de Leon & Venancia Aceret* * +*Simon Cenence* * +*Eleonor Lau & Amadeo Pol Cacanindin* * +*Dori Theodore* * +*David Santiago, Antone & Veronica Schwengler, Ruth Saito, Cecilia Chica, Linda Kamai* * +*Mae Kuboyama & William Kuboyama* * +*Elizabeth Ragaza* * +*Caroline & Martin Rodrigues, Antone & Olivia Fivella, Francisco & Mary Rodrigues* * +*Gregorio & Juana Longboy, Desiderio (Jerry) & Alex Longboy* * +*Francisca, Meliton, Teofilo, Norma, Maria, Eduardo, Crisanta, Leonora, Dominador, Corazon, Herbie, Tony & deceased loved ones of Celerina Pamaylaon* * +*Juanita Colobong* * +*Jerome Corpuz* * +*Marlene Facuri, Leonora Tesoro* * +*Paula Bersola* * +*Alfredo Elliazar Sr* * +*Alfredo Elliazar 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* * +*Leonarda, Leopoldo, Jose & Sofia, Nicolas & Rosalina, Ricardo & Ana Francisca, Flor & Victoria, Melecio & Eufrecina, Anthony & Linda, Melecio & Benita, William & Juanita* * +*Roel Jandoc* * +*Jose Acosta* * +*Alberto Nguyen* * +*Chandler Tyrell-Esdicul* * +*Marcelino Esdicol Sr* * +*Jeremias Melchor Gabriel* * +*Margaret Kang* * +*Augusto & Dorothy Morales* * +*Clara Martinez* * +*Jaime Saldua Uganiza* * +*Ely Purganan* * +*Cres M Paranada* * +*Fermin Cruz* * +*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

Parish Calendar, News & Announcements

FEAST DAYS

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

ACTIVITIES

Dec 16-24 Simbang Gabi, 6:30pm, Church/Hall

Dec 22 Religious Education, Christmas tableau rehearsal, after the 8:30am Mass



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Our children in the Sunday School received the Sacrament of Reconciliation thru their Advent confessions in preparation for Christmas last Sunday after the 8:30am Mass. They were accompanied by their Catechists. Our visiting priest, *Fr. Floro Bautista*, helped *Fr. Edgar* with the confessions.



Next Sunday, the children and catechists will have their rehearsal for the Christmas tableau on the Christmas Vigil Mass on December 24.

☺ L.O.L. (Laugh Out Loud) ☺



SEASONS GREETINGS

By Tom DeCorte, Outreach Ministry Chair

The Outreach and Kokua Ministry wishes all of you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. And say thank you to the our committee personnel, donors and volunteer that give so much of your time, talents, and treasures to keep our ministries like our Family Fun Nite, Feeding the Homeless (see photo at right), and our Kokua Ministry vibrant and alive.



Last week the first Wednesday of December we were blessed to feed the homeless at the Next Step Shelter which was a nice way to kick off the Christmas season. And the Kokua Ministry (Becky and her staff) has been reaching out to Kalihi Elementary School with donated clothing, shoes, and Christmas goodies. Next week December 17th they will be sharing Christmas greetings with Kaewai School. And starting in January to kick off the new year, the Kokua ministry will be preparing backpacks with toiletries and necessities for the homeless. Becky says none of this would be possible without the support of OLM parishioners. So we thank you for your generosity and kindness.

Christmas is a time for giving, a time for sharing, a time for family and friends. It is also a time to once again relive, reflect, and renew our commitment to this precious gift of Jesus in our lives. And so as we go through this advent season remember to pray for the sacrifices that people make to one another and to God.

And remember that Jesus is the reason for the season.

✝ OBITUARY

+PAULINO BELONG CORPUZ, 81

Funeral Mass: December 28, 2019,
11:00am at OLM Church

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



+BRIGIDA RANON REYES, 88

Wake Mass & Viewing: January 17, 2020, 6:00pm at OLM
Church

Funeral Service January 18, 2020, Valley of
& Interment: the Temples Memorial Chapel &
Park

*"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 communal 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 7, 14, 21, 27 * January 3, 10.

On January 12, 2020 is the *Grand Fiesta* celebration of Santo Nino with procession and *Simulog* street dancing. *Anacleto "Toto" Patoc* currently heads the Visayan Ministry and he is now mobilizing his steering and organizing committees to lead us to a fervent devotion and celebration of the Child Jesus, *Santo Nino*.



Parish Advent & Christmas Calendar

SCHEDULE OF ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES – WEST HONOLULU VICARIATE

DECEMBER > 7:00 PM

* 6 / Friday	Our Lady of the Mount, Kalihi Valley
* 10 / Tuesday	St. John the Baptist, Kalihi Uka
* 11 / Wednesday	St. Anthony, Kalihi Kai
* 12 / Thursday	St. Philomena, Salt Lake
* 13 / Friday	Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, Palama
* 17 / Tuesday	Blessed Sacrament, Pauoa
* 18 / Wednesday	St. Stephen, Nuuanu
* 19 / Thursday	Holy Family, Airport
* 20 / Friday > 6:00 PM	OLP Cathedral-Basilica, Downtown

** The priests from these parishes will assist each other in hearing confessions. Parishioners are encouraged to go to any parish schedule that is most convenient for them.

** The West Honolulu Vicariate Priests: Very Reverend Fr Pascual Abaya * Fr Moses Akebule * Fr Edgar Brillantes * Fr Adrian Gervacio * Fr Manny Hewe * Fr Greg Honorio * Fr Paul Li * Fr Steve Nguyen * Fr Rheo Ofalsa * Fr Mario Palanca * Fr Mario Raquero * Fr Diego Restrepo * Fr Marvin Samiano * Fr Francis Sanchez * Very Reverend Gary Secor * Fr Arnel Soriano, MS

SIMBANG-GABI SCHEDULE

ORDER OF ASSIGNMENTS

<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>PRIEST</u>	<u>FELLOWSHIP COORDINATORS</u>
16 / Monday	Fr. Edgar	Music, Decorating & Hospitality Ministries
17 / Tuesday	Fr. Adrian	Pastoral Council, Finance Council & Stewardship Committee
18 / Wednesday	Fr. Floro	Catechists, Youth Ministry & Altar Servers
19 / Thursday	Fr. Edgar	Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion
20 / Friday	Fr. Adrian	Outreach, Kokua, Hospital & Prison Ministries
21 / Saturday	Fr. Edgar	Filipino Catholic Club & Visayan Group
22 / Sunday	Fr. Adrian	Knights of Columbus & Parish Planning & Building
23 / Monday	Fr. Edgar	Ilocano Choir
24 / Tuesday	Fr. Adrian	All Ministries, Committees, Organizations & Parishioners

** Mass starts at 6:30pm. The homily topics for the Simbang-gabi correspond to the themes in the celebration of the Fifth Centennial of Philippine Christianity as directed by Bishop Larry Silva.



BISHOP'S MEMO: FIFTH CENTENNIAL OF PHILIPPINE CHRISTIANITY

Bishop Larry Silva issued a letter enjoining the whole Diocese of Honolulu in celebrating with the Filipino people the 500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines. The Bishop's letter was printed in whole at the previous issue of our Parish Bulletin.

The priests are asked to develop in their *Misa de Gallo* or *Simbang-Gabi* homilies the themes that the Philippine Church has been celebrating for the past 9 years of preparation for the grand celebration in 2021. We praise and thank God for this wonderful milestone in the Philippine Church. We enjoin all Catholics, Filipinos or not, in praying that the Philippines as the only Christian nation in the Far East may continue to uphold the Catholic faith in all areas of their lives.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION SCHEDULE

* <u>December 24</u>	> 6:00 pm—Christmas caroling, Music Ministry
	> 6:15 pm—Nativity Story by the Religious Education Students
	> 11:30 pm—Christmas caroling, Music Ministry
* <u>December 25</u>	> Midnight Mass
	> 8:30am Mass
* <u>January 1</u>	> 8:30am Mass—Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God; the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Blessing of Marian images