



## OUR LADY OF THE MOUNT CHURCH

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## Second Sunday of Advent

# BLESSED ADVENT TO ALL!

## SOLEMN FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

\* DECEMBER 9 / MONDAY

MASSES AT 6:30 AM & 6:00 PM \*

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: *"From the first moment of her conception, Mary was preserved immune from original sin by the singular grace of God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race."* (CCC #491).

At the Annunciation, the angel saluted Mary as *"full of grace."* The greeting means that she was never, even for a moment, a slave of sin and the devil. It is reasonable that God kept the mother of His Son free from all sins from the first moment of her origin. *"God freely chose Mary from all eternity to be the Mother of his Son. In order to carry out her mission, she herself was conceived Immaculate."*

In the year 1846, the Bishops of the United States unanimously chose the Blessed Virgin Mary as the patroness of the United States under the title of *Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception*. This was done eight years before the dogma of the Immaculate Conception was infallibly defined and proclaimed by Pope Pius IX in 1854.

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. This year, December 8 falls on the Second Sunday of Advent, and so the observance is moved to the following day, December 9, Monday. 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 who have recourse to her.



### ALOHA, FR. FLORO!



We welcome *Fr. Floro Bautista* to OLM. He is a priest of the Diocese of Bangued, Philippines and currently the Pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Church and Director of Heart of Mary High School in Dolores, Abra. He is a contemporary of *Fr. Edgar* in the Seminary and a well-known composer of contemporary liturgical hymns in Ilocano that are being sung in the Ilocos Region and in foreign lands like Hawaii. He is on a sabbatical leave on his 40<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary. Welcome, Fr. Floro!

ALOHA

*"Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever." Psalm 72:7*



## Pastor's Corner



By Rev. Fr. Edgar B. Brillantes

### Next Sunday's Reading

Third Sunday of Advent  
"Gaudete Sunday"

**First Reading**  
Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

**Responsorial Psalm**  
Psalm 146, 7-10

**Second Reading**  
James 5:7-10

**Gospel**  
Matthew 11:2-11

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 11:1-1*; **Second Reading:** *Romans 15:4-9*

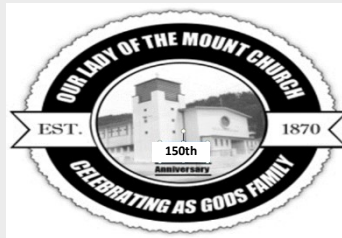
Like last Sunday's Scriptures, today's readings proclaim that while salvation always comes from God, God does expect and await human response. Imagine—the Almighty chooses to save and re-create humankind only with our cooperation! While Isaiah paints a portrait of humanity perfected "on that day" of God's final salvation. Matthew underscores the human role in bringing about a world ruled by divine values and power.

By depicting the work of God's Messiah, the one through whom God was expected to bring a new age of salvation, Isaiah sketches an outline of the divine vision. The awaited Messiah will be a king of the line of David (a "shoot...of Jesse {Isaiah 11:1}, David's father) who will perceive, judge, and act in "the spirit of the Lord." In the Bible, divine "spirit" describes the powerful presence of God within a person or community, imparting strength to carry out God's wishes and commands.

As king, a Messiah acting in God's spirit will create a new human community of Justice. This biblical term points to a state of right relationship to the God who always saves, to all members of the human community, and to the material world. Under the rule of God's vision of justice, artificially created boundaries dissolve, all people work together to meet the needs of all, and the physical world itself functions as a peaceful unity.

**Gospel:** *Matthew 3:1-12*

In the Gospel, the Baptist announces that this new world is at hand in Jesus, who fulfills Isaiah's prophecy. The expected one bearing God's Spirit is already present in the person of Jesus, and he will share that Spirit is already present in the person of Jesus, and he will share that Spirit with those who respond with repentance. But response cannot lie in mere words: "Produce good fruit as evidence" (Matthew 3:8).



### \*\*\* 150<sup>TH</sup> PARISH ANNIVERSARY UPDATES \*\*\*

The festivities for the 150<sup>th</sup> Parish Anniversary will be held on a monthly basis starting January 1, 2020 and culminate on August 16, 2020. The monthly schedule of events was published last week in our Parish Bulletin.

We remind all assigned lead groups and members of the 150<sup>th</sup> Parish Anniversary events that an **important meeting** will be held on December 11, Wednesday, at 6:00pm in the parish hall for information and planning purposes.

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 take an active part. Anyone is surely welcomed to volunteer as member of the working committees. And we surely 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**.

**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.

# 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

	<u>11/23-24/19</u>	<u>11/30-12/1/19</u>
Saturday (6:00 pm)	47A+2C	85A+4C
Sunday (6:30 am)	81A+0C	63A+0C
Sunday (8:30 am)	135A+25C	115A+20C

(A=Adults; C=Children)

### SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS



Saturday (6:00 pm)	\$ 799.00	\$ 827.00
Sunday (6:30 am)	\$ 1,522.10	\$ 1,136.95
Sunday (8:30 am)	\$ 1,080.51	\$ 932.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 39.00	\$ 533.00
Ilocano Mass	\$ 232.00	\$ NA
Donation - Save Our Convent	\$ 500.00	\$ 100.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 20.00	\$ 5.00
Holy Christmas	\$ 0.00	\$ 50.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 213.00	\$ 2,404.42
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$ 760.75	\$ 20.00
Mass Intention	\$ 0.00	\$ 40.00
Hall	\$ 300.00	\$ NA
Candles	\$ 125.00	\$ 172.00
St. Augustine Hymnal Book	\$ 90.00	\$ 300.00
Mastercard Rebate	\$ 5.59	\$ NA
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,696.95</b>	<b>\$ 6,520.37</b>

*"Whoever can be trusted with a little, can be trusted with a lot."*

*Luke 16:10*

## CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP

### The story of Mary ... live, love, learn and leave a legacy

\*by Mark Clark, Director of the Honolulu Diocesan Office of Stewardship and Development.

As a young girl, Mary was baptized in her neighborhood Catholic church and went on to attend the parish school, sing in the choir, and marry her sweetheart at the altar in the presence of her beloved church family. Mary also raised her children faithfully in this parish community, and for over 60 years contributed every week to the church offertory and its special causes. As a widow, she continued to be a very grateful and giving person. Earlier this year, Mary died and left \$1 million in her will to a worthy nonprofit organization down the street. Why them, one might ask? The explanation is simple. She was asked somewhere, sometime, somehow, by somebody to consider including them in her estate plan. In turn, she came to understand the need and responded in kind to the request. This Mary's story is fictional, but at the same time, all too familiar. Here's a word of advice to our pastoral leaders, this is not complicated. In fact, it's scriptural: "Ask and you shall receive." (Luke 9:11) This story is also about doing something when we are asked. So, consider yourself asked — that is, to think about including your Catholic parish, school or service organization the next time you update your will or living trust. If your estate plan is still on the drawing board, here are some important steps to help you plan wisely:

- Understand your assets, tax liabilities and opportunities
- Discuss your financial priorities and goals with loved ones
- Seek out valued professional and spiritual advisors
- Prepare your Catholic advance healthcare directive
- And, don't put off what you can do now. Speaking of which, you may want to check out the IRA charitable rollover provision that allows donors age 70½ or older to donate up to \$100,000 per year as a qualified charitable deduction. This type of donation is a real win-win because it counts toward the required minimum distribution from your IRA. And since it is a direct transfer to the designated charity there is no taxable income to report. When it comes to charitable giving, a simple bequest in one's will is often the largest donation a church, or nonprofit, will ever receive. Just remember Mary.

On behalf of all Catholic entities, *mahalo nui loa* for your generous stewardship of time, talent and treasure. For more information on these and other charitable giving opportunities, please contact the diocesan office of Stewardship and Development at 203-6723, or email [mclark@rcchawaii.org](mailto:mclark@rcchawaii.org). \*From the Hawaii Catholic Herald, November 29, 2019





**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Dec 1-7** > 6:30am RIP +*Mae & William Kuboyama*
- Dec 2** > 6:30am Successful eye surgery & Good health - *Nellie Puzon*
- Dec 5** > 6:30am RIP +*Dori Theodore*

**Dec 5-14** > 6:30am RIP +*Eleonor Lau & Amadeo Pol Cacanindin*

**Dec 7** > 6:00pm Birthday - *Frankie Cabral* \* Healing - *Carlotta Elido* \* RIP +*Paula Bersola*; +*Eleonor Lau, Amadeo Cacanindin, Mae & William Kuboyama*; +*Brigida Reyes*

**Dec 8** > 6:30am Healing - *Purie Cortez; Dottie Pregil; Gwen Perry; Tessie Fontanilla; Caridad Dagdagan; Manuel Espindola* \* Birthday - *Fr Etuale Etuale, Jeanne Oshiro* \* Thanksgiving - *Alfredo & Andrea Baptista* \* RIP +*Paula Bersola*; +*Rolando de Leon, Venancia Aceret*; +*David Santiago, Antone & Veronica Schwengler, Ruth Saito, Cecilia Chica, Linda Kamai*; +*Paulino Corpuz*; +*Brigida Reyes*

> 8:30am (*Missa pro populo*) - For parish & parishioners \* Health - *Thomas & Olivia Mita; Avelina & Michael Orcino Fralaide; Urbano & Crescencia Acosta; Alfonso & Mary Villanueva*; *Those affected by the measles epidemic in Samoa* \* Safe trip - *Olivia Mita; Alex & Marichu Pe Benito; Juliet Walsh & Cora Orcino* \* Special intention - For RCIA candidate *Daniel Kang* \* RIP +*Eleonor Lau & Amadeo Cacanindin*; +*Mae & William Kuboyama*

**Dec 9-12** > 6:30am RIP +*Paula Bersola*

**Dec 9-14** > 6:30am RIP +*Eleonor Lau & Amadeo Cacanindin*; +*Mae & William Kuboyama*

**Dec 10** > 6:30am Birthday - *Miguel Canoneo* \* RIP +*Clara Martinez*

**Dec 13** > 6:30am Sacerdotal Ordination Anniversary (50) - *Pope Francis*

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:** *Carlotta Elido* \* Victims of the measles epidemic in Samoa \* *Nellie Puzon* \* *Tom & Olivia Mita* \* *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 Membrere* \* *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* \* *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:** *Miguel Canoneo* \* *Fr Etuale Etuale* \* *Jeanne Oshiro* \* *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* \* *Rey Malasig* \* *Rey Teocson*

❖ **Wedding Anniversary:** *Rizal & Aida Fernandez (47)* \* *Alex & Marichu Pe Benito (5)* \* *Roger & Aida Isidro (50)* \* *Urbano & Crescencia Acosta (50)* \* *Tom & Becky Decorte (49)*

❖ **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 150<sup>th</sup> 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:** *Olivia Mita* \* *Juliet Walsh & Cora Orcino* \* *Alex & Marichu Pe Benito* \* *Andrea Baptista* \* *Ely & Andrea Aguada*

❖ **Deceased:** +*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* \* +*Paulino Corpuz* \* +*Paula Bersola* \* +*Candido Puzon* \* +*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 Esdicul 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



## 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 their 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, Moises 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!

❖ **GROUNDSCKEEPER** – 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\***

## \*\* FINANCE COUNCIL REPORT \*\*

In today's bulletin we have provided the annual fiscal report (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019) of our parishes finances that was submitted to the Diocese. The report is a two-page summary. Our parish continues to be in a good overall financial position as reported on the Balance Sheet. As reported on the Income and Expense Sheet, we received income from multiple sources amounting to \$213, 253.63. We spent \$250,055.99 which placed us in a net deficit of \$36,820.36 that was due mainly due to the convent renovations. Funds raised from the Save Our Convent Fundraiser in May 2018 covered these costs. Beginning January 2020, the weekly collection reporting printed in the bulletin will only reflect the offertory collections and will be a combined total of all masses. In addition to keep you informed; on monthly basis we will provide a short summary of revenue (offertory collections) versus expenses. The Finance Council thanks you for your ongoing support and generous donations. "

## Ω DIOCESAN NEWS ❖❖❖❖❖ DIOCESAN NEWS Ω

### BISHOP'S LETTER: 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 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 and we pray 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.

(See following page)

### SECOND COLLECTION: RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS—\*December 7 & 8

*Please give to those who have given a lifetime of service to God's people.*

The Retirement Fund for Religious will benefit 30,000 senior Catholic Sisters, Brothers, and religious order Priests. 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.

Your gift to the *Retirement Fund for Religious* offers vital support for necessities, such as medications and nursing care. Please give generously to our second collection today.



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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.





ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII  
**DIOCESE OF HONOLULU**  
WITNESS TO JESUS

December 3, 2019

Dear Fathers and parishioners,

Our Filipino brothers and sisters are looking forward to the celebration of the “500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines” in the Year 2021. The Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines in a Pastoral Letter on the *Era of New Evangelization* said: “We look forward with gratitude and joy to March 2021, the fifth centenary of the coming of Christianity to our beloved land – Philippines. We remember with thanksgiving the first Mass celebrated in Limasawa Island on Easter Sunday March 31 that same blessed year. We remember the baptism of Rajah Humabon who was given his Christian name Carlos and his wife Hara Amihan who was baptized Juana in 1521. Our eyes gaze on the Santo Nino de Cebu, the oldest religious icon in the Philippines, gift of Ferdinand Magellan to the first Filipino Catholics that same year.”

In Hawaii, a great majority of immigrants here are Filipinos, who brought with them their tradition, culture and most importantly, their faith. And so, I am calling for our participation in that great jubilee, but our celebration will be done locally in our islands. And we will call them: “500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines – Hawaii celebration.”

The “500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines – Hawaii celebration” is meant to be inclusive and not an exclusive celebration among our Filipino brethren. So, to inform our faith communities in the different islands of this celebration, I am encouraging those who have *Misa de Gallo* or *Simbang Gabi* this year 2019 to follow the suggested homily themes, based on the 9-Year Spiritual Journey of New Evangelization implemented in the Philippines. This year’s *Misa de Gallo* or *Simbang Gabi* 2019 homily themes are our way of responding to the call of the Spirit for a New Evangelization and let us find ways to integrate the 9-Pastoral Priorities of the Church in the Philippines<sup>1</sup> into the pastoral life of our respective parishes and ministries in the Diocese of Honolulu. For those parishes without *Misa de Gallo* or *Simbang Gabi*, I also encourage that this news be disseminated through publication in parish bulletins and announcements.

I look forward to a grand celebration sometime in Easter 2021 at the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace. I am also planning to lead a Pilgrimage to the Philippines in 2021 for us to understand and appreciate even more the gift of faith of our Filipino brethren.

With joy and gratitude, let us give glory to God for the gift of faith that we share together and let us continue to be instruments of God’s blessing to one another.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Larry Silva

Bishop of Honolulu

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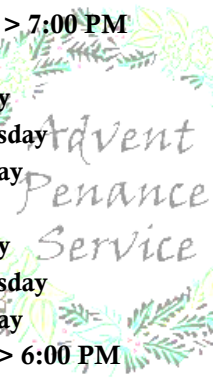
<sup>1</sup> The 9-Pastoral Priorities of the Church in the Philippines: (1) Integral Faith Formation: Toward Maturity in Christ. (2) The Laity: Choose to be Brave, Called to be Saints and Sent Forth as Heroes. (3) The Poor: The Gaze of the Crucified Lord. (4) The Eucharist and the Family: Missionary Disciples of the Eucharist. (5) The Parish as a Communion of Communities: A Pilgrim Community. (6) The Clergy and Religious: Renewed Servant-Leaders for the New Evangelization. (7) Youth in Mission: Beloved, Gifted, Empowered. (8) Ecumenism and Inter-Religious Dialogue: Unity in Diversity. (9) *Missio Ad Gentes* (Mission to the Nations): Graciously Gifted to Give.

# Parish Calendar, News & Announcements

## 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

### FEAST DAYS

- Dec 11 St. Damasus I, pope
- Dec 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Dec 13 St. Lucy, virgin and martyr
- Dec 14 St. John the Cross, priest and doctor of the Church

### ACTIVITIES

- Dec 8 > Filipino Catholic Club Meeting, after the 8:30 Mass > RE Reconciliation Service after the 8:30am 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 14 Santo Nino Novena, 7:00pm, Church / Hall
- Dec 16-24 Simbang Gabi, 6:30pm, Church / Hall

### ✚ 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

**+BRIGIDA REYES, 88**

Wake Mass & Viewing: January 10, 2020, 6:00pm at OLM Church


Funeral Service & Interment: January 11, 2020, Valley of the Temples Memorial Chapel & Park

*"ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, O LORD."*

HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILIES.



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: CONFESSIONS

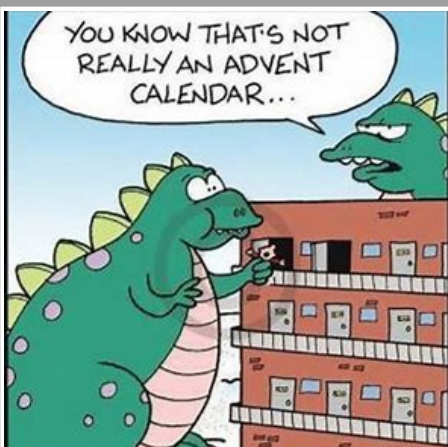
 Our children in the Sunday School will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation thru their Advent confessions in preparation for Christmas this Sunday after the 8:30am Mass. They will be accompanied by the Catechists and parents and guardians who are also welcomed to avail of the sacrament. Last Sunday, they had fun doing Christmas arts and crafts which they will display for the viewing delight of the community.

### 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.



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**L.O.L.**  
**(Laugh Out Loud)**  
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### HOUSE FOR RENT

- \*Three (3) bedrooms available with kitchen and two (2) car parking
- \*Ready for occupancy on December 2019
- \*Call *Aida Fiesta* at 282-4223



**OUR LADY OF THE MOUNT CHURCH**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
*As of June 30, 2019*

<b>ASSETS</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>
Current Assets:		
Checking	80,240.73	
Diocese Savings	79,368.57	
Diocese for Repairs	37,674.68	
Total Current Assets		197,283.98
Fixed Assets:		
Land	2,042,900.00	
Building	355,900.00	
Building Improvement	40,019.72	
Equipment	23,561.63	
Furnishing	66,104.59	
Construction in Progress	20,471.41	
Accu. Depreciation	<u>(122,675.58)</u>	
Total Net Fixed Assets		2,426,281.77
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b><u>\$ 2,623,565.75</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable – Other	<u>21,412.91</u>	
Total Accounts Payable	21,412.19	
Custodial Funds:		
Mass Intentions	4,031.00	
FCC Funds	3,387.17	
Youth Funds	<u>964.84</u>	
Total Custodial Funds	8,383.01	
Total Liabilities		29,795.92
Equity:		
Retained Earnings	(74,491.44)	
Unrestricted Net Assets	2,705,081.63	
Net Income	<u>(36,820.36)</u>	
Total Liabilities		<u>2,593,769.83</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		<b><u>\$ 2,623,565.75</u></b>

Unaudited Financial Reports

**Submitted by: The Financial Council**

October 2, 2019

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December 8, 2019

**OUR LADY OF THE MOUNT CHURCH**  
**REVENUE & EXPENSE STATEMENT VS. BUDGET**  
**FOR FISCAL YEAR**  
*July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019*

<b>ORDINARY REVENUE &amp; EXPENSE</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>
<b>REVENUE:</b>			
Offertory Collections	157,252.98	163,500.00	(6,247.02)
Other Regular Income	24,369.00	30,350.00	(5,981.00)
Revenue Subject to GET	3,600.00	33,000.00	(29,400.00)
Usual (Non-Scheduled) Income	<u>28,013.65</u>	<u>22,910.00</u>	<u>5,103.65</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>213,235.63</b>	<b>249,760.00</b>	<b>(36,524.37)</b>
<b>EXPENSE:</b>			
Employment Cost	105,275.43	105,869.00	(593.57)
Professional Service	1,727.34	4,517.00	(2,789.66)
Property and Liability Insurance	21,384.86	21,673.64	(288.78)
Leadership Development	3,039.35	15,825.00	(12,785.65)
Supplies & Other Services	21,877.69	33,720.00	(11,842.31)
Fundraising Expenses	-	2,500.00	(2,500.00)
Repairs & Maintenance	53,891.88	106,500.00	(52,608.12)
Utilities	15,651.91	14,500.00	1,151.91
Contributions & Assessments	22,706.00	22,945.00	(239.00)
General Excise & Property tax	709.33	2,062.00	(1,271.67)
Depreciations	<u>3,711.20</u>	<u>3,374.04</u>	<u>337.16</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>250,055.99</u></b>	<b><u>333,485.68</u></b>	<b><u>(83,429.69)</u></b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b><u>(36,820.36)</u></b>	<b><u>83,725.68</u></b>	<b><u>46,905.32</u></b>

*This annual report summarizes the financial activities of the church for the period July 1, 2018 Through June 30 2019. The church has been in good position for the 12 months of operations As shown in the first page of this report.*

*The church received \$213,235.63 from all sources of income and spent \$250,055.99, resulting in A net deficit of \$36,820.36 mainly due to construction work our convent. However, monies Raised from SOC fundraiser in May 2018 covered this cost.*

*The Finance Council continues to be committed to serving the church and o remain faithful To our God and to Our Lady of the Mount Church. Thank you so very much for your continued Supports and generous donations.*

*If you have any questions regarding his report, please call the Finance Council at 845-0828.*

**Finance Council Member:**

*Rebecca Jandoc \_ Finance Council Chair*

*Eileen Elido - Recorder*

*Francisca Kovaloff - Member*

*Janie Baron - Member*

*Yvonne Tuihalafatai—Bookkeeper*