



OUR LADY OF THE MOUNT CHURCH

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Rev. Fr. Edgar B. Brillantes
Pastor



Rev. Fr. Adrian R. Gervacio
Pastor-Emeritus

Fourth Sunday of Advent

MERRY CHRISTMAS
PEACE AND JOY TO ALL!



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

In a few days, Advent will come to a close and our novena Masses of Simbang-gabi will culminate with the joyous celebration of Christmas. "Christ our Savior is born!" The Advent wreaths become Christmas trees and the Advent candles will become a festival of lights. Advent hymns will turn to joyful Christmas carols. Truly, we can rightfully sing, "Joy to the World!"

We are blessed to celebrate this Christmas. We know that some who were with us last year are now gone. Thru the grace of God, we were able to make our Advent Reconciliation with the Lord and complete the nine Masses of Simbang-gabi in preparation and holy anticipation. We have made our Christmas shopping, wrote our cards, gave as well as received our gifts. We got new high-tech gadgets, put on new wears and had our fellowships and parties. Our cherished traditions and our faith have kept us high in spirit and generous in sharing our time, talent and treasure. We did not mind the sacrifice because we know it's the season of joy and love. The only reason God became one like us is because of his love. Jesus who was born and lived as man is a gift of love for us.

So, on Christmas day, let us welcome Jesus the newborn Savior in our world and in our hearts. Let us join the angels in singing, "Glory to God in the highest and peace to all people of good will." Let us join the shepherds and the Magi from the East coming to adore him and offer him gifts. Let us come to the house of God in our Church and celebrate his birthday right in our midst as his parish family. Then and there we shall be filled with God's grace and exuberant joy greeting one another, "MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

From our hearts to yours, we wish you a very Merry Christmas,

Fr. Edgar & Fr. Adrian



"Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory." Psalm 24:7, 10



Pastor's Corner

By Rev. Fr. Edgar B. Brillantes



Next Sunday's Reading

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

First Reading
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 128:1-5

Second Reading
Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel
Matthew:2:13-15, 19-23

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: *Isaiah 7:10-14*; **Second Reading:** *Romans 1:1-7*

Although Isaiah spoke to God's people of his own time, more than seven centuries later Matthew discerns in this prophecy the hidden but now fully accomplished, intention of God. Significantly the angel addresses Joseph as "son of David." In Jewish law, Joseph was considered Jesus' legal father, and so Jesus was also designated as a member of the house of David. Thus, Matthew again reassures his audience of mostly Jewish Christians that all of Israel's hopes and expectations will be fulfilled in the son to be born of Mary, however mysterious her pregnancy.

Gospel: *Matthew 1:18-24*

Matthew's primary focus rests not on Mary, however, but on the child she carries and his true origin. Twice we are told that Mary's son has been conceived "through the Holy Spirit." Matthew thus presents Jesus, even in his conception, as coming from and so bearing within himself the powerful presence and action of God, or "Holy Spirit." In this way, Matthew suggests another fulfillment of prophecy that Isaiah could not have imagined. Jesus will indeed be "God with us;" in him, divine power will speak and act to establish God's final reign.



SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Vigil - December 24

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts of the Apostles 13:16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1:1-25

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day) carries such importance within the life of the Church that it is in an entire period of liturgical time lasting nearly three weeks. The doctrine of the Incarnation states a fundamental Christian belief that God's divine nature assumed a human nature. In other words, the unseen God became human. Both human and divine natures come together in the person of Jesus Christ. This became known as the "holy exchange," which tells us that the divine became a human being so that humans could become divine.

Matthew, in the genealogy of Jesus, zeroes in on part of the history of God's chosen people. He presents the lineage of Joseph, who faithfully takes Mary and her unborn child into his home, thereby grafting them onto his family tree and fulfilling ancient promises. Salvation history has come to a climax with the Incarnation. God has come among his people in the flesh. Today, we speak of Jesus as the bridegroom of the Church. Isaiah's glorious vision has been fulfilled.

Midnight Mass - December 25

Isaiah 9:1-6; Psalm 96:1-3, 11-13; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-4

At the Mass during the Night celebrating Christ's coming into human history, the Scriptures once again call us to reflect upon past, present and future. Titus bids Christians to live today as Christ taught us when he was on earth, while we wait, stretching toward a final "appearance" of Christ. Luke announces that God fulfills human hopes in ways both complete and exceed our expectations.

At the beginning of the Gospel, Luke describes the situation of God's people some seven centuries later: they live in occupied territory, under control of that era's dominant power, Rome. The evangelist indicates God's definitive fulfillment of all prophecy by referring to Bethlehem, "the city of David" (Luke 2:11). The child born here begins the final act of God's plan of salvation, and this son of David exceeds all Israelite hopes and expectations.

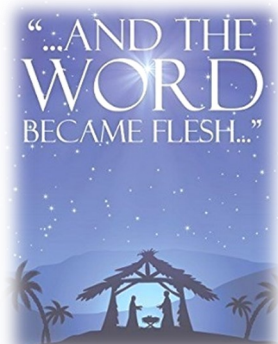
Morning Mass - December 25

Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98:1-6; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-8

In the First Reading, heralds hasten to Jerusalem to announce God's victory over Israel's enemies. The men keeping watch over the city echo the good news, which reverberates throughout the city until everyone is singing for joy. God has liberated his holy city, once besieged and destroyed by Babylon, for all to see. God's people no longer need to lament their circumstances nor feel ashamed of past misdeeds.

The Second Reading complements the prologue of John's account of the Gospel, which presents Jesus in exalted, cosmic language. Just as in the beginning God created by the power of his Word, so Jesus, the embodiment of God's Word, finally and forever saves people from the sin that endangers creation.

John the Baptist, as well as the author and community of the fourth account of the Gospel, have testified that God's Son came among us, as did the author of Hebrews. Today, we raise our voices in joyful song at all that God has done, and we pray that our jubilant cries will reverberate to the ends of the earth.



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>12/7-8/19</u>	<u>12/14-15/19</u>
Saturday (6:00 pm)	75A+0C	54A+0C
Sunday (6:30 am)	64A+0C	64A+0C
Sunday (8:30 am)	114A+30C	116A+2C
Mon, Immac. Concep. 12/9 6:30 am - 34A+0; 6:00 pm - 45A+0C		
<u>SIMBANG GABI - 6:30pm</u>		
12/16 - 109A+6C;	12/19 - 96A+7C	
12/17 - 102A+7C;	12/20 - 102A+2C	
12/18 - 126A+13A		

(A=Adults; C=Children)

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

Saturday (6:00 pm)	\$ 757.00	\$ 704.00
Sunday (6:30 am)	\$ 752.60	\$ 581.14
Sunday (8:30 am)	\$ 1,090.00	\$ 863.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 93.00	\$ 29.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 238.00	\$ 993.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 743.00	\$ NA
Mass Intention	\$ 100.00	\$ 00.00
Candles	\$ 130.00	\$ 180.00
St. Killians Candles	\$ 199.24	\$ NA
Mission Store	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00
St. Augustine Hymnal Book	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00
Credit Card Reimbursement	\$ 94.19	\$ NA
Total	\$ 4,209.03	\$ 3,462.14



"Good people will be rewarded for their good ways."

Proverbs 14:14

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

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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

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Altar & Decorations Ministry - Roselani Ramones

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Ilocano Ministry & Choir - Silverio Palting

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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

Christmas: A Stewardship Reflection

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

“Bah! Humbug!” was the attitude of Ebenezer Scrooge toward the two gentlemen who came looking for a Christmas donation to help the poor and homeless in the streets of London. “All I want to do is eat, drink and be merry!” was the attitude of the rich fool in Jesus’ parable. Neither the wealthy but miserly Scrooge in Charles Dickens’ classic, *A Christmas Carol*, nor Jesus’ miserly fool in the Gospel of Luke (Luke 12:16-21), would find good company with Christian stewards who know those attitudes draw us away from God, not closer.

As we await the coming of Jesus at Christmas, the Advent season is the perfect time to reflect on our own attitudes toward the things we possess and our need to share with others who are less fortunate. There is, of course, no season quite so full of wild abundance as the Christmas season. We are entering a joyful, exuberant time, full of music, family, parties, good food and friends. But every Christian steward knows that there is a shadow side to abundance, particularly material abundance, which brings its own challenges. Poverty, in North America and indeed worldwide, is growing, not diminishing. In the United States alone, one in six Americans now lives below the poverty line. The poor among us become invisible and the poverty that overtakes them becomes a scourge that brings a whole host of societal problems such as hunger, homelessness, crime and domestic violence.

Moreover, a culture that is focused on consuming more and more and built on satisfying the self and ignoring the needs of other people is a culture that impoverishes the soul. A preoccupation with our own wants and possessions fosters a spiritual poverty that has no room for the Lord at its center. That kind of spiritual poverty neglects the true meaning of Christmas in its joy and abundance. Despite the great spiritual significance of this feast, the season becomes a time of material excess.

Scrooge told his charitable solicitors that he wished to be left alone, and all the rich fool wanted was to be left alone with his material abundance. Christian stewards know that these attitudes are not compatible with being followers of Christ Jesus. Let us embrace the joy and the delightfulness of the Christmas season and at the same time remain mindful that the true joy of Christmas is not tied in to the wealth of goods under the tree, but to the abundance of love and generosity that fills our hearts and spills out to others, especially those most in need of our generous spirit.



YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT UPDATES

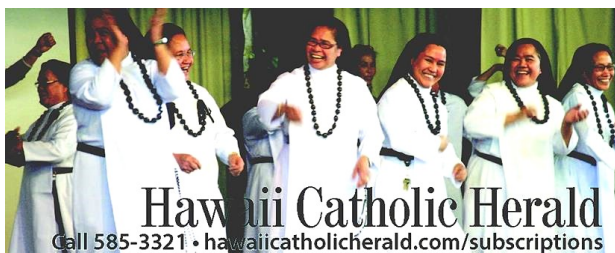
Good News – A new member of the Youth & Young Adult Core Team comes in the person of *Lina Lakalaka*. She just moved from St. Augustine Parish, where she was part of the Youth Core Team, to OLM. Welcome to *Lina*.

The OLM Core team now consists of *Ropati Liua, Diena Peterson, Nicole Peterson, Nickolaus Peterson* and *Lina Lakalaka*. They are preparing an *open house* and gathering at OLM on January 19, 2020, for membership sign-up, dialogue and BBQ fellowship.

The *OLM Youth*, together with the *RE catechists* and *Altar Servers*, sponsored the *Simbang-gabi* fellowship on December 18, Wednesday. They invited religious and guests which include the *Sacred Heart Sisters & Brothers, The Marianists Brothers from St. Louis High School and Chaminade University, the Daughters of St. Paul and Lisa Gomes*, the Diocesan Director of the Youth & Young Adult Ministry. Welcome all to OLM.



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MASS INTENTIONS



Dec 18 > 6:30pm Successful surgery & healing - *Eliza Mateo Domingo* * RIP +*Ricardo Mateo and Ana Francisca Mateo*
Dec 19 > 6:30pm Birthday - *Liberato Valdez; Marilyn Chee*
Dec 21 > 6:30pm Healing - *Fran Kovaloff; Purie Cortez; Jun Cortez; Carlotta Elido* * RIP +*Edgar Aurelio; +Oriol, Dolores, Amante, Larry, Jerry Aurelio; Bert Aguinaldo & Casimiro Susa; +Candido, Romana & Charlie Puzon, Honorio Gamiao; +Paulino Corpuz; +Mae & William Kuboyama*
Dec 22 > 6:30am Birthday - *Lydia Felipe* * Healing - *Purie Cortez; Dottie Pregil; Gwen Perry; Tessie Fontanilla; Caridad Dagdagan; Manuel Espindola* * Safe trip & vacation - *Bella Miranda* * RIP +*Edgar Aurelio; +Oriol, Dolores, Amante, Larry, Jerry Aurelio; Bert Aguinaldo & Casimiro Susa; +Paulino Corpuz; +Mildred Pascua, Edward Chu, Alice Chu*

> 8:30am (*Missa pro populo*) - For parish & parishioners * Birthday - *Brison & Miguel Canoneo* * Health - *Avelina & Michael Orcino Fralaide; Urbano & Crescencia Acosta; Alfonso & Mary Villanueva; Those affected by the measles epidemic in Samoa* * Thanksgiving - *Gloria Atudo* * Special intention - For RCIA candidate *Daniel Kang* * RIP +*Carlos Pasion; +Marcela Ulep; +Simon Cenence; +Pedro Pamaylaon, Abnomian, Herbie, Dominador, Corazon Custado, Narding, Crisanto; +Mae & William Kuboyama*

> 6:30pm RIP +*Candido, Romana, Charlie Puzon & Honorio Gamiao; +Paulino Corpuz; +Mae & William Kuboyama*

Dec 23-24 > 6:30pm RIP +*Candido, Romana, Charlie Puzon & Honorio Gamiao; +Mae & William Kuboyama; +Paulino Corpuz*

Dec 24 > 6:30pm Birthday - *Fr. Spa Silva, Margaret Telles* * Thanksgiving - *Lito & Leah Centino; Martin Souza & family, Meredith Gonzales & family* * RIP +*Mary & David Souza, Ronald Souza*

Dec 25-27 > 6:30am RIP +*Paulino Corpuz* **Dec 28** > Healing—*Gertrude "Piolani" Motta* * Wedding Anniversary - *Caroline & Doren Gruenhagen*

Don't Miss the



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



Oh Holy Night

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

❖ **Good Health / Successful Surgery:** Gertrude "Piolani" Motta * Fran Kovaloff * Eliza Mateo Domingo * Edna Gamiao * Victims of the measles epidemic in Samoa * Carlotta Elido * Nellie Puzon * Tom & Olivia Mita * Amelia Pascual * Jane Pe Benito * Virginia Donato * Purie Cortez * Jun Cortez * Urbano & Crescencia Acosta * Gwen Perry * Carlito, Fred & Delia Lampitoc * Timothy Barroga Sr, Nemeicia Bistayan * Romy Rapisura * Nemecio Lacar * Avelina Orcino Fralaide & Michael O Fralaide * Terencia Membrere * 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:** Lydia Felipe * Liberato Valdez * Marilyn Chee * Fr. Spa Silva * Margaret Telles * Brison & Miguel Canoneo * Caroline & Doren Gruenhagen * Krystle T Parinas * Roselani Ramones * Purie Cortez * 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

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

❖ **Sacerdotal Ordination Anniversary:** Pope Francis (50) * Fr. Mario Raquero (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 * Lito & Leah Centino * Gloria Atudo * Martin Souza & family * Meredith Gonzales & family * Alfredo & Andrea Baptista

❖ **Safe trip:** Bella Miranda * Fr. Floro Bautista * Mila Llantero * Andy & Jay Magbojos * Olivia Mita

❖ **Deceased:** +Mildred Pascua, Edward Chu, Alice Chu * +Mary & David Souza, Ronald Souza * +Ricardo & Ana Francisca Mateo * +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 * +Eleanor 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 * +Pedro Pamaylaon, Abnomian, Herbie, Dominador, Corazon Custado, Narding, Crisanto, Santos & deceased relatives 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, Valentín, 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, Flor & Victoria, Melecio & Eufrecina, Anthony & Linda, Melecio & Benita, William & Juanita * +Chandler Tyrell-Esdicul * +Marcelino Esdicol Sr * +Margaret Kang * +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



**THANK
YOU**

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 Christmas cards and personal gifts to our priests and all kinds of delicacies and foodstuffs being served during our Simbang-gabi fellowships there are also monetary gifts being given as donations to the church by a number of parishioners in the spirit of the season. 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*. Also, in preparation for Christmas and the New Year, *Kalolo Tuihalafatai* freshened up the white paints of the lanes in the parking lot. Thank you all!

****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

Parish Calendar, News & Announcements

FEAST DAY

Dec 23 St. John of Kanty, priest

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

This Sunday, the children and catechists will have their rehearsal for the Christmas Story presentation on Christmas Vigil Mass on December 24. We enjoin the parents and whole family to accompany their children for the family blessing.



KOKUA MINISTRY CLOSED UNTIL JAN 8, 2020



Becky DeCorte, Chair of the Kokua Ministry, announces that the Kokua Office will be closed during the holidays and will re-open on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 from 8:30-10:30am. She and her crew wishes you and your families a very Merry Christmas!

✝ 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 & Interment: January 18, 2020, Valley of 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*.



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*** 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.

On January 12 is the celebration of the **Feast of Santo Nino**.

We remind all married couples that 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.

Parish Christmas Calendar

SIMBANG-GABI SCHEDULE

ORDER OF ASSIGNMENTS

DECEMBER

21 / Saturday

PRIEST

Fr. Edgar

FELLOWSHIP COORDINATORS

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 is enjoining all the faithful in the Diocese of Honolulu to celebrate 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.

Aside from directing the priests to develop in their *Misa de Gallo* or *Simbang-Gabi* homilies the themes that the Philippine Church has been celebrating, the *Feast of Santo Nino* was also mentioned as part of the milestone events. The *Santo Nino* is an image of the Child Jesus which was the first Catholic symbol given as gift by the Spaniards to the first Filipino baptized Catholics in 1521. The *Santo Nino* Visayan Ministry in OLM will spearhead the celebration. We enjoin all Catholics, Filipinos or not, in praying that the Philippines being the only Christian nation in the Far East may continue to uphold the Catholic faith in all areas of their lives.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



DECEMBER 24 > 6:30 PM >>> VIGIL MASS

*Before the Mass > 6:00 PM Christmas Carols by Parish Choir
> 6:15 PM Christmas Story by the RE Children

DECEMBER 25 > 12:00 AM >>> MIDNIGHT MASS

*Before the Mass: > 11:30 PM Christmas Carols by the Parish Choir
Announcement of the Birth of Christ

DECEMBER 25 > 8:30 AM >>> DAY MASS

The Parish Calendars will be distributed after all the Masses. One copy per family

Come one, come all, and celebrate with joy the birth of our Savior



FILIPINO CATHOLIC CLUB

The officers and members of the Oahu Council of Filipino Catholic Clubs (OCFCC) headed by Jennifer Jandoc is holding a Christmas gathering at the Pagoda Restaurant on December 29, 2019. The Filipino Catholic Club OLM Unit headed by Fe Go is attending together with their Spiritual Directors.



ILOCANO MASS

Everyone is invited to attend the *Mass in Ilocano* on December 29 at 6:00pm. It is the feast day of the *Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph* so we shall pray for and bless all families present. Fellowship will follow after Mass which will be a continuing celebration of Christmas with fun, singing and gift-giving.

