



**OUR LADY OF THE MOUNT CHURCH**  
**DIOCESE OF HONOLULU**  
**150<sup>TH</sup> PARISH ANNIVERSARY**

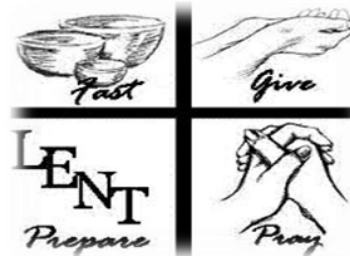


*Rejoice!* (1870-2020) *Rejoice!*

**THEME:**  
**"CELEBRATING AND RENEWING OUR FAITH IN GRATEFUL STEWARDSHIP"**



**BLESSED SEASON OF LENT**



**THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

❖ "LET US PRAY FOR DELIVERANCE FROM THE DEADLY VIRUS AND FOR THE SAFETY AND GOOD HEALTH OF EVERYONE" ❖

\*COVID-19, or *coronavirus disease-2019*, started in China and evolved into a pandemic that is wreaking havoc and chaos in our human world. Tens of thousands have been afflicted and thousands have perished worldwide and still counting. To contain the spread of the virus and prevent further casualties and fatalities, some countries have opted for lock-down where no one could get in or out. Some cities and states in the United States have imposed curfew, 'stay-at-home' orders and shutdowns where most business establishments and institutions not related to health and security are closed. The national and local leaders in the government and health care system, while scrambling for the right and effective antidote, issued advisories discouraging large-group gatherings where the maximum allowed is only ten people and imposed social distancing which keeps people apart for at least 6 ft away from each other. In compliance, the churches throughout the country have suspended Masses on both Sundays and weekdays as well as other church functions and events. Despite these enforcements, the CDC, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, makes a grim forecast that the situation still gets worse before it gets better. This pandemic is really unprecedented and as they say, we are in a new territory. The President, however, recently declared with confidence that we will win this war.

Amidst, this crisis, we certainly cannot just lie supinely on our backs and wait for whatever may happen next. We have to be pro-active doing our part to help quell this threat to our health and life. First of all, as believers in a Supreme Being, we turn to Him for his heavenly protection and guidance. He surely cares for us all and so there's no need to fear or panic. While at home, we take this opportunity to have quality time as family enjoying each one's presence and company as we share our personal stories or good cooking and pray together for God's blessing. Now is a good time to open our Bible and read the greatest love story between God and humankind. We observe the basic hygiene practices and follow the advisory from our government leaders and health authorities. We are in this together as one people and with our joined force we shall overcome this darkness and with faith in our hearts our loving God will lead us towards the light at the end of the tunnel.



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*"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want." Psalm 23:1*



## Pastor's Corner



By Rev. Fr. Edgar B. Brillantes

### Next Sunday's Reading Fifth Sunday of Lent

**First Reading**  
Ezekiel 37:12-14

**Responsorial Psalm**  
Psalm 130:1-8

**Second Reading**  
Romans 8:8-11

**Gospel**  
John 11:1-45

### First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

This Reading recounts the anointing of the young shepherd boy, David, as king of Israel. In the story God directs Samuel to Jesse of Bethlehem, who had eight sons. From Jesse's sons would come the next king of Israel. To the surprise of everyone, God chooses Jesse's youngest son., David. It was what God saw in David's heart that made him different from his brothers. Israel was learning to rely on divine vision to guide its history and its destiny.

### Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

In his Letter to the Ephesians, Paul presents teaching and exhortations that are applicable to all of the baptized. He encourages them to "live as children of the light, producing "goodness and righteousness and truth."

### Gospel: John 9:1-41

The divine vision of Jesus drives today's Gospel reading from John, the healing of the man born blind. The blind man's healing begins with a simple and logical question from the disciples: Was the man born blind because he or his parents had sinned? It is only Jesus alone who sees that the man was born blind not because of sin; rather, the man was born blind "so that the works of God might be made visible through him."

*"The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me to go to Siloam and wash. I went there and washed and was able to see." John 9:11*



### 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 Rafael Mendoza  
Technology Consultant - Jun Cortez

### PERSONNEL

Custodian - Lolito Dullin  
Music Ministry & Choir - Mary Ann Llamado

### COMMITTEE \* MINISTRY \* ORGANIZATION CHAIRPERSONS

Pastoral Council & Stewardship Council - Marcelino Ulep  
Finance Council - Rebecca Jandoc  
Liturgy Committee, Respect Life & Safe Environment Ministry - Francisca Kovaloff  
Religious Education Coordinator - Lucille Mohika  
RCIA - Dorothy Pregil  
Youth Ministry / Altar Servers / Education - Ropati Liua  
Altar & Decorations Ministry - Roselani Ramones  
Eucharistic Ministry - Cleo Bala-Casino  
Hospitality Committee - Mark Correia  
Lector Ministry & Receptionist - Gloria Rodrigues  
Outreach Coordinator & Family Fun Night - Tom DeCorte  
Sick & Homebound Ministry - Bella Miranda  
Kokua & Food Pantry Ministry - Becky DeCorte  
Parish Planning and Building Committee - Joyce Oliveira  
Website & myParish App Administrator - Tita Calizar

### COMMITTEE \* MINISTRY \* ORGANIZATION CHAIRPERSONS (Contd.)

Filipino Catholic Club - Fe Go  
Ilocano Ministry & Choir - Silverio Palting  
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, 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 w/the mortuary.

## Stewardship News & Announcements

### CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

"Loving another person involves the joy of contemplating and appreciating their innate beauty and sacredness, which is greater than my needs."

\*Vocation: Family, Witness and Mission Calendar, March 2020, J.S. Paluch Company, Inc.



#### PRAYER FOR DELIVERANCE FROM THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

\*By Bishop Larry Silva

Dear God of all the living, you sent your Son Jesus to heal us from illness and sin. We turn to his healing power in this time of anxiety over the pandemic of this potentially deadly virus. St. Damien and St. Marianne Cope dedicated their lives to the service of those who had an infectious disease. St. Marianne Cope said, "I am not afraid of any disease," because she was confident in your power to save. At the same time, she took prudent precautions of hygiene to assure that she and her Sisters would not be infected.

Let us learn from this example to put our trust in you to save us from the ravages of disease and to take prudent measures to prevent its spread. Guide us to know when to isolate ourselves from the possibility of infection, but never let anyone be left without the care and concern of others in the community. As our Diocese of Honolulu has been dedicated to the Divine Mercy, we pray with confidence, "Jesus, I trust in you."

Saint Damien, pray for us!  
Saint Marianne, pray for us!

#### MASS ATTENDANCE

	<u>3/14-15/20</u>	<u>3/7-8/20</u>
Saturday (6:00 pm)	50A+1C	60A+2C
Sunday (6:30 am)	68A+0C	54A+0C
Sunday (8:30 am)	91A+18C	133A+30C

(A=Adults; C=Children)

#### SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

Saturday (6:00 pm)	\$ 570.00	\$ 957.00
Sunday (6:30 am)	\$ 678.00	\$ 538.19
Sunday (8:30 am)	\$ 751.34	\$ 1,160.88
Initial Offering	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 238.00
Baptism/Certificate	\$ NA	\$ 20.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 160.00	\$ 495.00
St. Augustine Hymnal Project	\$ NA	\$ 30.00
Candles	\$ 374.75	\$ 160.00
Total	\$ 3,584.09	\$ 3,599.07

*Thank you*

*"Good people always lend freely to others  
and their children are a blessing."  
Psalm 37:26*

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

**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:

#### MAHALO TO GOOD STEWARDS

##### \*\*\*GIFTS OF LOVE

❖ We acknowledge all generous contributions which support our pastoral programs and ongoing projects as well as the basic operation of the Church and the rectory through the regular Sunday offering envelopes and donations. We, the priests, the parish staff and leaders, deeply appreciate and gratefully acknowledge all dear parishioners who faithfully and steadily support our Church with their prayers, stewardship and personal involvement in our parish activities and programs.

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

##### ❖ REPAIR & MAINTENANCE

\*\*\*RENOVATION OF THE CONVENT – The 4<sup>th</sup> phase of the renovation which includes carpentry and repainting is ongoing and being done by the *Okamura Contractor, Inc.* Joyce Oliveira, head of the *Parish Planning & Building Committee (PPBC)* and Roger Isidro as the Project Manager are supervising the job. Doing the prep work were *Kalolo Tuihalafatai* and *Roger Isidro* with the help of *Frankie Cabral* and *Lito Dullin*.

The remaining works on plumbing and upgrading of power lines and electric installations will be done by *Kalolo Tuihalafatai*, *Rudy Fiesta*, *Adriano Daligcon*, *Roger Isidro* and the volunteer members of the *PPBC* but the parish has to purchase the materials. The funds are taken from the proceeds of the last fundraising in November spearheaded by *Becky Jandoc* and the *Finance Council Team*. The remainder of the expenses will be taken out from Parish Repair & Maintenance stewardship collection.



\*Painting the interior of the convent.



## ❖ GUIDANCE FROM THE CHURCH

On March 16, 2020, Bishop Larry Silva of the Diocese of Honolulu issued a directive that in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and in compliance with the Center for Disease Control's most recent strong recommendations for the containment of the contagious deadly coronavirus – *"The public celebration of the Holy Mass will be canceled in all locations, effective at noon on March 17 through Tuesday, March 31, inclusive. The faithful are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays during this period."* All other services are cancelled except Funeral Masses or services and weddings that have been scheduled before the crisis struck. The bereaved families, however, are urged to limit the number of guests and that social distancing be observed.

### WHAT WE CAN DO AS GOD'S FAITHFUL:

- 1> Keep the Lord's Day holy by participating in the live streaming or telecast of the Mass in the EWTN TV channel or other stations in the comfort of your living room. Pray the *Prayer for Spiritual Communion (printed below)* when it's time for Holy Communion.
- 2> Pray individually or as a family at home your favorite novenas or devotions such as the Holy Rosary, Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, or Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help.
- 3> Reflect on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord thru the Stations of the Cross.
- 4> Go to *myParish* app and say the prayers or read the Scripture readings of the day's liturgy and other spiritual menu found in there. You can also read our Parish Bulletin there and the Hawaii Catholic herald. There are also current church news to keep yourself abreast with what's happening in the Catholic world. To download *myParish* app – Text "app" then 88202, then scroll the list of parishes to "Our Lady of the Mount".
- 5> Pray the *Prayer for Deliverance from the Coronavirus (printed on page 3)* composed by Bishop Larry Silva.



## Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

### 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



### REFLECTION: PEACE NOT PANIC

In this chaotic period let us take time to reflect on what the Lord may be telling us as individuals, as a country, as a world community. Let us not leave the Almighty God out of the picture. Now more than ever we need to believe in God and his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. While our country's leaders are giving advisory and exhorting all to abide by the guidelines, our God is also speaking thru the Bishop's advisory and directives and let's make sure that we are listening and doing accordingly. Let us all look into our hearts, and rediscover and bring out all the goodness within.

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Certainly, in this time of great uncertainty, the Catholic Church has a critical role to play in safeguarding the health and lives of the people. What parishes and individual Catholics can do is to face the crisis calmly, not scared or panic and help each other stay safe and healthy.

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This is the time for stronger faith in God who turns our panic to peace. He is in complete control of everything and everyone. He is on our side and fights for us. He makes the impossible, possible.

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We should not panic and instead pray for the scientists and researchers who are working steadily to find the antidote to eradicate COVID-19 from the face of the earth soon, perhaps within the week, within the month, sooner than soon! We honor them, and all the doctors and their medical team, and those who are involved in caring and treating the sick. Let us keep believing that there is a solution, and that it will come soon.

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If we do the necessary precautions and preventive measures, such as keeping basic hygiene habits, there is really no reason to panic. This is the time to be vigilant, and to be responsible for each other. Let us pray for our government leaders and follow the instructions of health care authorities and medical professionals.

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Above all, let us heed our Lord Jesus inviting us today and every day to follow him more closely. By listening to his infinitely merciful and caring voice, we can bring to him our fears and anxieties and he will turn our panic into peace. Instead of spreading the virus, let us spread the healing power of the Lord all over the world. Amen

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Ephesians 5:8-14

*"You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them...and Christ will give you light."*

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Prayer: *Lord, take away our fears, and turn our panic into peace. Amen.*



**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Mar 13** > 6:30am RIP +*Teresita Paranada Braceros; +Juan, Crisanta, Pedro, Jose & Benigno Tangonan*
- Mar 15** > 6:00pm (Ilocano Mass) Thanksgiving - *M/M Renato dela Rosa; M/M Noemi Joseph & Mila Llantero; Silver & Marivic Palting* \* Birthday - *Brenton & Brandilyn Aczon, Emeline Bacani Chesser, Ador Padilla, Guillermo Bacani* \* Healing - *Eliza Domingo* \* Wedding anniversary - *Orlando & Edel Matias (48)* \* RIP +*Deceased family & relatives of Silver & Marivic Palting; +Francisco, Genara, Alfredo, Amelito Cabral; +Augusto Morales; +Riquena & Timotea Ancheta, Rosita & Dario Antolin, Casimira & Florentina Dumot, Benito Antolin Jr; For family harmony, Peace in the world, Deliverance from the covid-19 pandemic*
- Mar 15-23** > RIP +*Julia Ustare*
- Mar 16-21** > RIP +*Teresita Paranada Braceros*
- Mar 19** > Wedding anniversary - *Liberato & Rosario Valdez (45)*
- Mar 21** > Healing - *Guy Miranda; Alfredo Baptista* \* RIP +*Bernardo Centino Sr* \* +*Teresita Paranada Braceros; +Julia Ustare; +Juan Teocson Sr; +Ranulfa Teocson*
- Mar 22** > (*Missa pro populo*) - For parish & parishioners \* Birthday - *Jocelyn Ramiscal; Teresita & Clemente Fontanilla* \* Healing - *Luida Susa; Tessie Fontanilla; Caridad Dagdagan; Arsenia Uganiza; Florentino Orcino; Leonardo Atendido; Amando & Palmas Flores; Alfonso & Mary Villanueva* \* RIP +*Cesario Pascual; +Silvestre Marquez; +Teresita Paranada Braceros; +Julia Ustare; +Pedro & Pacita Cenence, Simon, Toribio & Nieves Cenence; +Juan & Ranulfa Teocson*
- Mar 23** > Birthday - *Loretta Tabin* \* RIP +*Julia Ustare*
- Mar 27** > RIP +*Orlando Artates (1st Death anniv)*
- Mar 28** > RIP +*Caroline Rodrigues, Georgina Gomes, Bessie Soong*
- Mar 29** > Birthday - *Segundo "Doi" Facuri*
- Mar 30** > RIP +*Fr Lawrence Mampaey*



**Deadline:** Please submit your **Mass intentions** by Thursday if you want them printed on time for the weekend Parish Bulletin.  
**Reminder:** The offering for intentions per one Mass starts at \$10. Mahalo.



**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

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❖**Good Health / Successful Surgery:** Luida Susa \* Alfredo Baptista \* Arsenia Uganiza \* Florentino Orcino \* Guy Miranda \* Leonardo Atendido \* Armando & Palmas Flores \* Sylvia Silva \* Andy & Marina Torio \* Amelia Pascual \* Daniel Kang \* Gwen Perry \* Timothy Barroga Sr \* Charlie Newman \* Marie Schwengler \* Tessie Fontanilla \* Petronila Jandoc \* Susan Reynon \* Betsaida Vila \* Marilou Bruno \* Katrina Santos \* Caridad Dagdagan \* Valentina Elliazar \* Vicenta Baron \* Alfonso & Mary Villanueva \* John Guieb \* Jesse Ulep \* George Calizar \* Joann Gibbs \* Marvin & Sally Moore \* Clara Adlawan \* Jeanne Oshiro \* Stanley & Martha Castro

❖**Birthday:** Segundo 'Doi' Facuri \* Loretta Tabin \* Brenton & Brandilyn Aczon \* Emeline Bacani Chesser \* Ador Padilla \* Guillermo Bacani \* Grace Brillantes \* Sr. Dora Nuetzi, MM \* Coby Jay Jacinto \* Sr. Clemence Mira, SPC \* Leo Brillantes \* Clemente & Teresita Fontanilla \* Julie Manuel \* Marina Pescador \* Medy Macalma \* Marcos Brillantes \* Nancy Coelho \* Dusty Miranda \* Juliana B Aguinaldo, Ava B Balmores & Natsuki Balmores \* Geri Mina \* Adoracion Laguer \* Sharlene Daligcon \* Jocelyn Ramiscal \* Steven Ramiscal

❖**Ordination Anniversary:** Fr. Adrian Gervacio (53<sup>rd</sup>)

❖**Wedding Anniversary:** Romeo & Minda Teocson (43) \* Orlando & Edel Matias (48) \* Liberato & Rosario Valdez (45) \* Nato & Adoracion Laguer (45) \* Adriano & Norma Daligcon (42)

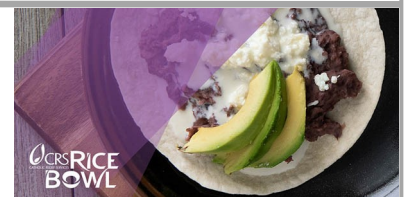
❖**Special intention & Thanksgiving:** Special blessing for all supporters and donors of the "Save Our Convent" Fund Drive \* For the success of the Stewardship campaign at OLM \* For all Seminarians and increase of priestly vocations in the Diocese \* For a meaningful and spiritually fruitful celebration of our 150<sup>th</sup> Parish Anniversary \* For the deliverance and healing of those afflicted with the covid-19 \* For RCIA candidate Daniel Kang \* Petition for spiritual favors thru St. Anthony of Padua \* Thanksgiving by M/M Renato dela Rosa; Noemi Joseph & Mila Llantero \* Silverio & Marivic Palting \* Jose Cadiz & family \* Adriano & Norma Daligcon \* Vicente & Luz Velasco & family \* Rosita Dolormente, Lito & Ivy Ellazar & family \* Bacani family

❖**Deceased:** +Fr Lawrence Mampaey \* +Caroline Rodrigues, Georgina Gomes, Bessie Soong \* +Florentino Sotto \* +Simon Cenence \* +Pedro & Pacita, Simon, Toribio & Nieves Cenence \* +Julia Lucas Ustare \* +Orlando Artates \* +Juan, Crisanta, Pedro, Jose & Benigno Tangonan \* +Bernardo Centino Sr \* +Patricia Drummundo \* +Fr. Henry Sabog, David Franks, Cora Custado \* +Eddie Zanellato \* +Genesa Balanay \* +Teresita Paranada Braceros \* +Rosalina D Mina \* +Cesario Pascual \* +Angela & Ismael Garcia \* +Joe & Millie Josol \* +Simplicio Canoneo \* +Frank Fernandes \* +Silvestre Marquez \* +Ranulfa Teocson \* +Juan Teocson Sr \* +Ramon Villanueva Agbayani \* Purie Amigable Cortez (40<sup>th</sup> day) \* +Arnel C Domingo \* +Jose Jandoc Sr \* +Florencio Clemente \* +Pio, Consuelo & Jovito Alcantra, Conrado Benitez Sr \* +Elvira Jandoc \* +Frida Pacleb \* +Perla Alonzo \* +Pedro Atudo \* +Emiliano & Teodora Lumabao, Juan & Basilsa Suazo, Nicomedes & Ines Lorenzo \* +Pedro Lorenzo \* +Dafosa Lorenzo \* +Martha Lorenzo \* +Flora Lorenzo \* +Marcela & Basilio Icarangal \* +Fr. Amador Foz \* +Richard "Sonny" Peralta \* +Elizabeth Ragaza \* +Teofilo Membrete \* +Fr Clarence Guerreiro \* +Ely Purganan \* +Rosario Purganan \* Loreta Pascual \* +Pedro, Urbana & Virgilio Artates; Ronald Palce; Pio & Victoriana Bacani \* +Dominador, Domingo, Cisneros, Quirina, Linda, Norberto, Teofilo, Virgilia \* +Pedro Pamaylaon, Apolonia, Abnomian, Herbei, Antonio, Francisca, Meliton, Margarita, Potenciano, Norma, Maria, Jesusa \* \* +Edgar Aurelio \* +Paulino Corpuz \* +Marlene Facuri, Leonora Tesoro \* Felix Edmalin \* +Chandler Tyrell-Esdicul \* +Marcelino Esdicol Sr \* +Margaret Kang \* +Marjorie Vannatta \* +Clara Martinez \* +Jaime Saldua Uganiza \* +Cres 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

**For Lent, For Life – 2020 CRS Rice Bowl**

**WEEK FOUR – FOR LENT, FOR LIFE!**

The impact of coronavirus is a challenging reminder of our need to encounter God and Witness to Jesus through Global Solidarity. Catholic Relief Services provides the opportunity to do this in our Lenten prayer, sacrifice and acts of mercy.



CRS RICE BOWL





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

## URGENT MEMORANDUM

To: Clergy, Religious and Laity of the Diocese of Honolulu and all Visitors to the Hawaiian Islands  
 From: Most Reverend Larry Silva, Bishop of Honolulu  
 Date: March 16, 2020

### Subject: RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN THE DIOCESE OF HONOLULU

As we are all aware, we are in a unique time in which a pandemic that has had deadly effects needs to be halted. The Diocese of Honolulu has already sent out directives about how to keep as safe as possible during our liturgies and our spiritual, educational and social gatherings. The situation has rapidly changed, however, and in light of the Center for Disease Control's most recent strong recommendations for containment of this contagious virus, I am now offering these directives to be followed in all parishes, ethnic communities, and oratories in the Diocese of Honolulu.

**The public celebration of Mass will be canceled in all locations, effective at noon on March 17 through Tuesday, March 31, inclusive. I am dispensing all the faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays during this period.** (Please see below for more information.)

Funeral Masses/Services and Weddings that are already scheduled to take place during this period may proceed as scheduled, but families are encouraged to limit the number of guests so that the necessary social distancing can be accomplished. Baptisms and other services scheduled during this time are to be postponed, and no other such services are to be scheduled during this period. Communal Penance Services are canceled. Priests will avail themselves for individual confessions by appointment or according to the schedule published by each parish.

Pastors are to do all they can to have their churches open throughout the day for private prayer.

All other gatherings of people in our parishes and schools are to be canceled so that social distancing can be practiced. Consideration should be given to meetings via social media platforms, if needed.

The Chrism Masses scheduled on Hawaii Island (March 24), Kauai (March 26), and Maui (March 31) are canceled. The Chrism and holy oils will be consecrated and blessed on Oahu on April 2, but at this point only the clergy and the liturgical ministers of that Mass will be invited to attend. The holy oils will later be sent to the Neighbor Islands.

The Mass for the Launch of 500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines Hawaii Celebration scheduled for April 4 is canceled and will be celebrated at a later date after the current crisis subsides.

The decision to cancel Masses is a very serious decision that was not taken lightly and that was made after consultation with the members of the Priests Council. Priests are to offer private Masses for the spiritual welfare of the people they serve, and pastors especially are still obliged to offer the Mass *pro populo* (for the people of the parish) every Sunday.

On Friday, March 27, we will reassess the situation and decide about the best course of action after March 31.

While nothing can fully replace the celebration of the Eucharist, in which we physically encounter the risen Lord Jesus as he offers us his Body and Blood for nourishment, all are encouraged to keep the Lord's day holy by spending time in prayer and reflection. Mass will be celebrated without the congregation and live-streamed from the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace in Honolulu each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and can be accessed at <https://www.facebook.com/HonoluluCathedralBasilica> or [www.hictv.com](http://www.hictv.com). In addition, other parishes may livestream the private Mass of the priest, so check your parish's website to see if this service is offered. EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network – Channel 30 for cable customers; Channel 261 for Dish customers) broadcasts Mass daily.

The Scripture readings for Sunday, Solemnity, and Weekday Masses are available at [usccb.org/bible/readings](http://usccb.org/bible/readings). All are encouraged to spend time reflecting on these Scriptures, especially on Sundays.

During this time of crisis, let us pray for one another and for the health and safety of all in our community. For many, "fasting" from the Mass will be the most difficult fast they have undertaken, but we pray that it will help us be even more appreciative of this great gift of Christ's ongoing presence with us.

Finally, I present the Prayer for the COVID-19 Pandemic to you for your daily reflection and for sharing with your friends.

# Parish Calendar, News & Announcements

## FEAST DAY

Mar 23 St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, bishop



Mar 25 Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

## ✝ OBITUARY



### +JULIA LUCAS USTARE, 82

Gravesite Service & Interment: March 23, 2020, 12:00pm at Valley of the Temples Memoria Park

Memorial Service: July 11, 2020, 10:30am at Valley of the Temples Mortuary Chapel

### +GENESA BALANAY, 97

Wake Service: March 24, 2020, 6:30pm at Valley of the Temples Mortuary

Funeral Service: March 25, 2020, 10:30am at Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa

Interment: March 25, 2020, 12:00pm at Valley of the Temples Memorial Park

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

HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILIES.

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## 150<sup>TH</sup> PARISH ANNIVERSARY (1870-2020) EVENTS

❖Due to the COVID-19 disaster, the scheduled parish anniversary events had to be cancelled and reset. So, we shall set a new date for the Parish Mission on "The New Evangelization in the Spirit of Stewardship" to be presented by Dominic Olaso, Head-Servant of the Evangelization Task Force.

❖The Lenten Penance Service & Confessions as well as the Stations of the Cross are also cancelled. Depending on the development of the crisis, we shall also set new schedules for these spiritual activities.



\*The 150<sup>th</sup> Parish Anniversary banner is proudly displayed in front of the parking lot welcoming all who join our celebration.



\*Sign posted at all the gates to the church compound in the time of the COVID-19 crisis



## ✝ RCIA

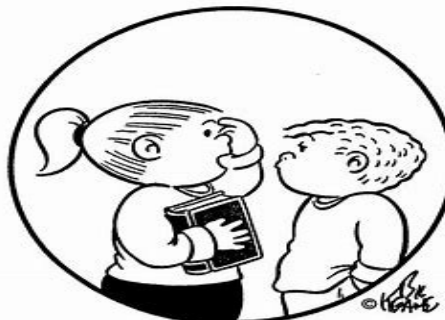
(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Catechumen: DANIEL KANG

\*The RCIA is for anyone interested to know more about the Catholic faith and after proper instruction and preparation may receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist simultaneously on Easter Vigil.

Facilitator: Dottie Pregil

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS



*"Conscience is e-mail your head gets from God."*

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