

Our Lady of the Mount Church

Roman Catholic Church * Diocese of Honolulu

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Rev. Fr. Edgar B. Brillantes
Pastor

Rev. Fr. Adrian R. Gervacio
Pastor-Emeritus



At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, afterwards he was hungry.
Matthew 4:1

BLESSED SEASON OF LENT

150TH PARISH ANNIVERSARY (1870-2020) EVENTS

❖ March 7-8: SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING & HEALING

*Done within the Masses

* Who can receive the Sacrament?

Anointing of the Sick is a Sacrament of the Church and is offered to Catholics who are dangerously ill due to sickness or injury and old age starting 70 years old. The Sacrament is for serious mental or emotional illness as well. While we should not be excessively concerned about the degree of seriousness of the condition, the casual participation in the Sacrament must be avoided in good conscience.



❖ RELIGIOUS FILM SHOWING

* **March 11 / Wednesday at 6:00 PM** in the Parish Hall

*Sponsored by the *Adult Faith Formation* and *Stewardship Committees*.

❖ LENTEN PARISH MISSION

* **March 18, 19, 20 at 6:00 PM-8:00 PM** in the Parish Hall

**THEME: CALL TO EVANGELIZATION IN THE SPIRIT OF STEWARDSHIP

*Speaker: *Dominic Olasso*, Servant-Leader of the *Diocesan Evangelization Task Force*

❖ LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE & RECONCILIATION

* **March 20 / Friday at 7:00 PM**

*Priest from other parishes will be available for Confessions



❖ STATIONS OF THE CROSS

* **Every Friday of Lent at 6:30 PM starting February 28**

*The parish councils, committees, ministries and organizations take turns in leading the devotion.



"Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned." *Psalm 51:38*



Pastor's Corner

By Rev. Fr. Edgar B. Brillantes



Next Sunday's Reading Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading
Genesis 12:1-4

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 51:3-6, 12-13, 17

Second Reading
2 Timothy 1:8-10

Gospel
Matthew 17:1-9

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The First Reading tells us the story of Israel, which includes some of the main figures from the Old Testament: Adam, Abraham, Moses, David, and Ezekiel. Through Israel's sacred story we understand better the story of Jesus as told by the Apostle Paul and the evangelists Matthew and John.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

In his Letter to the Romans, Paul contrasts Adam with Jesus. As a Pharisee trained in the interpretation of the law, Paul was aware of today's First Reading from Genesis, the story of the creation of Adam and the fall of Adam and Eve. Paul saw in Adam and Eve's fall the tragic consequences of sin and death for all people. But Paul also saw in Jesus' Death and Resurrection the universal gift of life and acquittal of sin for all people. Paul made sense of the Cross by contrasting Jesus' obedience with Adam's disobedience.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

In the Gospel reading, Matthew tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. With the temporal setting of forty days and forty nights and the spatial setting of the desert, Matthew's Jewish community likely heard this temptation story in relation to the forty-year desert experience of Moses and the Israelites told in the Books of Exodus and Numbers. But whereas ancient Israel failed in the desert, Jesus was victorious.

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 Llamedo
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
Kokua & Food Pantry Ministry - Becky DeCorte
Parish Planning and Building Committee - Joyce Oliveira
Website & myParish App Administrator - Tita Calizar

COMMITTEE * MINISTRY * ORGANIZATION CHAIRPERSONS (Contd.)

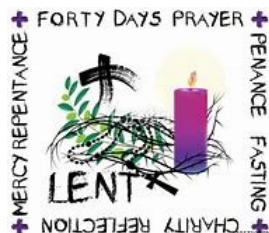
Filipino Catholic Club - Fe Go
Ilocano Ministry & Choir - Silverio Palting
Knights of Columbus - Andresito Magbojos
Prison & Hospital Ministries - Wilfred Soong
Stewardship Counter & Receptionist - Linda Puzon
Crisis Management / Cemetery Maintenance - Kalolo Tuihalafatai
Santo Niño Devotion & Visayan 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 / RCIA 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.



STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
 You made the light to shine out of darkness,
 a light that reveals the goodness of all you have created.
 Your Son tells us we are the light of the world.
 It is a dark world in desperate need of
 your infinite love and mercy.
 Help us to be good stewards of the
 light you shine in our hearts
 so that through this precious gift,
 we too may reveal your handiwork.
 And by the power of Your Spirit,
 show us how to shine our light before others,
 that they may see our good deeds and glorify you.
 We pray this in the name of Christ Jesus, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one
 God, forever and ever.
 Amen.

MASS ATTENDANCE

	<u>2/15-16/20</u>	<u>2/22-23/20</u>
Saturday (6:00 pm)	59+0C	52A+0C
Sunday (6:30 am)	53A+0C	52A+1C
Sunday (8:30 am)	106A+24C	124A+31C
Sunday (4:00 pm—Family Day)	114A+5C	
Ash Wednesday 2/26: 6:30 am—	54A+0C;	
6:00 pm—	132A+23C	

(A=Adults; C=Children)

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS



Saturday (6:00 pm)	\$ 718.00	\$ 753.00
Sunday (6:30 am)	\$ 448.00	\$ 959.00
Sunday (8:30 am)	\$ 749.50	\$ 858.36
Initial Offering	\$ 3.00	\$ 5.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 38.00	\$ 150.00
Donation	\$ 000.00	\$ 920.41
150th Parish Anniversary	\$ 0.00	\$ 626.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ NA	\$ 23.00
Funeral	\$ 500.00	\$ NA
Mass Intentions	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
Candles	\$ 87.00	\$ 247.00
Total	\$ 2,663.50	\$ 4,661.77

"We should love people not only with words and talk, but by our actions and true caring." 1 John 3:17-18

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship of God's Word: Reading the Bible

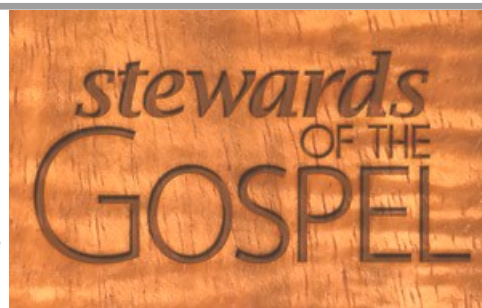
February is a transitional month, especially in 2020 with its 26th day as Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent. Many of us also begin to hope that spring will be around the next corner. The first seed catalog we find in the mail reminds us this must be true, yet we know it's not time to turn the soil. We wait in the quiet of late winter.

What better time than February, before Lent and the advent of spring, to settle in for some reading and praying with sacred scripture? February can be a quiet time of patient reflection for the Christian steward. The psalms, like so many biblical passages, remind us of the benefits of reading God's word: "Your word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Ps 119:105). Our liturgical year offers us a wonderful pathway to the Bible by providing Lectionary readings for each day. Our Sunday Gospel readings this year come to us mainly from Saint Matthew. In the month of February, we have an opportunity to reflect on Christ's teachings in his Sermon on the Mount with its hope-filled Beatitudes. This Gospel is ideal for spending time with the Lord in quiet meditation.

In the Gospel of Saint Matthew Jesus gives us a guide to Christian living. If you choose to read this great book of the Bible, consider just one episode in the Gospel each time you read it. Put yourself into the scene. See what words strike a chord in you. Ask the Lord to help you know him through the Gospel reading. One of the hallmarks of Saint Matthew's Gospel is his emphasis on discipleship and what it means to follow Jesus. Christian stewards look to this Gospel to gain new insights into their journey of faith; and much like the desires of gardeners, long for the seeds of the Gospel, especially the Beatitudes, to be planted in their own hearts.

Find some quiet time. Pick up your Bible. And use God's gift of these quiet February days to deepen your knowledge of Christ through sacred scripture.

(Lifted from International Catholic Stewardship Council e-bulletin February 2020).



Heartfelt THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

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.

*****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 *Facilities & Maintenance Committee* headed by *Joyce Oliveira* finalized an agreement with *Okamura Contractor, Inc.* to continue the renovation of the old convent. Specifically, the areas that are covered are the carpentry and repainting. The contract price is \$44,263.86. The works on plumbing and rewiring of electrical lines will be done by the members of the parish committee with free labor but the parish has to purchase the materials. The funds used are taken from the proceeds of the last fundraising in November which garnered \$40,000. The remaining expenses will be shouldered by the parish from its Repair & Maintenance stewardship collection.

****REPLACING THE WINDOW SCREENS** – *Roger Isidro*, member of the Parish Facilities & Maintenance Committee, installed new screens on the windows in the sacristy and rectory offices. They have to be replaced because of wear and tear.

****RESTROOM FOR DISABLED** – *Adriano Daligon* replaced the door lock and key to the restroom by the church. We do appreciate his kind services.

❖**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* of *Florist Grand* thru OLM parishioner *Adoracion Padilla*. Also making an offering for altar flowers is *Gilda Miyashiro*. Mahalo and God bless you!



Church cleaners: *Angie Sera, Nelie Puzon, Marivic Palting, Cora Orcino, Roselani Ramones, Clem Ulep, Dave & Gerald Bacus, & Silver Palting*

❖**GROUNDSKEEPER** – 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!

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

FAMILY DAY Sights & Sounds

Congratulations to the couples who attended the Marriage Enrichment session and who renewed their marriage vows during the special Mass celebrated in their honor and for all families on February 16. The *Family Day* is a special feature of our **150th Parish Anniversary** for the month of February. All married couples were invited to join.



Dindo & Cathy Villanueva, Marc & Clem Ulep, Jose & Fe Go, Fr. Edgar, Armando & Palmas Flores, Rosario & Florencio Sipalay, and Marivic & Silver Palting



OLM's longest married couple of 61 years: Bill & Joan Amoroso



The happy "Newly Weds" ... dance the night away!!

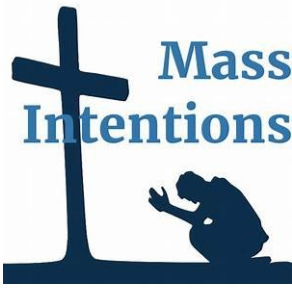
Ping Lopez — "He's back!"



Fr. Edgar Brillantes with Altar Servers: Ropati Liua, LQ & Nathaniel Culao, lead the recession.

Jun & Nida Flores





MASS INTENTIONS

- Feb 22** > 6:00pm RIP +Gerald "Jerry" Petznick
- Feb 23** > 8:30am RIP +Meliton, Teofilo, Francisca, Crispina, Maximo, Fely Datulayta, Norma, Linda Villarín, Jessa, Rendenta, Leonardo
- Feb 24-27** > 6:30am RIP +Florencio Clemente; +Nellie Tomas; +Perla Alonzo; +Purie Cortez
- Feb 25** > 6:30am Birthday - Dusty Miranda
- Feb 26** > 6:30am & 6:00pm Birthday - Wilson Montemayor * RIP +Ranulfa Teocson
- Feb 27** > 6:30am Healing - Alfredo Baptista; Arsenia Uganiza * RIP +Arnel C Domingo
- Feb 28** > 6:30am RIP +Purie Amigable Cortez (40th day)
- Feb 29** > 6:00pm Healing - Guy Miranda; Alfredo Baptista * Special intention for spiritual favors thru St. Anthony of Padua * RIP +Ramon Villanueva Agbayani; +Gerald Petznick; +Ranulfa Teocson
- Mar 1** > 6:30am Healing - Luida Susa; Tessie Fontanilla; Caridad Dagdagan * RIP +Ranulfa Teocson; +Purie Cortez; +Perla Alonzo > 8:30am (Missa pro populo) - For parish & parishioners *Healing - Arsenia Uganiza; Florentino Orcino; Leonardo Atendido; Amando & Palmas Flores * Marriage blessing for - Isidro & Tina Lumabao * RIP +Silvestre Marquez; +Frida Pacleb; +Jose Jandoc Sr
- Mar 2-6** > 6:30am Healing - Luida Susa; Arsenia Uganiza; Florentino Orcino
- Mar 4** > 6:30am RIP +Joe & Millie Josol; +Simplicio Canoneo
- Mar 5** > 6:30am Birthday - Nancy Coelho
- Mar 6** > 6:30am RIP +Juan Teocson Sr
- Mar 7** > 6:00pm Birthday - Tessie Fontanilla



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



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- ❖**Good Health / Successful Surgery:** Luida Susa * Alfredo Baptista * Arsenia Uganiza * Florentino Orcino * Guy Miranda * Leonardo Atendido * Aldrin Daligcon * Ranier Agustin * Rundel Aguinaldo * Armando & Palmas Flores * Sylvia Silva * Andy & Marina Torio * Amelia Pascual * William Jr & Pearleen Cabasag * Ria Zapanta Ortiz * Daniel Kang * Gwen Perry * Timothy Barroga Sr * Avelina Orcino Fralaide & Michael O Fralaide * 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 * Nellie Tomas * Jesse Ulep * George Calizar * Joann Gibbs * Florentino Sotto * Marvin & Sally Moore * Clara Adlawan * Jeanne Oshiro * Stanley & Martha Castro
- ❖**Birthday:** Tessie Fontanilla * Nancy Coelho * Dusty Miranda * Adoracion Laguer * Sharlene Daligcon * Jocelyn Ramiscal * Steven Ramiscal * Alvin Pescador * Kalolo Tuihalafatai * Celerina Pamaylaon * Steven Schwengler * Audrey Peralta * Vangie Bacani * Hazel Rodrigues * Marivic Palting (60) * Mila Llantero * Tita Calizar * Anthony Calizar * Condelita Pescador
- ❖**Wedding Anniversary:** 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 150th Parish Anniversary * For RCIA candidate Daniel Kang * For spiritual favors thru St. Anthony of Padua * Thanksgiving by Silverio & Marivic Palting; Jose Cadiz & family; Adriano & Norma Daligcon; Vicente & Luz Velasco & family; Rosita Dolormente, Lito & Ivy Ellazar & family; Noemi Joseph & Mila Llantero; Bacani family
- ❖**Safe trip:** Kalolo & Yvonne Tuihalafatai
- ❖**Deceased:** +Joe & Millie Josol * +Simplicio Canoneo * +Silvestre Marquez * +Ranulfa Teocson * +Juan Teocson Sr * +Ramon Villanueva Agbayani * Purie Amigable Cortez (40th day) * +Arnel C Domingo * +Jose Jandoc Sr * +Florencio Clemente * +Gerald "Jerry" Petznick * +Margaret Piolani Motta * +Alfredo Calpito, Mario Balmores, Emilia Bareng, Cristina Aguinaldo * +Stephen Damo * +Pio, Consuelo & Jovito Alcantra, Conrado Benitez Sr * +Elvira Jandoc * +Martin Rodrigues; Cecilia Leong * +Frida Pacleb * +Perla Alonzo * +Pedro Atudo * +Emiliano & Teodora Lumabao, Juan & Basilisa Suazo, Nicomedes & Ines Lorenzo * +Pedro Lorenzo * +Dafrosa Lorenzo * +Martha Lorenzo * +Flora Lorenzo * +Marcela & Basilio Icarangal * +Fr. Amador Foz * +Richard "Sonny" Peralta * +Elizabeth Ragaza * +Teofilo Membere * +Fr Clarence Guerreiro * +Ely Purganan * +Rosario Purganan * Loreta Pascual * +Simon, Pedro, Pacita & Toribio Cenence * +Pedro, Urbana & Virgilio Artates; Ronald Palce; Pio & Victoriana Bacani * +Dominator, 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 Esdicul 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

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COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

MAHALO for your support to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe on February 26, Ash Wednesday.

Collected Funds will support our brothers and sisters as they rebuild the Church in over 25 countries in Central and Eastern Europe after 70 years of communist rule. Visit www.usccb.org/RestoreTheChurch2020 for more information.

Have questions or need assistance, email ncpromo@usccb.org or give us a call at (202)541-3204, Mon-Fri, 10:30 AM to 3:00 PM (EST).



The Daughters of St. Paul
invite you.

Cinema Divina

Gather with us to share God's word in a four-week reflective viewing of the film *Jesus of Nazareth*

4pm-6pm
Saturdays
March 7 | March 14 | March 28 | April 4

Film will be followed with prayer, reflection, and sharing.

Pauline Books and Media
1143 Bishop St. Hwa, HI 96813
Please call for parking information: 521-2731

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Location: Pauline Books and Media, 1143 Bishop St, Honolulu, HI 96813

Please call for parking information: 521-2731

500 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE PHILIPPINES—HAWAII CELEBRATION

In 2021, the Philippine Church will celebrate the 5th Centennial of its Christianization. Bishop Larry Silva in a letter to the People of God in the Diocese of Honolulu last December 3, 2019, endorsed its local celebration and enjoined everyone to participate.

On April 4, 2020 is the launching of the local celebration which will be held at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa. It will start with the Holy Mass at 10:00 AM followed by lunch fellowship and program. Everyone is invited but we have to sign-up if we intend to go. Fe Go, the chairperson of the Filipino Catholic Club, and her fellow officers will man the sign-up in front of the church after each Mass on March 7 and 8. The Committee of priests and lay people designated by the Bishop to coordinate the events is also asking for monetary donations to fund the various activities being planned. The chairperson is Fr. Edmundo Barut and he wrote the solicitation letter that may come into your hands. This has the approval of the Finance Office of the Diocese who will handle all the proceeds of the fund-raising and will issue at the end of the year the acknowledgment letter for tax deduction purposes.

May God bless our endeavors. Mabuhay tayong lahat!

COME AND JOIN US
FOR THE LAUNCHING OF THE
500 YEARS
OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE PHILIPPINES
HAWAII CELEBRATION

THEME:
GIFTED TO GIVE
IT IS AN INVITATION TO RECOGNIZE OUR GIFTS FROM GOD AND AN OCCASION FOR US TO GIVE IN RETURN AS GOOD STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL.

SATURDAY
4 APRIL 2020
10:00 A.M. EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION WITH BISHOP LARRY SILVA
11:30 A.M. "SAYAWIT" (DANCE & SONGS), LUNCH AND ENTERTAINMENT FEATURING FILIPINO FOLK DANCES AND SONGS

CO-CATHEDRAL OF ST. THERESA
712 N. SCHOOL ST., HONOLULU, HI 96817
RSVP to your respective parish offices or contact by phone: 808-689-8681 ext. 102 or e-mail: 500YOC@hawaii@rcchawaii.org by 18 March 2020.

Parish Calendar, News & Announcements

FEAST DAY

- Mar 3** St. Katharine Drexel, virgin
- Mar 4** St. Casimir
- Mar 6** Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs

ACTIVITIES

- Mar 1** Stations of the Cross, Religious Education Program, after the 8:30 Mass
- Mar 2** Liturgy Committee Mtg., 6:00pm, Rec. Conf. Rm.
- Mar 6** First Friday, Holy Hour & Adoration, after the 6:30am Mass
- Mar 28** Pre-Easter Church Cleaning, 8:00am to 12noon, lunch to follow
- Apr 2** Chrism Mass, 7:00pm, Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT



**HEALTH
AWARENESS**

Due to the elevated level of high risk in the potential spread of coronavirus in the country we are taking necessary precautions and preventive measures in our midst by holding off until further notice the reception of the Blood of Christ in Holy Communion. Kindly review also the letter of instruction from the Diocese on the practical and common-sense practices that we can do to avoid contracting or spreading the virus infection. We appreciate your kind understanding.

(Excerpt from OLM parish bulletin February 9, 2020) MEMO FROM THE DIOCESE: ON THE COLD AND FLU SEASON AND CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK



*During the cold and flu season and the unraveling seriousness of the Coronavirus outbreak all parishioners are reminded to use common sense in the reception of Holy Communion from the chalice. If you are feeling ill or think you may have been exposed to a virus, you should refrain from partaking of the Blood of Christ from the communal chalice. In the same way, you should refrain from offering your hand to others at the sign of peace. A smile and a heartfelt "Peace be with you" should suffice. Likewise, if you are not comfortable sharing the sign of peace or receiving Holy Communion from the communal chalice for fear of infection, you should feel no pressure to do so. All of us must be aware of such sensitive matters in the familial life of the Christian community and we should expect that some will refrain from the sign of peace and the communal chalice out of care for our well-being and not out of unkindness or a lack of piety. It is important to remind the faithful that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those who are ill, especially those who suffer from a contagious disease. It is a sign of consideration for themselves and others that those with flu-like symptoms remain at home.

Ministers also become ill; therefore, to avoid celebrating Mass when ill, priests should consider alternatives that may be available to them in such circumstances. A short list of priests who could be called in case of need should be prepared at all parishes.

Within the parishes, we must also use common sense and maintain good habits: ❖ Check and fill hand-soap dispensers in all of the restrooms of the church. You might also place a large dispenser of hand sanitizer in your church vestibule. ❖ Maintain clean, fresh holy water and holy water fonts and/or empty the holy water containers at the church door. ❖ Sanitize with disinfectant wipes places and things in the church that are touched frequently.

Please feel free to contact me at the Office of Worship, (808) 585-3342 or email at mcordero@rcchawaii.org should you have any questions.

Deacon Modesto R. Cordero

Director, Office of Worship, Roman Catholic Diocese of Honolulu

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, Fridays, 6:30pm



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Date	Lead Council / Ministry / Organization
(Mar 1)	Religious Ed. Program, after the 8:30 Mass)
Mar 6	Filipino Catholic Club, Ilocano Choir
Mar 13	Catechists, RCIA, Visayan Group
Mar 20	Prison, Hospital, Outreach & Kokua Ministry
Mar 27	Knights of Columbus
Apr 3	Liturgy Committee



✝ 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

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L.O.L.
**(Laugh
Out
Loud)**
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"These are vegetables, mother. You wouldn't want me to eat something I've given up for Lent would you?"

✝ OBITUARY

+JULIA LUCAS USTARE, 82

Funeral Service: March 23, 2020, 10:30am at Valley of the Temples Makai Chapel

Interment: March 23, 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.

DIOCESE OF HONOLULU 2020 LENTEN REGULATIONS

*By the Diocesan Office of Worship



❖ FASTING

In the dioceses of the United States, Catholics age 18 through 59 are bound to fast on both Ash Wednesday (Feb. 26) and Good Friday (April 10).

To fast means to consume one full meal a day at most, although taking of other, smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes is permitted. Food and drink between meals (excepting water and medicine) are not permitted on fast days.

❖ ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

Catholics aged 14 and up are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.

To abstain means refraining from eating beef, veal, pork or poultry at least, although eggs and milk products are acceptable. The consumption of fish and shellfish is permitted, though the penitential character of the abstinence should be kept in mind.

❖ EASTER DUTY

All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year. This precept is to be fulfilled during the Easter Season unless it is fulfilled, for a just cause, at some other time during the year. This period is extended to include all the weeks of Lent and the Easter Season up to Trinity Sunday (June 7).

❖ LENTEN PRACTICES

The faithful are encouraged during Lent to attend daily Mass, receive Holy Communion, participate in penance services, and receive sacramental absolution; to take part in public and private exercises of piety, give generously to works of religion and charity, perform acts of kindness toward the sick, aged and the poor; to practice voluntary self-denial, especially regarding food, drink and worldly amusements; and to pray more fervently, particularly for the intentions of the Holy Father.

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls this year on Feb. 26. Ashes are to be blessed and distributed as a sign of our entry into a season of conversion, repentance and reconciliation. Ashes are to be blessed by a bishop, priest or deacon. Others may be associated with the clergy in the distribution of ashes.

Funeral Masses may not be celebrated on Holy Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday, nor on the Sundays of Lent. When pastoral reasons require that a funeral be celebrated on these days, only a *Funeral Outside of Mass* may be held.

To afford the faithful opportunities to participate in Lenten prayer services, pastors are encouraged to have such prayer services as the *Way of the Cross on Fridays, Exposition and Benediction, Evening Prayer, and evening Masses*. A homily or instruction should be included.