

Our Lady of the Mount Church

Roman Catholic Church * Diocese of Honolulu

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



BLESSED SEASON OF LENT



150TH PARISH ANNIVERSARY (1870-2020) EVENTS

❖ LENTEN PARISH MISSION

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

**Theme: THE NEW EVANGELIZATION IN THE SPIRIT OF STEWARDSHIP

"We are ambassadors for Christ" (2 Cor 5:20)

A 150th Parish Anniversary Enrichment & Renewal on Stewardship & Evangelization

MARCH 18 * Wednesday: *"The Encounter: Nemo Dat Quod Non Habet"*

MARCH 19 * Thursday: *"How To (and Not To) Save Souls for Jesus"*

MARCH 20 * Friday: *"The Renewal: Tools & Fuels"*

*Facilitator: **Dominic Olaso**, Head-Servant of the Diocesan Evangelization Task Force

*Snacks will be served during the presentation

❖ LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE & RECONCILIATION

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

*Priest from the West Honolulu Vicariate will be available for Confessions.

*Fr. Manuel Hewe (*Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa*) - Vicar Forane
*Clergy: Fr. Pascual Abaya IV (*Our Lady of Peace Cathedral-Basilica*) * Fr. Moses Akebule (*Hospital Chaplain*) * Fr. Edgar Brillantes (*Our Lady of the Mount*) * Fr. Adrian Gervacio (*OLM*) * Fr. Paul Li (*St. Philomena*) * Fr. Dominic Nguyen (*Vietnamese Community*) * Fr. Steve Nguyen (*Blessed Sacrament*) * Fr. Rheo Ofalsa (*Holy Family*) * Fr. Mario Palanca (*St. Francis Hospice*) * Fr. Anthony Pangan (*OLP Cathedral-Basilica*) * Fr. Mario Raquepo (*St. Stephen*) * Fr. Diego Restrepo (*St. John the Baptist*) * Fr. Francis Sanchez (*Hospital Chaplain*) * Fr. Arnel Soriano (*St. Anthony*)

❖ STATIONS OF THE CROSS — *Every Friday of Lent at 6:30 PM: Next day is March 20

*This will serve as our common penance after the Confessions.

*Come and join this cherished traditional Lenten devotion with fellow parishioners following the Lord's Way of the Cross and reflecting on his great love and sacrifice for us all. The parish councils, committees, ministries and organizations take turns in leading the devotion.



"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Psalm 95:8"



Pastor's Corner

By Rev. Fr. Edgar B. Brillantes



Next Sunday's Reading

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Laetare Sunday

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23:1-6

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel

John 9:1-41

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

This Reading tells of the early states of Israel's forty-year journey in the desert. The Israelites had begun quarreling among themselves and grumbling against Moses, complaining about a lack of food and water. They even tested God, asking whether he was even in their midst. Moses pleads to God for intervention, and God responds by empowering Moses to draw water from the rock for the people to drink. Even though the Lord was indeed in the midst of the community during the desert journey, the Israelites' fears, intensified by their grumbling and complaining, blinded them to the Lord's presence.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

In this Reading Paul is writing to Christians in Rome, "who believe in the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. God's past action of raising Jesus from the dead has an ongoing effect in the present and gives believers hope of future sharing in God's glory. Throughout this Reading, Paul weaves together divine action and human benefit, past, present and future.

Gospel: John 4:5-42

In today's Gospel, Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at a well. With the simple request for her to give him a drink, Jesus initiates a dialogue that intrigues and transforms her. Just as she has come to believe in Jesus, the disciples return from their errand to a nearby town. John tells us in an aside that on seeing the woman, they fail to ask her what she is looking for—the very question Jesus had asked the first disciples, the question that initiated their conversion. In the Gospel according to John, true discipleship involves first and foremost bringing others to Christ. The distracted disciples fail to evangelize—in contrast to the Samaritan woman, who, once she believes that Jesus is the Christ, hurries to her town to bring others to him.

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

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>2/29-3/1/20</u>	<u>3/7-8/20</u>
Saturday (6:00 pm)	64+1C	60A+2C
Sunday (6:30 am)	54A+0C	54A+0C
Sunday (8:30 am)	118A+14C	133A+30C
Ash Wednesday 2/26: 6:30 am - 6:00 pm	54A+0C; 132A+23C	

(A=Adults; C=Children)

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS



Saturday (6:00 pm)	\$ 665.00	\$ 957.00
Sunday (6:30 am)	\$ 1,094.38	\$ 538.19
Sunday (8:30 am)	\$ 1,104.00	\$ 1,160.88
Initial Offering	\$ 5.00	\$ 0.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 575.00	\$ 238.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 1,302.05	\$ NA
Central & Eastern Europe	\$ 490.71	\$ NA
Baptism/Certificate	\$ NA	\$ 20.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 30.00	\$ 495.00
Mastercard Rebate	\$ 11.73	\$ NA
St. Augustine Hymnal Project	\$ NA	\$ 30.00
Candles	\$ 125.00	\$ 160.00
Total	\$ 5,402.87	\$ 3,599.07

"Give and it will be given to you."

Luke 6:38

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship and the Power to be Transformed

*By Leisa Anslinger, Associate Department Director for Pastoral Life, Archdiocese of Cincinnati

The Lenten season is a perfect time to reflect on how you were first introduced to stewardship as a way of life. When did this spirituality first begin to shape the way you live, the decisions you make, and the way in which your faith directs your daily life? I have been thinking about this quite often of late, as I have reflected on the potential each of us has to touch others with the stewardship message.

Many years ago now, a friend who worked in publishing and I were talking about parish life. I was fumbling around, trying to explain the impact that stewardship was having on our parishioners and on the parish. My friend suddenly stopped me and said, "Well of course this is happening! Stewardship can really change our lives, can it not?" His comment broke through my stumbling thoughts, as his remark echoed the U.S. Bishops' insight in *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*. At the very beginning of the bishops' pastoral letter they write: "Stewardship is an expression of discipleship that has the power to change how we understand and live out our lives."

What stunned me about my friend's comment was how passionately he expressed his understanding and how clearly he saw this. I realized that my experience of him as a giving and generous person was a result of his growth as a steward. His witness in the course of an every-day conversation between friends has remained with me for over ten years, and has urged me on in times when my own "disciple's response" has seemed weak or lagging. It seems to me that if we are to lead others along the stewardship journey, we must ourselves live, grow and allow ourselves to be transformed by the power of stewardship. We must be prepared to witness to the ways in which stewardship has changed how we "understand and live out our lives." We may never know the impact our personal sharing or ministerial coordination will have on others, but I can tell you from my own experience of being touched by my friend that the potential is there for us to truly make a difference.

What is your story? With whom might you share it during this Lenten season?

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





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** – *Joyce Oliveira*, head of the *Parish Planning & Building Committee (PPBC)* announced the start of the *Okamura Contractor, Inc.* to continue the renovation of the old convent for 3 weeks beginning March 16. Specifically, the work will include carpentry and repainting the interior and exterior. The contract price is \$44,263.86. Doing the prep work were *Kalolo Tuihalafatai* and *Roger Isidro*.

The remaining works on plumbing and rewiring of power lines will be done by 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 (around \$40,000) 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.

****REPLACING THE WINDOW SCREENS** – *Roger Isidro* of the *Parish Planning & Building Committee* installed new screens on the windows in the sacristy and rectory offices. The previous screens have to be replaced because of wear and tear.

****HANDICAPS' ESTROOM** – *Adriano Daligcon* replaced the door lock and key to the restroom by the church. He also fixed the busted sink and clogged pipes. 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!

Anticipating the general spring cleaning of the church, a regular volunteer parishioner power-washed the concrete pavements around the hall, convent and the rectory. He's a great blessing!

❖**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!

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Mar 7-15 > 6:30am RIP +*Teresita Paranada Braceros*

Mar 8 > 8:30am RIP +*Meliton, Teofilo, Francisca, Maria, Norma, Abnomian, Apolonia, Herbe, Fely, Antonio, Corazon, Dominador, Potenciana, Margarita*

Mar 12 > 6:30am Birthday - *Sr. Clemence Mira, SPC*

Mar 13-21 > 6:30am RIP +*Teresita Paranada Braceros*

Mar 14 > 6:00pm Healing - *Guy Miranda; Alfredo Baptista * RIP +Bernardo Centino Sr * +Teresita Paranada Braceros; +Juan, Crisanta, Pedro, Jose, Benigno Tangonan; +Juan Teocson Sr; +Ranulfa Teocson*

Mar 15 > 6:30am Birthday - *Jocelyn Ramiscal; Teresita & Clemente Fontanilla; Coby Jay Jacinto * Healing - Luida Susa; Tessie Fontanilla; Caridad Dagdagan * RIP +Teresita Paranada Braceros; +Julia Ustare; +Juan, Crisanta, Pedro, Jose, Benigno Tangonan; +Juan & Ranulfa Teocson*

> 8:30am (*Missa pro populo*) - For parish & parishioners *Healing - *Arsenia Uganiza; Florentino Orcino; Leonardo Atendido; Amando & Palmas Flores * RIP +Cesario Pascual; +Silvestre Marquez*

> 6:00pm Ilocano Mass - *For family harmony, Peace in the world, Deliverance from the covid-19 pandemic*

Mar 15-23 > 6:30am RIP +*Julia Ustare*

Mar 16-21 > 6:30am RIP +*Teresita Paranada Braceros*

Mar 17 > 6:30am RIP +*Patricia Drummundo*

Mar 18 > 6:30am Ordination Anniversary (53) - *Fr. Adrian Gervacio * Birthday - Sr. Dora Nuetzi, MM*



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



❖**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:** Brenton & Brandilyn Aczon * Emeline Bacani Chesser * Ador Padilla * Guillermo Bacani * Sr. Dora Nuetzi, MM * Coby Jay Jacinto * Sr. Clemence Mira, SPC * Clemente & Teresita Fontanilla * Julie Manuel * Marina Pescador * Medy Macalma * Nancy Coelho * Dusty Miranda * Juliana B Aguinaldo, Ava B Balmores & Natsuki Balmores * Geri Mina * 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

❖**Ordination Anniversary:** Fr. Adrian Gervacio (53rd)

❖**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 the healing of those afflicted with the covid-19 * For RCIA candidate Daniel Kang * Petition 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:** Vangie Artates & Adoracion Padilla

❖**Deceased:** +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 * +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 (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 & Basilia Suazo, Nicomedes & Ines Lorenzo * +Pedro Lorenzo * +Dafrosa Lorenzo * +Martha Lorenzo * +Flora Lorenzo * +Marcela & Basilio Icarangal * +Fr. Amador Foz * +Richard “Sonny” Peralta * +Elizabeth Ragaza * +Teofilo Membrere * +Fr Clarence Guerreiro * +Ely Purganan * +Rosario Purganan * Loretta Pascual * +Simon, Pedro, Pacita & Toribio Cenence * +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

From the Office of Social Ministry

Lent is a 40-day journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Each day during Lent, CRS (Catholic Relief Services) Rice Bowl invites you to reflect on how your Lenten sacrifices can help families around the world overcome the challenges of hunger and poor nutrition.

Place your donations in the CRS Rice Bowl, even a small offering has the potential to feed many. Let us follow His example to meeting the needs of our global family.



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DIocese OF HONOLULU: GUIDANCE FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TO COVID-19 RESPONSE

Please refer to the attached guidelines for parish ministries in response to COVID-19 which were approved by Bishop Larry Silva. As of this writing, Bishop Silva has not required religious education/faith formation programs to be suspended nor local events be canceled. The diocesan staff is following this issue closely and will notify pastors immediately should Bishop Silva issue a new directive. The Diocese has developed a webpage for quick access to official diocesan communications and recommended resources: www.catholicahawaii.org/covid19.

As you read the attached guidelines, ensure your parish is following them and has put a plan in place to prevent and/or stop the spread of the novel coronavirus.

When communicating with parents, please exercise responsible leadership. Work in collaboration with your pastor and other parish ministries to minimize confusion. Focus on facts, avoiding language that prompts fear. Information should include:

- *That you are praying for them and are concerned for the welfare of all;
- *Steps you are taking to prevent the spread of the virus (student/staff handwashing routines, disinfecting commonly used surfaces, etc.);
- *Symptoms which indicate that a child should not attend religious education gatherings and how long he/she should remain at home (refer to CDC guidelines in the memo).

PRO-ACTIVE MEASURES:

1. Discuss how the parish will institute (if necessary) procedures as indicated in Section 2 of the memo.
2. Update the contact list of your families. If they must self-isolate or are quarantined, it is important that you, or members of your team, continue to reach out to them regularly to let them know of your prayers and that they are not forgotten.
3. (Re)familiarize families with the beautiful prayer traditions of our Church in the event students cannot attend class. These would include (but are not limited) to:
 - a. Liturgy of the Hours – to encourage families to join in prayer with the universal/global church and to be filled with grace and hope in Christ throughout the day.
 - b. The Holy Rosary – imploring Our Lady of Peace to pray and protect us in the name of her Son.
 - c. Divine Mercy Chaplet – The Diocese of Honolulu has been dedicated to the Divine Mercy. Pray with confidence, “Jesus, I trust in you.”
4. Research online resources provided by the publishers of your religion text books – contact your publisher sales representative for assistance if needed. *Remember that parents are stressed during these times so expecting them to teach a “class” to their child may be asking a lot. Encourage seeking comfort in God through family prayer and acts of Christian discipleship – living the gospel!*
5. Research other online resources for adults/parents that are centered on the daily/Sunday Mass readings such as: Bishop Barron: Word

On Fire www.wordonfire.org; Three-Minute Retreat: www.loyolapress.com; CatholicMom www.catholicmom.com; etc. I'm sure you have your favorite Catholic websites, music, and books that speak to the needs of your families.

We will provide you with updates as they are made available. May God grant you good health and grace in abundance!

*Jayne Ragasa-Mondoy, M.A., Director, Office of Religious Education, 6301 Pali Highway, Kaneohe, HI 96744

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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.

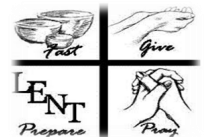
To abstain means refraining from eating beef, veal, pork or poultry at least, although eggs and milk products are acceptable. The consumption of fish and shellfish is permitted, though the penitential character of the abstinence should be kept in mind.

❖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.

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.





MEMORANDUM UPDATE

TO: Clergy, Parishes and Diocesan Staff

FROM: Deacon Modesto Cordero, Director Office of Worship

Office: (808)585-3342 * Fax: (866)305-5966

DATE: March 12, 2020

RE: COLD AND FLU SEASON AND THE COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) UPDATE #2

Please read the attached update #2 memorandum to the prior ones issued by my office about the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus). Current information from the Hawaii Department of Health reports that there are two presumptive positive cases of coronavirus in Hawaii. The risk of contracting coronavirus in Hawaii **remains low**.

With the growing concern of the spread of COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) in Hawaii and around the world, institutions are putting in place preventative measures to limit the spread of the virus locally. Good hygiene and general flu precautions are suggested for prevention.

Following recommendations from local public health officials, the diocese has decided that, at this time, there will be **NO cancellation of Masses** (daily and weekend Masses will continue as scheduled until further notice). If the elderly want to go to Mass, they should not be prevented from doing so. We do understand the seriousness of the coronavirus, but we also have to have faith that the Lord will look after his people. If people are sick, they should feel free to miss Mass.

Read the memo for additional guidelines to those already provided in the prior memorandums and a prayer composed by Bishop Larry Silva for our own diocese. The Diocese has developed a webpage for quick access to resources that includes information from reliable and professional sources at www.catholicahawaii.org/covid19.

The following are additional guidelines to those already provided in the prior memorandums (until further notice):

- ❖ Priests who are concelebrating at Masses should receive Communion by intinction.
- ❖ As a spiritual response, priests can offer a Mass for the Sick (*"For Various Occasions" #45*) or a Mass for Any Need (*"For Various Occasions" # 48*). These Masses may not replace the Lenten Sunday Mass. These Masses can unite the priest and the faithful to those who are sick and petition God for a reprieve from the Coronavirus pandemic.
- ❖ Parishioners are encouraged to pray the prayer below throughout the Diocese of Honolulu – both individually and whenever they gather during this current crisis.
- ❖ The faithful are instructed that if they are experiencing any signs of an illness that could be contagious, they should stay home for their own welfare and the safety of others. Although the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation is serious, staying home under these circumstances is certainly a legitimate reason to be dispensed from the obligation.
- ❖ A parishioner who feels well but who has a reasonable fear of contracting illness can be excused from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass at the judgment of the pastor.
- ❖ The sign of peace can continue verbally without physical interaction.
- ❖ Please do your best not to touch the person when s/he approaches for Holy Communion (i.e. the hand at distribution; the head/shoulder for those who are not receiving).
- ❖ If an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion is uncomfortable with distributing Holy Communion at this time, s/he can be excused from this ministry.
- ❖ After the necessary purification of the sacred vessels by the priest or deacon, the sacristans should wash the vessels with soap and water and dry them with a non-abrasive towel. [This should be a normal practice after every Mass, and not only during this time of crisis.]
- ❖ On Good Friday this year, the Cross will be venerated by a bow or genuflection, not by touching or kissing.
- ❖ Consideration might also be given to our Lenten penance services. It is recommended that confessions be heard in well-ventilated areas rather than in the confessional and small rooms.
- ❖ Any priest who becomes ill should contact the Office of Clergy to find a substitute for Masses. In an extreme or emergency situation when finding another priest is not possible, the Mass should be cancelled, and people who would otherwise attend are dispensed from the obligation.

Pastors and/or parish administrators may cancel non-essential activities after consultation with respective diocesan officials and following recommendations of local authorities.

Parish Calendar, News & Announcements

FEAST DAY

- Mar 17 St. Patrick, bishop
- Mar 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop and doctor of the Church
- Mar 19 Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

ACTIVITIES

- Mar 15 Religious Education Reconciliation Service, after the 8:30 Mass
- Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 18, 19, 20 **Lenten Parish Mission, 6pm to 8pm, Hall**
- Mar 20 **6pm Lenten Parish Mission; 7pm Lenten Penitential Service; and Stations of the Cross, to follow**
- Mar 28 Pre-Easter Church Cleaning, 8am to 12noon, lunch to follow
- Apr 2 Chrism Mass, 7pm, Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa

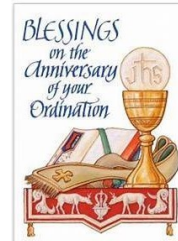


STATIONS OF THE CROSS, Fridays, 6:30pm

Date	Lead Council / Ministry / Organization
Mar 20*	Prison, Hospital, Outreach & Kokua Ministry (*after Penance Service)
Mar 27	Knights of Columbus
Apr 3	Liturgy Committee

CONGRATULATIONS,

FR. ADRIAN!
Happy and blessed 53rd anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood – March 18 – to our Pastor-emeritus. Ad multos annos!



Fr. Adrian R. Gervacio was ordained on March 18, 1967 at St. Mary's Seminary Chapel, Laoag City, Philippines by Bishop Antonio Mabutas.

ILOCANO MASS

***March 15- 6:00 PM**

Come and join the Mass in Ilocano to pray for family blessing, peace in the world, deliverance from the coronavirus outbreak, and for the repose of all our beloved dead.



SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CSRS). Funds from the collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CSRS and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.uscb.org/catholic-relief.

GUARD YOUR HEART

A Joyful Toon by Mike Waters

WHOA! STOP! Hold it right there! You can't dump that garbage here! I have to drink from this well!



Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life. *Proverbs 4:23*

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(Laugh Out Loud)
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✝ 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

+GENESA BALANAY, 97

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

Funeral Service: March 25, 2020, 11:00am at Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa

Interment: March 25, 2020, 2:00pm at Valley of the Temples Memorial Park

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

HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILIES.



✝ 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*