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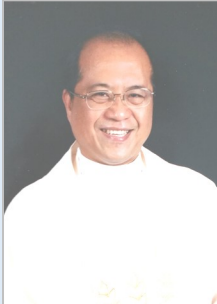


◆ JUBILEE YEAR 2020-2021 ◆

◆ CELEBRATING AND RENEWING OUR FAITH IN GRATEFUL STEWARDSHIP ◆

Let's celebrate with joy and gratitude the Jubilee Year of OLM's 150th Anniversary of Foundation from August 16, 2020 to August 15, 2021.

Happy New Year 2021!



Rev. Fr. Edgar B. Brillantes
Pastor



Rev. Fr. Adrian R. Gervacio
Pastor Emeritus



Fr. Edgar & Fr. Adrian wish one & all

A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND GRACE-FILLED NEW YEAR!

January 1, 2021: The New Year begins with the solemn Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. We honor Mary primarily because God chose her to become the mother of Jesus, the Incarnate Second Person of the Holy Trinity, who became man but remained God. The Council of Ephesus affirmed in AD 431 that Mary was truly the Mother of God (*Theotokos*), and in AD 451, the Council of Chalcedon affirmed the Divine Motherhood of Mary as a dogma, meaning an official doctrine of the Holy Catholic Church. The Feast of Mary as the Mother of God reminds us to rely on the powerful intercession of our Heavenly Mother.

Since 1968, the Church has observed a yearly World Day of Peace on New Year's Day. This year, 2021, marks the 53rd celebration and the Church invites us to pray specially for lasting peace in the world throughout the New Year. In the Diocese of Honolulu, this day is also set as a Day of Prayer for the General Needs of Humankind. At OLM, we shall celebrate the Holy Eucharist to welcome the New Year at 9:00 AM and to honor the Blessed Mother. You may bring your images of the Virgin Mary to be blessed as we traditionally do. We shall also hold a Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration as we usually do on the First Friday of the month but before the Holy Mass, not after.

As we begin the New Year and offer our resolutions, we pray that the Lord Jesus and His Mother Mary may enrich our lives throughout the year with an abundance of Divine blessings.

The FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

December 27, 2020: On the last Sunday of the year and following the Feast of Christmas, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. This feast reminds us that we are part of a human family and at the same time we belong to God's family, the Church.

The Church exhorts us to look to the Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph for inspiration, example and encouragement. They were a model family in which both parents worked hard, helped each other, understood and accepted each other, and took good care of their Child so that Jesus might grow up not only in human knowledge but also as a Child of God.

The Feast of the Holy Family reminds us that, as the basic unit of the universal Church, each family is called to holiness. Families become holy when Christ Jesus is present in them. Jesus becomes truly present in a family when all the members live in the Christian spirit of sacrifice, mutual understanding, mutual support and mutual respect. There must be proper care and respect given by children to their parents and grandparents, even after they have grown up and left home. Each one tries to do his/her best to make life pleasant for all the members in their family.

In the Holy Mass, we offer all families and members of our own families on the altar for God's blessing.

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“Joy to the World...Peace on Earth!”





Pastor's Corner



By Rev. Fr. Edgar B. Brillantes

Next Sunday's Reading The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

In this Reading, God detects not Abraham's faith but his fear of what will become of his name if he has no children to carry on his line. God replies with instruction to gaze upon the stars in the night sky and to see in their immeasurable number the vastness of Abraham's legacy. God uses the massiveness of the cosmos to depict Abraham's lineage. Then the story jumps ahead to God's gifting Abraham's elderly wife with fertility; Sarah becomes pregnant and bears a son named Isaac.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Three times in this Reading, Abraham's faith is demonstrated. First, Abraham recalls the initial call God made to him to set out from his native land "not knowing where he was to go." Second, Abraham recalls when God promised that he, who was "as good as dead," and his barren wife would be parents of an immeasurable number of descendants. Finally, Abraham's ultimate act of faith: the willingness to slaughter his son, Isaac. Not only would this sacrifice be incredibly torturous for any father to make, but in this case, it also put in jeopardy the future of the great nation promised to Abraham by God. It is no wonder that Jews, Christians, and Muslims all refer to Abraham as our "father of faith."

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

This Gospel Reading of the presentation of the Lord in the Temple concerns the rite of consecration that was obligatory for Hebrew parents. This is a ritual purification that is meant to conclude the birthing process, which included the rite of redeeming the firstborn son. An animal is the usual sacrifice, however, because Mary and Joseph were poor, they were allowed to offer a "pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. What is important was that the parents of Jesus followed the prescribed law. God's prior revelation to them in the form of the shepherds visiting the manger might have led Mary and Joseph to see the miraculous nature of the birth as placing above the standards of the law, but still, they did not neglect to follow the ordinary, age-old custom to dedicate their son to God.



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."

Amen.

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



LIVE-STREAMED MASS

*THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

*December 27 * @ 9:00 AM

*NEW YEAR'S DAY * FEAST OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

*January 1, 2021 * @ 8:00 AM

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"The family that prays together, stays together!"



RE PROGRAM & STEWARDSHIP NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

December 27, Sunday – The children and the catechists are now enjoying their Christmas holiday break. But they came to participate for the Family Mass on the Christmas Vigil Mass on December 24. Prior to the Mass was the showing of the short film “Christ-Child” c/o Dottie Pregil, RE Coordinator.

Everyone is urged to enjoy the holidays while taking all the necessary precautions to be safe and protected from the coronavirus. We are also asking the parents to continue catechizing their children at home and if possible, come together in Church to attend the Holy Mass and be blessed as a family.

In church, we shall continue to observe all mandated safety protocols vis-à-vis the covid pandemic. Everyone has to wear face mask, keep six-feet distancing and follow hygiene practices of washing hands and using sanitizer. Spouses, parents and small kids can sit together. The area will be disinfected before and after the Mass and if anyone feels sick, it is advised that they stay home and get well. We are all in this together and so we strive to stay safe and alive.



A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
 You give us this blessed season of Christmas
 as a gift of time
 to celebrate and rejoice at the birth of the Christ Child.
 Amidst this pandemic,
 may there be quiet expectation and hope
 to a more peaceful, safer and healthier world.
 Give us the grace to be open
 to the true meaning of Christmas
 which is the outpouring of your love to the world
 through your Son Jesus
 who saves and who is with us as Emmanuel.
 Help us continue as good stewards
 of this Christmas season,
 so that from the Feast of the Nativity on,
 we will be more generous
 in sharing our joys and blessings
 with one another as brothers and sisters
 of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
 in whose name we pray.
 Amen.

(Lifted from International Catholic Stewardship Council e-bulletin, December 2020)

MASS ATTENDANCE

	<u>12/19-20/20</u>	<u>12/12-13/20</u>
Sat 6:00pm	101A+4C	53A+1C
Sun 6:30am	50A+0C	55A+0C
Sun 9:00am	72A+10C	70A+9C
Simbang-Gabi		
12/16 88A+5C	12/19 101A+4C	12/22 98A+4C
12/17 80A+3C	12/20 90A+0C	12/23 87A+4C
12/18 95A+3C	12/21 97A+4C	12/24 105A+3C
Midnight Mass, 12/25	73A+7C	
Christmas Day 12/25 6:30am	43A+0C	
9:00am	62A+2C	

(A = Adults; C = Children)

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

Offertory	\$ 2,900.01	\$ 3,241.04
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 75.00	\$ 45.00
Immaculate Conception		\$ 1,384.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 100.00	\$ 5.00
Simbang-Gabi	\$ 1,553.00	
Retirement Fund for Rel.	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,244.75
Candles	\$ 195.00	\$ 96.00
Religious Articles		\$ 9.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 20.00	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 4,943.01	\$ 6,024.79



*"It is good to be merciful and generous."
 Psalm 112:5*



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:



MANAHO TO GOOD STEWARDS

***GIFTS OF LOVE

❖ We acknowledge all generous monetary contributions which support our pastoral programs and ongoing projects as well as the basic operation of the Church 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.

*****STEWARDSHIP APPEAL** – Our appreciation and gratitude to *all dear Parishioners* who responded to our appeal during the covid-19 pandemic for their continued stewardship by mailing or dropping their offering envelopes or Mass intention offerings to help defray the needs and expenses of the parish.

- **APPRECIATION GIFTS:** We are grateful to *Lafaele & Latai Holeva Manupuna and their family* for their recent cash donation of \$1000.00 to our Church. In gratitude to God and in honor of her late parents, *+Leonard & Shirley DeCorte, Evelyn Miyashiro* donated \$500.00 to the Church. May God bless them abundantly.

- **PARISH CALENDARS 2021:** Parish calendars for the New Year 2021 have been ordered and paid for by *Gloria Rodrigues and Francisca Kovaloff* as their Christmas gift of love in the amount of \$600.00. The calendars will be distributed after the Christmas Masses, one to every family.

- **STEWARDSHIP OFFERING ENVELOPES:** The Offering envelopes for parishioners for the Year 2021 have arrived and were laid out alphabetically for pick-up from the vestibule of the Church after each Mass. Please get your own and if you don't find your name please let the parish office know so we could provide a replacement.

*****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

*****HANDICAP BATHROOM** – Parish volunteers, *Adriano Daligcon* and *Roger Isidro* repaired a leaking toilet bowl in the handicap bathroom by the sacristy and replaced a busted faucet in the rectory kitchen. We are grateful for their kind services.

*****SECURITY CAMERAS** – To augment security within the church compound, security cameras were purchased by *Fran Kovaloff* and installed as well as synchronized with the internet app by *Lambert Castillo*.

*****CEMETERY ISSUES** – The cemetery caretaker, *Kalolo Tuhafatai*, reported that an old *olo* tree fell to the ground because of strong winds last November. Another tree which is outside the perimeter fence is in danger of following suit. *Kalolo* recommended the cutting of the trees and look for a contractor to cut and dispose off the rubbish. Last week, *Kalolo* found out that the padlocks to the cemetery gate were extruded or removed intentionally by force. They have to be replaced so as to maintain the peace of the spirits resting there. A few days later, on December 15, one side of the gate was rammed and destroyed. *Kalolo* called the police officers to report the incident. He does not only maintain the upkeep of the area but also does some security responsibility and we are very grateful to him.

❖**STEWARDSHIP OFFERING COUNTERS** – We're grateful to the faithful and ever-smiling money counters who take turns every other Sunday to do the task – *Becky DeCorte * Malia Gasio * Aida Isidro * Rosie Jacinto * Dorie Mina * Lynn Rivera * Reanne Rodillas * Linda Puzon (Coordinator)*. The newest recruit to this ministry is *Marichu Pe Benito*.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP (contd)

❖ **CHURCH ENVIRONMENT** – Volunteer parishioners come every Saturday to prepare the Church for the weekend Masses. They spruce up the altar with new linens, decorate the sanctuary with flowers, put up the seasonal banners and other cleaning tasks. They set up the proper worship environments and make our celebrations dignified and meaningful. During the time of the covid-19 pandemic, in compliance with the Diocese and government advisory they marked the seating in the pews and communion line for 6-ft distancing as well as place sanitizers for use by the mass-goers and disinfect the church. Included in this dedicated group are *Marivic Palting, Nelie Puzon, Bella Miranda, Ador Padilla, Doi Facuri, Gloria Rodrigues, Fran Kovaloff, Aida Isidro, Medy Macalma, Marichu Pe Benito and Corazon Orcino*.

Million thanks to *Myra dela Cruz* who supplies our church with fresh flowers that bedeck the sanctuary. More flower donations for Christmas especially poinsettias and orchids as well as Christmas trees came from – *Marivic Palting, Vangie Bacani, Cathy Garcia Purganan, Cora Orcino and Adoracion Padilla. Mahalo* to them all!

Linda Puzon and Fran Kovaloff have put up and decorated the Christmas tree in the Rectory while *Doi Facuri* and *Mark Correia* installed the Christmas lights and garlands in the rectory as well as around the church and other structures. The father and son tandem of *Alvin & Adam Baron* teamed up to ready the Nativity creche inside the church. *Roger Isidro* hang a white lantern on the façade of the Pastoral Center, and it gleams like a star that brightens the night. They surely enliven the otherwise gloomy atmosphere darkened by the covid pandemic.

❖ **LITURGY** - The livestreaming of OLM Sunday Mass at 9:00am for the sake of those sheltered-in during the covid-19 crisis will continue on via the OLM Facebook account and thru the kind services of the *Llamedo family*. The Simbang-Gabi masses will also be live-streamed. The items for power-point projection at Mass include the readings and responses together with sacred graphics. For added health protection, *Andy Llamedo* installed a flexi-glass barrier at the lectern.

A new microphone on the lectern has been installed by *Jun Cortez*. His son, *Gene Cortez*, paid for the Shure Microflex microphone in the amount of \$236.17 as his stewardship offering to the Church.

There is a wi-fi hook-up to the parish hall in case of an overflow in the church. This is made possible thru the high-tech know-how of *Jun Cortez* and *Fidel Flores* who also donated and put up wi-fi boosters in the church and hall for wider coverage and for security camera operation. Designated to operate the power-point projection during the Masses are – *Malia Balbuena* at the 6:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass, *Jun Cortez* at the 6:30am Sunday Mass while *Marc & Clem Ulep* and their kids, *David & Gerald*, take care of the 9:00am Mass.

For the power-point slides and peoples' viewing delight in the hall, a new Hisense LED LCD 50" TV unit was recently donated as Christmas gift by *Silverio Palting*. The TV base and support were assembled by *Jun Cortez* & supervised by his faithful co-worker and wife, *Caridad*. The choir loft is also prepared for additional accommodation. In both areas, the faithful can attend the Mass and ministers can go to give Holy Communion to them.

❖ **GARDENING** – There are wonderful people who volunteer with the upkeep of the church grounds. *Clemente Fontanilla* mows the grasses.

Frankie Cabral single-handedly trimmed the overhanging tree branches of the evergreen cypress trees in front of the parish hall and overgrown shrubs around the church then hung the Christmas lights around the trees. He has also put up the usual Christmas lights at the belfry from top to bottom ready to brighten the season.

The couple-tandem of *Lito and Leah Centino* continue to tend and beautify the side of the Hall, Rectory and Pastoral Center with garden plants from their own nursery.

Eddie Lucero and *Jun Flores* are faithfully keeping the yellow hibiscus blooming with flowers thru regular pruning and watering. *Jun & Nida Flores* replaced the seasonal flowering plants with African daisies at the foot of the church belfry and along the makai side of the church. God bless them all!

***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.

heartfelt
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

❖ TO ALL THE GOOD STEWARDS, OUR SINCERE THANK YOU! ❖



†REMEMBER IN PRAYER

❖**Good Health / Successful Surgery:** Gladys Sedeno * Renato dela Rosa * Bella Miranda * Caren Soong * Luz Neri * Joshua Standifer * Cipriana Luczon * Elizabeth Bautista * Avelina Bautista * Dolores Mateo * Ella Ucillos * Ernesto Papa * Ropati Liua * Clementina Ceria-Ulep * Caridad Dagdagan * Fr Scott Bush * Lolita Honorio * Jose Cadiz * Vladimir Skupovska * Laureta & Mario Parilla * Alfreda & Nicanor Bucaneg * Fr Thomas Joseph * Dylan Calizar * Caroline Gruenhagen * Rudy Castillejos * Pauline Cristal Cobarrubias * John Martinez * Theresa Schwengler * Doren Gruenhagen * Juliet Hobson * Michael Schwengler Jr * Amando & Palmas Flores * Bob Wells * Marie Schwengler * Lucille Mohika * Ernesto Fiesta * Mila Llantero * Fred Caballes * Venasio Talia * Guy Miranda * Pamata & Sulia Liua * Florentino Orcino * Andy & Marina Torio * Gwen Perry * Charlie Newman * Petronila Jandoc * Susan Reynon * Marilou Bruno * Katrina Santos * Valentina Elliazar * Vicenta Baron * Alfonso & Mary Villanueva * John Guieb * Jesse Ulep * George Calizar * Joann Gibbs * Florentino Sotto * Marvin & Sally Moore * Clara Adlawan * Jeanne Oshiro

❖**Birthday:** Norma Daligcon * Ranier Agustin * Fr Spatz Silva * Margaret Telles * Avelina Orcino * Bryan Andaya * Marianne & Jaymell Macalma * Lydia Felipe (90) * Christian dela Cruz * Liberato Valdez * Ruperto Pescador * Connie Starkey * Krystle Parinas * Glenn Isidro * Roselani Ramones (90) * Miguel Canoneo * Fr Etuale Etuale * Jeanne Oshiro * Nida Flores * Nathanael Culao * Marichu Pe Benito * Daisy Serquinia * Evangeline Trocio * Frankie Cabral Jr * Francisca Tabonda (96) * Gerard Jay Magbojos * Armelita Canoneo * Genevieve Atendido

❖**Ordination Anniversary:** Bishop Larry Silva (15th Episcopal Ordination Anniversary) * Fr. Edgar Brillantes (40th) * Fr. Adrian Gervacio (53rd)

❖**Wedding Anniversary:** Adriano & Norma Daligcon * Caroline & Doren Gruenhagen (29) * Manny & Susan Artates (29) * Luis & Isidra Bautista (47) * Alex & Marichu Pe Benito * Rizal & Mila Fernandez (48) * Roger & Aida Isidro (51)

❖**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 deliverance & healing of those afflicted with the covid-19 * Thanksgiving by – Thomas & Olivia Mita > Jaime & Medy Macalma & family > Ronnie McCamley, Matea Ranit, Audell Currie > Keith, Connie & Isaiah Starkey > Jose & Lolita Cadiz & family > Jun Cortez & family > Dolores Ramiscal > Alfreda Bucaneg, Maryann & Maria Goloran > Silverio & Marivic Palting > Leo & Myra dela Cruz > Urbano Acosta > Florencio Sipalay & family > Alex & Marichu Pe Benito > Corazon Orcino > Renato & Cora dela Rosa > Artates & Bacani families > Joseph & Mila Llantero * Special intention – Schwengler family > Kathy Ferreira > Audrey Peralta * Blessings for Rosary Warriors * Success of Anna Young Hwa Kwon

❖**Safe Trip:** Maria Luisa Montaus

❖**Deceased:** +Leonora Bautista, Victorio & Edison Bautista * +Honorio Gamiao * +Alfredo Baptista * +Mildred C Pascua, Edward K W Chu, Alice H Chu, Edward Chu Jr * Bessie Soong * +Derna Kim * +Helen & Jack Tui * +Filomena & Felix Umblas * +Ethel & Thomas Mita Sr, Fay Kodoma * +Anastacio, Rosa, Paulina, Canuto & Pacita Umblas * +Ma. Theresa Cabaluna * +Marcos Bacalso * + Firmo Dayao * +Gloria Batuga Datulayta * +Oriol, Dolores, Edgar, Amante, Larry & Jerry Aurelio * Bert Aguinaldo * +Romana Puzon * +Pedro, Urbana, Orlando & Virgilio Artates * +Pio & Victoriana Bacani * Jose & Lydia Criste * +Venasio Talia * +Lemoto, Sisitauleva & Maka Manukeu * +Cresencio Sabanal * +Joseph Castro * +Laureana Pasion Domingo * +Shirlyn Villahermosa Ramirez * +Ramil Domingo Ramirez * +Patricia Manahan * +Glir Dagdagan * +Purie Cortez * +German Lamayo * +Policarpo Agustin * +Caroline & Martin Rodrigues; +Antone & Olivia Fivella; +Antone & Veronica Schwengler; +Francisco & Mary Rodrigues; +Shirley Ann Alvaro * +Tomasa Tapat * +Philip Martin * +Ricardo Regidor Stabillio * +Elaine Claire Ulep * +Jose Asentista * +Teodorico Calso * Fr Jack Ryan * +Francisco, Genara, Alfredo & Lito Cabral * +Socorro Pasamonte * +Elizabeth Ragaza * +Cecilia Datugan * +Verlie Cadiz, Loreto Duma, Abner & Francisco Duma * +Gertrudes Nimer, Celestino & Angelina Cadiz, Isidora Trocio * Andrew Joseph Madarang Salcedo, Precious Serquina, Maximo & Luisa Madarang * +George & Fulgencio Trocio, Luisa Madarang, Luis & Marcela Cantiveros * +Francisca Isidro * +Teresita Paranada Braceros * +Cecilio Buan * +Roland & Maria Bueno * +Ana Aleth, Mario, Cunegunda, Rosendo, Arceli * +Rocky Arios * +Espernito "Boy" Agarma * +Marcela & Tito Ulep * +Ely, Rose & Alan Purganan * +Gaudencio Garcia, Cesario & Loreta Pascual, Maria Pascual * +Arsenio Leonardo Lloren * +Elaine Cruz * +Ren Ferrer * +Paulino Corpuz * +Candido Puzon, Juliana Puzon, Agapita Arcega * +Marlene Facuri * +Ricardo Facuri * +Mariano Talon * Casimiro, Dominica & Maxima Susa * +Alfredo Baptista * +Pio, Consuelo & Jovito Alcantra, Conrado Benitez Sr * +Simplicio Canoneo * +Jane Pe Benito & Violeta Pe Benito * +Teresita Fontanilla * +Emerita Billena * +Felix & Cresencia Edmalin * +Fr Leobardo Lorenzo * +Fr Tony Abuan * +Fr Olivette Rojas * +Deceased family & relatives of Celerina Pamaylaon * +Mardonio & Don Orsino * +Mauro & Felomina Garingo * +Ildelfonso & Flora Orsino * +Eladio & Tecla Garingo * +Lucas & Teresa Arcibal * +Estefanio & Maura Padua * +Quon Yao & Dorothy Lee * +Fermin Cruz * +For all the departed founders, Pastors, Religious, benefactors, donors & parishioners of OLM; +Our deceased family members, relatives and friends; +The victims of the coronavirus pandemic * +Those who have nobody to pray for them; +Souls in purgatory



MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 16-24 > 6:30pm Special blessing - *Mass Sponsors, Donors & Ministers of Simbang-Gabi*

Dec 19-27 > 6:30pm Healing - *Joshua Standifer*

Dec 20-22 > 6:30pm Healing - *Luz Neri*

Dec 20-28 > 6:30pm RM + *Venasio Talia; +Gloria Datulayta; +Oriol, Dolores, Edgar, Amante, Larry & Jerry Aurelio; +Bert Aguinaldo*

Dec 21 > 6:30pm RM + *Shirlyn Villahermosa Ramirez; +Ramil Ramirez*

Dec 21-23 > 6:30pm RM + *Policarpo Agustin*

Dec 21-26 > 6:30pm RM + *Romana Puzon*

Dec 21-28 > 6:30pm Thanksgiving - *Thomas & Olivia Mita * RM +Ethel & Thomas Mita Sr, Fay Kodoma; +Anastacio, Rosa, Paulina, Canuto & Pacita Umblas*

Dec 22 > 6:30pm Birthday - *Lydia Felipe (90); Bryan Andaya; Avelina Orcino * RM +Cresencio Sabanal; +Firmo Dayao; +Marcos Bacalso*

Dec 22-27 > 6:30pm RM + *Mildred C Pascua, Edward K W Chu, Alice H Chu, Edward Chu Jr*

Dec 23 > 6:30pm Healing - *Renato dela Rosa; Bella Miranda * RM +Maria Theresa Cabaluna*

Dec 23-31 > 6:30pm RM + *Filomena & Felix Umblas*

Dec 24 > 6:00pm Healing & speedy recovery - *Andy Llamedo; Renato dela Rosa; Joshua Standifer; Guy Miranda; Those infected w/ covid-19 * Thanksgiving - Thomas & Olivia Mita; M/M Jaime Macalma; Mass sponsors, donors & ministers of Simbang-Gabi * Special intention - For deliverance from covid-19 pandemic and for all essential workers in the crisis * Birthday - Fr Spatz Silva; Margaret Telles; Avelina Orcino; Marianne & Jaymell Macalma * RM +Romana Puzon; +Venasio Talia; +Gloria Datulayta; +Oriol, Dolores, Edgar, Amante, Larry & Jerry Aurelio; +Bert Aguinaldo; +Ethel & Thomas Mita Sr, Fay Kodoma; +Anastacio, Rosa, Paulina, Canuto & Pacita Umblas; +Mildred C Pascua, Edward K W Chu, Alice H Chu, Edward Chu Jr; +Filomena & Felix Umblas; +Victims of the coronavirus pandemic; +Deceased pastors, benefactors and parishioners of OLM*

Dec 25 > 12:00am Healing - *Andy Llamedo; Renato dela Rosa * Special intention - Schwengler family * Thanksgiving - M/M Joseph & Mila Llantero*

Dec 25-Jan 2 > 12:00am/7:00am RM + *Alfredo Baptista*

Dec 25 > 6:30am Good health - *Andy Llamedo; Renato dela Rosa; Guy Miranda, Caridad Dagdagan; Joshua Standifer * Thanksgiving - Sponsors and donors of our Parish Jubilee Year * RM +Romana Puzon; +Teresita Fontanilla; +Oriol, Dolores, Edgar, Amante, Larry & Jerry Aurelio; +Bert Aguinaldo; +Mildred C Pascua, Edward K W Chu, Alice H Chu, Edward Chu Jr*

> 9:00am (Missa pro populo) Healing - *Andy Llamedo; Renato dela Rosa; Ropati Liua; Lucille Mohika; Mila Llantero; Pamata & Sulia Liua; Amando & Palmas Flores; Alfonso & Mary Villanueva & all those infected by the coronavirus disease * For deliverance from covid-19 pandemic and for discovery of effective vaccine against covid * Thanksgiving - M/M Joseph & Mila Llantero; Thomas & Olivia Mita * For the blessings, sponsors & donors of our Parish Jubilee Year * For Deliverance from & end of the covid-19 pandemic * RM +Ethel & Thomas Mita Sr, Fay Kodoma; +Anastacio, Rosa, Paulina, Canuto & Pacita Umblas; +Lemoto Manukeu; Sisitauleva & Maka Manukeu; +Gloria Datulayta; +Venasio Talia; +Filomena & Felix Umblas; +Victims of the coronavirus pandemic; +Deceased pastors and parishioners of OLM*

Dec 26 > 6:00pm Healing & speedy recovery - *Andy Llamedo; Joshua Standifer; Guy Miranda; Those infected w/ covid-19 * Special intention - For deliverance from covid-19 pandemic and for all essential workers in the crisis * Thanksgiving for God's graces & blessings - For the blessings, sponsors & donors of our Parish Jubilee Year * RM +Alfredo Baptista; +Romana Puzon; +Mildred C Pascua, Edward K W Chu, Alice H Chu, Edward Chu Jr; +Venasio Talia; +Oriol, Dolores, Edgar, Amante, Larry & Jerry Aurelio; +Bert Aguinaldo; +Ethel & Thomas Mita Sr, Fay Kodoma; +Anastacio, Rosa, Paulina, Canuto & Pacita Umblas; +Filomena & Felix Umblas; +Victims of the coronavirus pandemic; +Deceased pastors, benefactors and parishioners of OLM*

Dec 27 > 6:30am Birthday - *Norma Daligcon; Ranier Agustin * Good health - Andy Llamedo; Caren Soong; Guy Miranda, Caridad Dagdagan * Thanksgiving - Alex & Marichu Pe Benito; Sponsors and donors of our Parish Jubilee Year * RM +Alfredo Baptista; +Edgar Aurelio; +Patricia Manahan, Glir Dagdagan; +Teresita Fontanilla*

> 9:00am (Missa pro populo) Healing - *Ropati Liua; Clementina Ceria-Ulep; Fr Scott Bush; Fr Thomas Joseph; Lolita Honorio; Jose Cadiz; Lucille Mohika; Mila Llantero; Pamata & Sulia Liua; Amando & Palmas Flores; Alfonso & Mary Villanueva & all those infected by the coronavirus disease * For deliverance from covid-19 pandemic and for discovery of effective vaccine against covid * Thanksgiving - Medy Macalma & family; Joseph & Mila Llantero; Corazon Orcino; Urbano Acosta; For the blessings, sponsors & donors of our Parish Jubilee Year * For Deliverance from & end of the covid-19 pandemic * RM +Policarpo Agustin; +Lemoto Manukeu; Sisitauleva & Maka Manukeu; +Gloria Datulayta; +Venasio Talia; +Filomena & Felix Umblas; +Ethel & Thomas Mita Sr, Fay Kodoma; +Anastacio, Rosa, Paulina, Canuto & Pacita Umblas; +Deceased victims of the coronavirus pandemic; +Deceased pastors and parishioners of OLM*

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MASS INTENTIONS (Contd.)

Dec 28 > 7:00am Wedding anniversary (29) - *Caroline & Doren Gruenhagen* * Successful surgery & speedy recovery - *Gladys Sedeno* * Thanksgiving - *Thomas & Olivia Mita* * RM +*Ethel & Thomas Mita Sr, Fay Kodoma; +Anastacio, Rosa, Paulina, Canuto & Pacita Umblas; +Helen & Jack Tui*

Dec 28-31 > 6:30pm RM +*Filomena & Felix Umblas*

Dec 28-Jan 2 > 7:00am RM +*Alfredo Baptista*

Dec 29 > 7:00am RM +*Derna Kim*

Dec 29-Jan 6 > 7:00am RM +*Honorio Gamiao*

Dec 31 > 7:00am RM +*Bessie Soong*

Jan 1 > 8:00am RM +*Teresita Fontanilla; +Lil Perry; +Stephen & Gregory Rodrigues*

Don't Miss the

DEADLINE!

DEADLINE: Please submit your **Mass intentions** by Thursday if you want them printed on time for the weekend Parish Bulletin and for orderly inclusion at the Prayers of the Faithful.

MAHALO: Thank you for your *offering of \$10.00 per one (1) Mass intention* for the support of the charitable works of the church and for the personal needs of the priests. *God bless you.*



From the Office for Social Ministry

IMPORTANT UPDATES FOR EMERGENCY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

*FOOD AND NUTRITION FOR STUDENTS AND CHILDREN

Hawaii's public schools have announced they will extend the free Grab and Go meals program through June 30, 2021. The meals are part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture effort to provide nutritious food to all students age 18 and under. Distributions are held Monday through Friday except holidays and school breaks. Both lunch and breakfast for the following day will be provided at 203 public schools statewide. To see the updated list, please click HERE. The YMCA of Honolulu (Oahu) is providing free grab and go healthy lunch meals for children in need. Sack lunches are distributed Monday through Friday at the following locations and times:

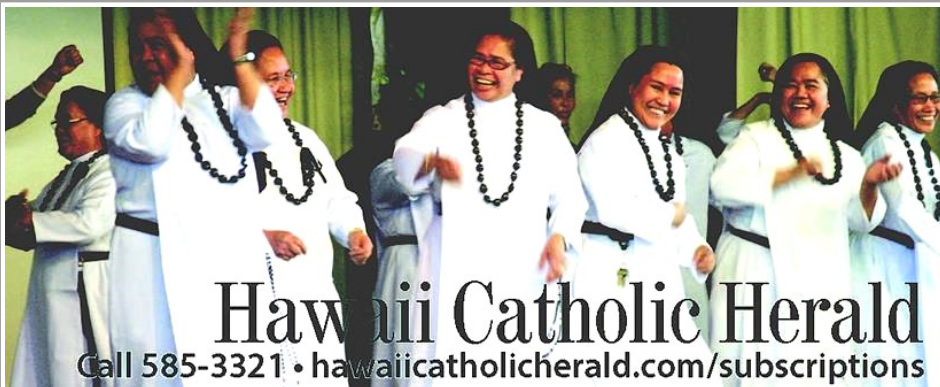
INSPIRE Church (Mililani) - 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Windward YMCA - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Halawa View Apartments - 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Another helpful organization is the Hawaii Children's Action Network, which provides a COVID-19 resource site with various links to access food for families, keiki and kupuna on every island.

It is important to note that many of the food initiatives established across the state since March has been federally funded by the CARES Act that is scheduled to sunset December 31, 2020. Unless funds are re-allocated by Congress, our parish food ministries will most certainly feel a greater impact throughout our communities. Be sure to share information for accessing these food resources to those whom we are called to serve - our vulnerable sisters and brothers, young and old.



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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII
DIOCESE OF HONOLULU

WITNESS TO JESUS

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

***Subject: INVITATION TO RETURN TO MASS AND EXTENDED DISPENSATION FROM OBLIGATION**

To: All Parishioners of the Diocese of Honolulu
From: Bishop Larry Silva
Date: December 6, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Peace be with you!

One of the most difficult decisions I have had to make as a bishop was the suspension of public Masses due to the coronavirus pandemic from mid-March to late May, 2020. Since then, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days has been dispensed. In light of the ongoing pandemic, **I am extending the dispensation through Tuesday, February 16, 2021, the day before Ash Wednesday.**

While I am extending this dispensation for the sake of those who are at higher risk if they should be infected with the COVID-19 virus, **I would like to urge all our parishioners who can safely do so to return to worship at Sunday Mass.**

Why does the Church put such great importance on our celebration of Sunday Mass that it is a serious obligation for all Catholics to attend every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation? It is because the Eucharist is our unique physical encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ, who longs to be one with us and to strengthen us for our mission of living in his love and sharing his Good News with others. The Eucharist is not simply a series of rituals in which we engage, but it is the Memorial that Jesus himself left us in which he makes himself present to us. He offers himself to us in a physical manner, hidden under the guise of bread and wine, which by the power of the Holy Spirit invoked by the priest in the midst of his beloved Bride, the Church, become his Body and Blood. Jesus died on the cross for us, rose from the dead, and ascended into heaven. But he is the "living bread come down from heaven," who offers himself as real food and real drink to give us eternal life. (See the Gospel of John, Chapter 6.)

When his disciples first encountered the risen Jesus, it changed them from deserters and cowards into bold proclaimers of his Gospel who found joy even in offering their lives for him. So Jesus wants to encounter us to transform us so that we can proclaim to a world gone astray that he is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Yes, we can encounter Jesus in our private prayer, in reading the Scriptures, in feeding the poor and doing the works of mercy – and we must do these things! – but there is nothing compared to a physical encounter with him in the Eucharist. This is why the Church insists that all its members, whenever they are not legitimately impeded, come together in intimate communion with the Body of Christ in the Eucharist, so that the Body of Christ can renew and transform our world with renewed vigor of the living Christ Jesus.

Yes, under our current circumstances, we do have to make adjustments and live a "new normal." But there is nothing that compares to the great gift of his Real Presence that Jesus offers us in the Eucharist. We look forward to welcoming you back!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Larry Silva
Bishop of Honolulu



**OFFICE OF WORSHIP
DIOCESE OF HONOLULU**

MEMORANDUM

To: Clergy and Parishes
From: Deacon Modesto Cordero, Director Office of Worship
Date: December 7, 2020

RE: LITURGICAL DIRECTIVES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON DURING THE TIME OF PANDEMIC

***REMINDERS FROM PRIOR DIOCESAN DIRECTIVES AND/OR PROTOCOLS:**

* WEARING OF MASK OR MASK/FACE SHIELD - In response to the Office of the Governor's "13th Proclamation related to the COVID-19 Emergency" (dated September 22, 2020): *"All persons must wear face coverings in compliance with county orders, rules and directives."* Our diocesan directive stands as promulgated in our latest MEMO: *"Face coverings (masks or mask/face shields) will be worn at ALL times by ALL who participate at the Mass during the liturgical celebration. For those ministers with respiratory issues the use of a face shield instead of a face mask is highly recommended."*

* Priests, deacons and other duly commissioned extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion – who are not at high risk of infection themselves - may continue to take Communion to the homebound, always exercising proper hygiene procedures and wearing masks.

* In-person church meetings may continue (with no more than 5 people), IF proper social distancing and the wearing of masks is observed. Otherwise, meetings should continue to be conducted virtually.

* We encourage parish priests to start/continue live-streaming their liturgies (especially during the Christmas season) to their parishioners via social media platforms and to communicate to them the times of these services and log-in information for their parish's Facebook and/or website. Daily and Sunday Masses are currently being livestreamed from various parishes in our diocese. For a comprehensive and updated list please visit our website at www.catholicahawaii.org.

* FUNERAL SERVICES: In compliance with the Office of the Governor's "14th Proclamation related to the COVID 19 Emergency" (dated October 13, 2020) (Exhibit H) directs *"any cemetery, cemetery authority, mortuary, mortuary authority, or person engaged in the provision of funeral services or who embalms bodies is prohibited from transporting a body to a residence or any other location, unless it is the location of burial authorized by law."* Therefore, all Funeral Masses in the presence of a body (casket) in the state of Hawaii are to be postponed OR celebrated without the presence of the body.

* Our clergy can still offer the Vigil for the Deceased and/or a Funeral Liturgy outside Mass at the mortuary/funeral home, or a Committal Service at the cemetery.

* As an exception during this time, a Funeral Mass at church in the presence of an Urn or without the presence of the body may still be celebrated before the Committal. In that case, the body should be blessed with holy water at the cemetery, and the Final Commendation and Farewell should be included in the Committal Service (See Order of Christian Funerals, Chapter 6.)

* Religious Education, Youth and Young Adult Ministry and Faith Formation may continue following the proper guidelines provided by the Office of Religion Education and Faith Formation.

* All prior memos, directives and protocols are still in effect unless changed in this memo.

For any additional questions or concerns contact me at mcordero@rcchawaii.org or (808) 585-3342.

***Approved by Bishop Larry Silva on December 6, 2020.**



COVID-19 VACCINE

Tue 12/15/2020 10:20 PM > This message was sent with High importance.

To: Our Lady of the Mount Church

Aloha,

Please read and refer people with concerns and/or questions about the morality of the COVID19 vaccine to the U.S. Bishops Chairman for Pro-Life and Doctrine Address Ethical Concerns on the New COVID-19 Vaccines (USCCB) article at: <https://www.usccb.org/news/2020/us-bishop-chairmen-pro-life-and-doctrine-address-ethical-concerns-new-covid-19-vaccines>.

Also the last issue of the Hawaii Catholic Herald has an article about it at: <https://www.hawaiicatholicherald.com/2020/12/09/use-of-covid-19-vaccines-morally-acceptable-say-bishops/>



The USCCB article reads:

On December 14, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Doctrine, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities, issued a statement on the new COVID-19 vaccines. In their statement, the bishops address the moral concerns raised by the fact that the three vaccines that appear to be ready for distribution in the United States all have some connection to cell lines that originated with tissue taken from abortions.

"In view of the gravity of the current pandemic and the lack of availability of alternative vaccines, the reasons to accept the new COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna are sufficiently serious to justify their use, despite their remote connection to morally compromised cell lines."

"Receiving one of the COVID-19 vaccines ought to be understood as an act of charity toward the other members of our community. In this way, being vaccinated safely against COVID-19 should be considered an act of love of our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good."

With regard to the AstraZeneca vaccine, the bishops found it to be "more morally compromised" and consequently concluded that this vaccine "should be avoided" if there are alternatives available. "It may turn out, however, that one does not really have a choice of vaccine, at least, not without a lengthy delay in immunization that may have serious consequences for one's health and the health of others," the bishop chairmen stated. "In such a case ... it would be permissible to accept the AstraZeneca vaccine."

At the same time, the bishops also warned that Catholics *"must be on guard so that the new COVID-19 vaccines do not desensitize us or weaken our determination to oppose the evil of abortion itself and the subsequent use of fetal cells in research."*

For more information read the entire article on the above link.

Advent blessings!

Deacon Modesto R. Cordero
Director - Office of Worship



BEATING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

*Please refer to the latest directives provided by the Diocese Office of Worship.

*As we resume our public celebrations of the Holy Mass on days and weekends, we continue to observe safe distancing, hygiene practices, wear face covering, and avoid large gatherings.

*Dispensation for not attending mass in churches due to high risk or fear of infecting or contracting coronavirus has been extended by Bishop Larry Silva until February 16, 2021 but highly encouraged to join the televised or livestreamed mass.

*At OLM, we provide the live-streamed Mass on Sundays at 9:00am so as to enable those sheltered-in to fulfill their obligation. There are prayers available that we can use individually or as a family. We need to keep connected with our Almighty God who can put an end to this pandemic and allow us to return unscathed to our normal lives. Let us stay safe, healthy and blessed and continue to pray for one another and for the whole world.

***LET US KEEP PRAYING FOR DELIVERANCE FROM THE DEADLY VIRUS
AND FOR THE SAFETY AND GOOD HEALTH OF EVERYONE***

PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



FEAST DAYS

- Dec 26** St. Stephen, the First Martyr
- Dec 28** Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs
- Dec 29** St. Thomas Becket, bishop & martyr
- Dec 31** St. Sylvester I, pope
- Jan 1** Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
- Jan 2** Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops and doctors of the Church

OTHER

Dec 27-Jan 9, 2021 RE classes will be on winter break; classes will resume on Jan 10, 2021. *Hauoli Makahiki Hou*, everyone!!

Dec 30 Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help, 7:00pm

Jan 1 2021—New Year’s Day:

- > 8:00AM First Friday, Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- > 9:00AM Mass ,Feast of Mary, Mother of God
- > Holiday, the Office is closed

✠ OBITUARY

+RICARDO REGIDOR STABILIO, 74

Memorial Mass: December 30, 2020,
10:00am at OLM Church

+ELAINE CLAIRE PASAMONTE ULEP, 61

Funeral Service: January 4, 2021,
10:45am at Valley of the Temples Trousdale Chapel
Interment: January 4, 2021,
1:00pm at Valley of the Temples Memorial Park

+JOSE NUEVA ASENTISTA. 94

Memorial Mass: January 6, 2021,
10:00am at OLM Church
Funeral Service: January 8, 2021,
11:30am at Borthwick Mortuary
Interment: January 8, 2021,
2:00pm at Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery

+GLORIA BATUGA DATULAYTA, 62

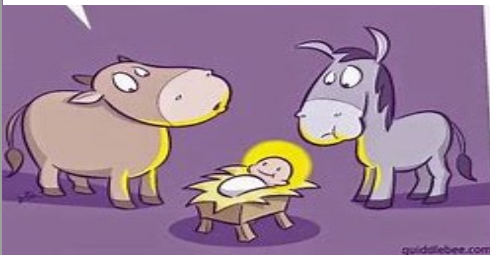
Wake Service: January 11, 2021,
10:00am at Valley of the Temple
Memorial Mass: January 13, 2021 at OLM Church

*“Eternal rest grant unto the faithful departed,
O Lord.”*

Heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.



“Dude, there’s a baby in the salad!”



L.O.L.
Laugh
Out
Loud!



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

*Weekday Masses (Mon-Fri) – 7:00 AM

*Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil Mass – 6:00 PM

Sunday Masses – 6:30 AM * 9:00 AM (Live-streamed)



IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- *Please come to the church with your own face covering and observe the 6-foot distancing when you get out of your car, walk into the church and take your seat at the marked areas. Families of the same household with small kids may be seated together. Avoid congregating in large or crowded groups.
- *Please use the sanitizers by the entrance doors when you come inside the church. You may bring disinfectant wipes for use in your seat before and after the service.
- *If you feel sick, please don’t force yourself to come to church. Stay home and get well. You are dispensed from the obligation.
- *Let’s strive to stay safe, healthy and holy as we come back to the house of God and gather as one blessed family.

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: 7:00am
Saturday (Vigil): 6:00pm
Sunday: 6:30am & 9:00am