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150TH JUBILEE
1870-2020

"CELEBRATING AND RENEWING OUR FAITH IN GRATEFUL STEWARDSHIP"

Celebrate with us the Jubilee Year of Our Lady of the Mount on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary of Foundation from August 16, 2020 to August 15, 2021.

JUBILEE YEAR 2020-2021

❖ *Let's celebrate with joy and gratitude God's bountiful blessings!* ❖

First Sunday of Advent



Fr. Edgar B. Brillantes
Pastor



Fr. Adrian R. Gervacio
Pastor Emeritus



ADVENT: O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL!

We begin this weekend the season of Advent, a time of preparation for Christ's coming into the world. The *Advent wreath* with the four candles is put up in the sanctuary symbolizing the coming of Christ as light to dispel the darkness of the world. It will be blessed on the First Sunday of Advent and lighted by assigned individuals or couples. It is also customary to have Advent wreaths in homes just as there are lanterns, Christmas trees and the like.

We are also called to be watchful and alert for the coming of the Lord Jesus into our hearts and lives. He comes to us in the Eucharist and in the sacraments. Usually, we have communal Advent Penance service when priest-confessors from other parishes come to assist. We cannot hold that this time because of the covid restrictions. Instead, *Fr. Adrian* and *Fr. Edgar* will be both available for confessions on all Saturdays of Advent starting 5:00pm. Please consider this opportunity to be reconciled with the Lord to help you prepare for a more meaningful Christmas in your life.



LIVE-STREAMED MASS

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*November 29, 2020 at 9:00 AM

*Log in to www.Facebook.com/olmkalihi.

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THANKSGIVING DAY MAHALO

Thanksgiving Day is a uniquely special holiday where we celebrate family unity. Good stewards that we are, we observed this day with a deep sense of prayer, gratitude and joy. We certainly had a graced gathering celebrating our Thanksgiving Day Eucharist. We were reminded that our lives and daily activities are a constant act of thanksgiving, all of which give glory to God, especially through the celebration of the Eucharist.

Our priests thanked one and all for the spiritual and material support we extended to them in their pastoral ministry. We are so very thankful, incredibly grateful and overwhelmingly blessed with their dedicated spiritual leadership and pastoral shepherding. Fr. Adrian and Fr. Edgar continue to assure us of their prayers and blessing, and they wish only the best as we still navigate thru the covid crisis and shift into the new season of Advent and the holidays.

"Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved." Psalm 80:4

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First Reading: *Isaiah 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7*

The new Christian liturgical year begins with a fervent prayer for restoration. Although originally uttered in the context of the Hebrew people's return from captivity in Babylon in the sixth century BC, the words of the prophet Isaiah are just as powerful and poignant in our day. Great hope was certainly in the hearts of all those called to journey back to the land of their ancestors. Yet their return was far from joyful. Instead, they found their lands pillaged and burned. Even with this devastation before them, they called out in confidence to God, knowing that he alone could make their return a source of blessing.

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

In this Reading, Paul instructs the Corinthians to recognize that God's faithfulness is directly tied to their being called to "fellowship with his Son." There is much to be thankful for in God's grace at work in the community at Corinth, but the desire to share various and unique gifts for the sake of unity remains a great challenge.

Gospel: *Mark 13:33-37*

The word "watch" is repeated several times in this short Gospel Reading. Here Jesus compares "the watch" to the work of a gatekeeper who vigilantly remains alert at the door for his master's return. The season of Advent is designed to be a time of fine-tuning our Christian attitude of hopeful, joyful watching. We are to hear and obey the summons of the Lord to be alert and watchful. Our watching constitutes yearning for a world renewed by God and be perfect by his love and mercy. Using our gifts for others is the best way to stand ready and alert.

NOVEMBER

† COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED †

Eternal rest grant unto the souls of the faithful departed, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

† REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED DEAD †

We have until the end of the month of **November** to honor and pray for our beloved dead. A **Book of Remembrance** is placed on the church table for anyone to inscribe the names of their deceased and we'll pray for them at every Mass. Other ways to honor them include lighting candles for them (*there are two candlestands at the back of the church*), visiting their graves and praying and offering Masses for them. You also brought their pictures and posted them on the **Memorial Board**. *Offering Envelopes* are placed on the church table for your use in memory of the dead.

PRAYERS AND PRACTICES FOR REMEMBERING THE DEAD IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

**Provided by the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions | Resources for November 2020*

In countless cultures around the world, religious traditions honor those who have died. This is particularly prevalent in the month of November.

Throughout the last weeks of the Roman Catholic liturgical year, the Church reminds us of the "end times" with particular eschatological readings which refer to the coming of the Lord and the unpredictability of death. This year, the world has been especially visited by death. At this writing, the coronavirus pandemic has taken over 1,154,068 lives worldwide – about 4000 per day. In the United States, we have reached over 224,339 deaths. These are not empty statistics; these are very real children of God who were loved and valued and will be missed by those who knew them. Therefore, this year, let us be even more attentive to prayer. Let us be mindful of the power of the liturgy to transform the lives of those who participate in it. Let us draw from our rich treasury of orations and Scripture in order to give comfort to our people. Most of all, let us commend the Dead to the merciful embrace of almighty God. May these prayers increase our faith and console those who mourn.



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 Members of the Diocese of Honolulu
 From: Bishop Larry Silva
 Date: October 13, 2020

Aloha, Sisters and Brothers! Peace be with you!

This year of 2020 has brought us many unprecedented experiences and major adjustments to our lives and livelihoods due to the coronavirus pandemic. While we must not let down our guard and continue to observe prudent hygiene measures, we also want to look optimistically to the future. With Advent and Christmas coming, it is very important that we prepare ourselves well for these high holy days in which we celebrate the great gift of the Word of God taking flesh and dwelling among us. Therefore, I ask all the parishes to plan their Advent and Christmas schedules in such a way as to accommodate as many people as possible throughout these days.

Since mid-March through October 31, 2020 I have issued a dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19. I am hereby extending that dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation through **December 31, 2020**. As I do so, however, I urge everyone who is able to return to Mass, without undue risks to their health or the health of others, to do so. Please note that in the Diocese of Honolulu, besides all Sundays, the holy days of obligation are the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, December 8; and Christmas on Friday, December 25. Again, while all are dispensed from the obligation of attending, I urge you to do so if you can.

It is highly recommended that those who do avail themselves of the dispensation substitute some other prayer experience so that worship of God does not lose its primary focus in our lives. One could do a home holy hour, pray the rosary, celebrate the Liturgy of the Hours, or do some reading of spiritual books and articles, especially the lives of the saints. Of course, we also encourage anyone who cannot attend Mass to watch a live-streamed Mass. Sites are posted on our diocesan website at www.catholichawaii.org.

We encourage everyone to reach out to those who may not hear this message on their own and invite them to "Come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!"



OFFICE OF WORSHIP
 DIOCESE OF HONOLULU

UPDATE ON DIOCESAN COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

RE: NEW PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS REGARDING FUNERALS

To: Clergy, Parishes and Catholic Faithful
 From: Deacon Modesto Cordero, Director Office of Worship
 Date: Wed 10/21/2020 5:18 PM

Aloha,

Governor David Y. Ige's latest FOURTEENTH PROCLAMATION RELATED TO THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY signed on 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, **effective immediately and until further notice, 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.)

For any additional information contact my office.

Peace!



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, wear face covering, keep hygiene practices 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 December 31, 2020 but highly encouraged to join the televised or livestreamed Mass.

*At OLM, we continue to provide the live-streamed Mass on Sundays at 9:00am so as to enable those sheltered-in to fulfill their obligation. There are also prayers 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❖



COVID-19 RADIOTHON

Here's an important announcement and invitation to join a Covid-testing and Radiothon about covid-19:

A *Radiothon Virtual Show* on covid prevention and testing is being co-sponsored by the *Filipino Community Center* and *The Legal Clinic* in cooperation with *University of Hawaii Ethnic Education Program*.

As you may or may not know, the Filipinos are in the top 3 in terms of infected cases in Hawaii. A group of Filipino leaders have come together to address the issue and they got funding from the Government CARES Act to do outreach. The Filipino Catholic Club also plays an important role in this effort.

We invite you to tune in this Saturday, November 28, from 10:00am to 12:00noon on either of the 3 radio stations – KNDI or KPHI or KPRP. You can also log in to the *Facebook Page of Larry Ordonez* or the *Filcom Center Facebook Page*. Join and have a chance to win prizes with added entertainments.

The coordinators of the program will then schedule and administer covid-testing in different parish centers. Our Church at OLM is scheduled to hold the **covid-testing for everyone this Sunday, November 29 after the 9:00am Mass.**

FAQ (Frequently asked questions):

❖How will testing be done? > Just walk in because registration will be on-site.

❖Set up for testing: > The company that will be doing the testing will set up and clean up. The church as venue will provide: one 16 feet table; 4 chairs & power; specific location of testing. The open church ground is a good testing site.

❖What to bring? > **ID and health insurance card. Important to wear face mask.**

❖Cost of testing: > The person tested does not have to pay. If the person has health insurance, the insurer will be billed. But you need to bring and show your health insurance card. For someone with no health insurance but wants to get tested, there is money available to pay for the test.

You have nothing to lose – it's for your safety, health and more secure life. If you have questions, please go to Dr. Clementina Ceria-Ulep. Thank you.



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!

STEWARDSHIP—Deepening Our Lives In Christ

STEWARDSHIP > STEWARDSHIP BUILDS COMMUNITIES OF FAITH

By Rev. Yaw Acheampong, pastor, Our Lady of Peace Parish, Toronto, Ontario

In 2018, as part of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan, Cardinal Thomas Collins, archbishop of Toronto, instituted a stewardship pilot project to help promote Christian stewardship as a way of life in our parishes. From the spring of 2018, eight parishes, including Our Lady of Peace, participated in the project. The pilot project helped us examine the many different ways to engage parishioners to share their God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure in their parish communities. A team guided us to examine and to reflect on stewardship as “an expression of discipleship, with the power to change how we understand and live out our lives.” We recognized that even though our parishes already have ministers serving in various ministries, the word “stewardship” was misunderstood and a few parishioners do everything. So, how do we inspire our parishioners to participate in fruitful stewardship? The project has given us some insight into what are considered to be best practices. These include ideas for stewardship in liturgy, spiritual formation and social activities, practices that have helped renew the spirit of stewardship in several parishes in other dioceses. We also learned about the effective communication methods suitable to our parishes to help with our parishioners’ understanding of stewardship. We recognized that although our parishes may be different from each other because of the location or the backgrounds of the parishioners, activities like the celebration of Installation and Recognition ceremonies for ministers, Ministry Fair and creating an atmosphere of hospitality such as coffee Sundays have helped transform parishes into stewardship parishes.

At Our Lady of Peace, last October during our first Stewardship Week, we had lay witness talks that invited parishioners to reflect on their call to use their God-given gifts to live out their baptismal promises as faithful stewards. This year’s celebration of Stewardship Sunday comes at a time of uncertainty due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but it can be an opportunity to reflect on how best to adapt our stewardship practices to meet the unique challenges of our current situation. It calls us to be creative and proactive in engaging our ministers who may not be in active ministry and also to attract more parishioners to become faithful stewards.

In his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship in 2018, Cardinal Collins wrote: “Stewardship is so deeply rooted in the foundational themes of the Gospel that it involves a permanent and continuous re-orientation of our approach to discipleship, and so provides a stable base for the life of faith in our communities.” In fact, the life of faith in our communities is reflected on the blossoming of the fruits of the Archdiocesan Stewardship Project, the fruits being expressed during this COVID-19 pandemic. Since the lockdown, some ministers have been working behind the scenes to help run the parishes and to serve those in need in our communities. As the pilot project is extended to more parishes, it is our hope that more parishioners become involved in igniting the fire of stewardship in our parishes.

The reality of this COVID-19 pandemic is that despite the reduced attendance at Mass and reduced spiritual and social activities in our parishes, parishes will always be in need of ministers. Our celebration of Stewardship Sunday reminds us that when we strive to embrace stewardship, we transform our parish communities into vibrant places of Christian living where we serve to make the love of Christ real and present.

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



A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Gracious and loving God,
As the autumn season continues its transformation and
the days become shorter, the earth cooler;
as we join family and friends in joy and celebration on
Thanksgiving Day,
we pause to give You thanks and praise
for the abundant blessings You have bestowed upon us:
For life and health, safety and comfort,
food and nourishment.
Through your Spirit, open our hearts so that we may be
even better stewards of Your many blessings.
Show us how to be a blessing for the poor,
sick, lonely and all who suffer.
And help us nurture the gift of faith, revealed to us
by your Son, Jesus Christ, our greatest gift,
who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever.
Amen.

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

MASS ATTENDANCE

	<u>11/21-22/20</u>	<u>11/14-15/20</u>
Sat 6:00pm	40A+1C	50A+1C
Sun 6:30am	64A+8C	61A+0C
Sun 9:00am	60A+7C	74A+8C

(A = Adults; C = Children)



SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

Offertory	\$ 2,593.38	\$ 3,140.73
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 565.00	\$ 60.00
Donation		\$ 500.00
Immaculate Conception		\$ 50.00
All Souls Day	\$ 25.00	\$ 190.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 110.00	\$ 10.00
Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund		\$ 35.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$ 1,190.00	
Religious Ed Donation		\$ 10.00
Religious Articles	\$ 15.00	\$ 26.00
Candles	\$ 95.00	\$ 110.00
Tax Refund		\$ 2.25
Mastercard Rebate		\$ 11.79
Mass Intentions	<u>\$ 150.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,743.38</u>	<u>\$ 4,145.77</u>

*“Whoever can be trusted with a little, can be trusted with a lot.”
Luke 16:10*

MORE PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



From the Office for Social Ministry

HELP CRS EMERGENCY EFFORTS FOR *TYPHOON GONI & TYPHOON VAMCO* RELIEF, PHILIPPINES

While the Philippines battles high levels of COVID-19 infection rates, residents are also struggling to recover from two major typhoons that slammed the country in a span of two weeks. Super Typhoon Goni (also known as Typhoon Rolly) was a Category 5 storm that swept through the main island of Luzon on November 1, impacting more than 2 million people with severe flooding, landslides and mass evacuations. It was the strongest cyclone on record eclipsing the previous record held by Haiyan and Meranti in November 2013.

While emergency efforts were still underway, Typhoon Vamco followed with more devastation, striking Metro Manila on November 11. The storm caused more heavy rains, damaged homes, and increased displacement for families.

Fortunately, Catholic Relief Services, the international relief arm of the U.S. Catholic Bishops continues leading disaster recovery efforts. Because of its geographic location, the Philippine islands are prone to regular cyclone activity, heavy rains, and flooding. For this reason, CRS maintains a permanent presence in the Philippines, helping communities with disaster preparedness and working on the ground, ready to respond when storms strike. Your gift can help save lives by providing critical emergency supplies, shelter materials and hygiene kits. If you would like to make a donation directed to Typhoon Goni and Typhoon Vamco recovery efforts, visit the [CRS website](#).



IMPORTANT UPDATES FOR EMERGENCY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

*Feeding the Hungry During the Covid-19 Pandemic

Registrations for emergency food distributions at Hawaii Food Bank's pop-up sites are already full for the month of November, but two December distribution dates will soon be available for sign-ups.

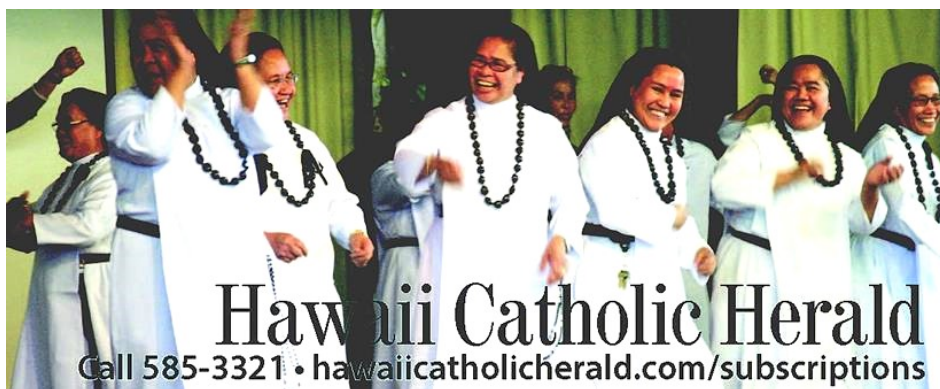
Pre-registration is required [ONLINE](#) for specified dates listed below:

WINDWARD OAHU - December 11th at First Presbyterian Church, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

- Online registration opens December 4, 2020 at 9:00 AM
- Event will serve 1,000 households

ISLAND OF OAHU - December 18th at Aloha Stadium, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

- Online registration opens December 11, 2020 at 9:00 AM
- Event will serve 3,500 households



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⌘ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ⌘



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

November 29, Sunday – The Sunday catechesis will continue to focus on the Holy Eucharist, Advent and Reconciliation. Video presentations on related topics will also be shown.

The children and their parents as well as the catechists and any interested parishioner are welcome to attend. 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. The area will be disinfected before and after the session 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.



TALK STORY: Connecting Parish Religious Education Coordinators and Directors

- Online Event
- Tuesday, December 3, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Contact *Chad Chun* at cchun@rcchawaii.org for meeting link. All sessions will be recorded and available at www.catholicahawaii.org/ore/webinars.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEBINAR SERIES

Webinars for Parish Ministers

The Office of Religious Education/Adult Faith Formation invites parish ministers to view a series of free, online professional development webinars. Enjoy access to free presentations by experts in many areas (child, youth, adult, family) of parish ministry from the comfort of your home or office.

Log in to the live webinars to participate in our question-and-answer sessions or watch the free recordings at your convenience. Watch the recordings of more than fifty Ave Maria Press webinars: www.avemariapress.com/webinar-videos/



MAHALO FROM CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD)

***November 21-22 > "Helping People Help Themselves"> Second Collection**

This year on November 21-22, the U.S. Bishops celebrated 50 years of *helping people help themselves* through the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). The annual fund helps empower people living in poverty to transform their families and communities into reflections of the Kingdom of God. We at OLM are happy to once again show our support by donating \$1,190.00 in our parish's second collection.

Remember that CCHD funds stay local! This past year, monies raised from Honolulu Diocese parish collections have helped transition homeless and formerly incarcerated women into housing and job training. Bishop Larry Silva strongly encouraged all to give generously to this CCHD collection as a way to witness to Jesus.

For more information on other ways to donate, please visit the [CCHD website](http://www.cchd.org) or the [Office for Social Ministry's website](http://www.olm.org).



MORE PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The desert rejoiced and blossomed

Isaiah 35:1

Wednesday, December 2 at 7:00 PM

all young adults, ages 18-39, invited!



This month, we're 'talking story' with Bishop Larry Silva. He will share the fascinating story of Our Lady of Guadalupe, great evangelizer of Mexico and Patroness of the Americas and we'll 'talk story' about what this story means for us, especially during this Advent and Christmas season.

OYYAM talkstory



RSVP →



Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Join this upcoming youth and youth adults 'talk story' with Bishop Larry Silva. He will share the fascinating story of Our Lady of Guadalupe, great evangelizer of Mexico and Patroness of the Americas and we'll 'talk story' about what this story means for us, especially during this Advent and Christmas season. More information available at www.catholichawaii.org/oyyam/yam/talkstory. **RSVP [HERE](#)**.



BISHOP'S THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

As we celebrate this very different Thanksgiving with all its pandemic restrictions, we still have so many reasons to be thankful to God for all his gifts to us.

I am particularly thankful to all of you who continue to give witness to Jesus in spite of the many challenges this year has brought and who have kept a positive spirit.

As we praise God for all his blessings, be assured that I will praise him for the blessing of YOU!

- Bishop Larry Silva



Stewardship News & Announcements

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is responsible sharing in gratitude of the gifts of time, talent and treasure that God has bestowed upon each one of us. This has been manifested by our dear parishioners in various ways:

MAHALO TO GOOD STEWARDS

***GIFTS OF LOVE

❖ We acknowledge all generous 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 GIFT: 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.

*****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.

❖**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 to bedeck the sanctuary.

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 in the rectory as well as around the church and other structures. *Roger Isidro* hung 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.

❖**PRE-CHRISTMAS CLEANING** – Parishioner-volunteers have started cleaning up the church and other living areas. Due to the government advisory of avoiding large gatherings, we are doing it in small groups or by families on different times of the day or week. Thanks to *Mary Ann Llamedo* who is coordinating the scheduling of volunteers for the activity.

❖**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*. They also prepare the items for power-point projection at Mass such as the hymns, readings and responses. For added health protection, *Andy Llamedo* installed a flexi-glass barrier at the lectern.

There is a wi-fi hook-up to the parish hall in case of an overflow in the church. The choir loft is also prepared for additional accommodation. In both areas, the faithful can attend the Mass and receive Holy Communion from there. 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 installation. 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.

❖**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*.

❖**GARDENING** – There are wonderful people who volunteer with the upkeep of the church grounds. *Clemente Fontanilla* mows the grass. *Frankie Cabral* single-handedly trimmed the overhanging tree branches of the evergreen cypress trees in front of the parish hall and hung the Christmas lights around them. He has also put up the usual Christmas lights at the belfry from top to bottom ready for 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* continue to keep the yellow hibiscus blooming with flowers thru regular pruning and watering. *Jun & Nida Flores* also added rainbow-colored flower plants at the foot of the church belfry. 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.

TO ALL THE GOOD STEWARDS, OUR SINCERE THANK YOU!





Nov 22 > 7:00am Wedding anniversary - *Urbano & Crescencia Acosta (51); Roger & Aida Isidro (51)* * Birthday - *Genevieve Atendido* * Thanksgiving - *Alex & Marichu Pe Benito*

> 9:00am Birthday - *Gerald Jay Magbojos; Armelita Canoneo* * RM + *Deceased family & relatives of Celerina Pamaylaon*

Nov 23 > 7:00am RM + *Rocky Arios; +Ely, Rose & Alan Purganan, Gaudencio Garcia, Cesario & Loreta Pascual, Maria Pascual;*

Nov 24 > 7:00am Birthday - *Armelita Canoneo*

Nov 25 > 7:00am Healing - *Theresa Schwengler* **Nov 25-Dec 3** > 7:00am RM + *Ren Ferrer*

Nov 26 > 9:00am Thanksgiving - *Jun Cortez & family; M/M Joseph & Mila Llantero; Thomas & Olivia Mita; Dolores Ramiscal; Artates & Bacani families; Silver & Marivic Palting* * Healing - *Theresa Schwengler; Guy Miranda* * RM + *George & Fulgencio Trocio, Luisa Madarang, Luis & Marcela Cantiveros* **Nov 27** > 7:00am RM + *Ramil Domingo Ramirez*

Nov 28 > 6:00pm Healing & speedy recovery - *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 + *Deceased victims of the coronavirus pandemic; +Deceased pastors and parishioners of OLM; Those whose names and photos are in the Book of Remembrance & Memorial Board*

Nov 29 > 6:30am Healing - *Laureta & Mario Parilla; Theresa Schwengler; Ernesto Fiesta; Guy Miranda, Caridad Dagdagan* * Thanksgiving - *Alex & Marichu Pe Benito; For the blessings, sponsors and donors of our Parish Jubilee Year* * RM + *Francisca Isidro; +Rocky Arios; +Teresita Parana Braceros; +Cecilio Buan; +Teresita Fontanilla*

> 9:00am (*Missa pro populo*) Healing - *Alfreda Bucaneg, Nicanor Bucaneg; Juliet Hobson; Lucille Mohika; Mila Llantero; Venasio Talia; Pamata & Sulia Liua; Amando & Palmas Flores; Alfonso & Mary Villanueva & all those infected by the coronavirus disease* * Special intention - *Ropati Liua; Robert Fernandez; For deliverance from covid-19 pandemic and for discovery of effective vaccine against covid* * Thanksgiving - *Cathy Purganan; Alfreda Bucaneg, Maryann & Maria Goloran; Joseph & Mila Llantero; Silver & Marivic Palting; For the blessings, sponsors & donors of our Parish Jubilee Year* * *For Deliverance from & end of the covid-19 pandemic* * RM + *Primo Dayao; +Ren Ferrer; +Roland & Mary Bueno; +Ely, Rose & Alan Purganan, Cesario & Loreta Pascual; +Ramil Domingo Ramirez; +Deceased victims of the coronavirus pandemic; +Deceased pastors and parishioners of OLM*

Dec 5 > 6:00pm Birthday - *Frankie Cabral Jr* * RM + *Francisco, Genara, Alfredo & Lito Cabral*

Don't Miss the **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*



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

❖ **Good Health / Successful Surgery:** *Laureta & Mario Parilla * Alfreda Bucaneg * Nicanor Bucaneg * Fr Thomas Joseph * Dylan Calizar * Caroline Gruenhagen * Gladys Sedeno * Rudy Castillejos * Fr Steve Nguyen * Pauline Cristal Cobarrubias * John Martinez * Joe Lazo * Abraham Pascual * Theresa Schwengler * Doren Gruenhagen * Juliet Hobson * Michael Schwengler Jr * Amando & Palmas Flores * Bob Wells * Marie Schwengler * Imelda Mateo Ruaburo * Ruben Villarain * Lucille Mohika * Adelina Sebastian * Ernesto Fiesta * Mila Llantero * Fred Caballes * Venasio Talia * Guy Miranda * Pamata & Sulia Liua * Caridad Dagdagan * 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:** *Frankie Cabral Jr * Gerard Jay Magbojos * Armelita Canoneo * Genevieve Atendido * Sharon Cardenas * Teresa Siruno * Marie Schwengler * Florencio Sipalay * Rey Teocoso * Susan Mita * Chita Magbojos * David Smith * Liberato Valdez Jr * Chase Balbuena * Feaomoeta Sole * Arnela Domingo * Maryann Llamedo * Alfonso Villanueva * Fr. Edgar * Wilfred Soong * Anderson Ramiscal * Robin Therese Johnson * Cora dela Rosa * Elsa T Cayetano * Andy Magbojos * Moises Andres (81) * Bella Miranda (93) * Rachel Soong & Carin * Susan Artates * Sandra Ramiscal * Thomas Mita*

❖ **Ordination Anniversary:** *Bishop Larry Silva (15th Episcopal Ordination Anniversary) * Fr. Steve Nguyen (21st) * Fr. Alfred Guerrero (3rd) * Fr. Danilo Laeda (38th) * Fr. Edgar Brillantes (40th) * Fr. Teodulo Gaquit (50th) * Fr. Adrian Gervacio (53rd)*

❖ **Wedding Anniversary:** *Roger & Aida Isidro (51) * Urbano & Crescencia Acosta (51) * Edward & Teresita Dayoan (58) * Tony & Ana Rarangol (49) * Oliver & Jessica Jacinto * Melecio & Anita Pineria (50) * Nazario & Alice Balbuena (17)*

❖ **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 - Jun Cortez & family > Dolores Ramiscal > Alfreda Bucaneg, Maryann & Maria Goloran > Andy & Chita Magbojos > Brenton & Brandy Aczon > Chris & Emeline Chesser > Silverio & Marivic Palting > Leo & Myra dela Cruz > Robert & Darlene Theodore > Urbano Acosta > Florencio Sipalay & family > Alex & Marichu Pe Benito > Thomas & Olivia Mita > Corazon Orcino & Florentino Orcino > Renato & Cora dela Rosa > Bacani family > Joseph & Mila Llantero * Special intention - Ropati Liua > Audrey Peralta * Blessings for Rosary Warriors * Success of Anna Young Hwa Kwon*

❖ **Deceased:** *+Francisco, Genara, Alfredo & Lito Cabral * +George & Fulgencio Trocio, Luisa Madarang, Luis & Marcela Cantiveros * +Francisca Isidro * +Ramil Domingo Ramirez (2nd anniv) * +Teresita Parana Braceros (9th month) * +Primo Dayao * +Cecilio Buan * +Roland & Maria Bueno * +Ana Aleth, Mario, Cunegunda, Rosendo, Arceli * +William Kuboyama, Lorenza Valdez * +Rocky Arios * +Leonard & Shirley Decorte * +Cecilia T Datugan * +Espemito "Boy" Agarma * +Marcela & Tito Ulep * +Ely, Rose & Alan Purganan * +Gaudencio Garcia, Cesario & Loreta Pascual, Maria Pascual * +Arsenio Leonardo Lloren * +Abraham Chu, Marina & Federico Buncayao, Geronimo Bareng * +Elaine Cruz * +Ren Ferrer * +Paulino Corpuz * +Candido Puzon, Juliana Puzon, Agapita Arcega * +Marcelina Rivera (2nd) * +Marlene Facuri * +Ricardo Facuri * +Victoriano & Isabel Salvador & deceased family of Constantino & Mevelyn Acosta * +Mariano Talon * +Oriol, Dolores, Edgar, Jerry, Amante & Larry Aurelio * +Bert Aguinoldo, Casimiro, Dominica & Maxima Susa * +Alfredo Baptista * +Pedro & Urbana Artates * +Orlando & Virgilio Artates * +Pio Enrico * +Pio, Consuelo & Jovito Alcantra, Conrado Benitez Sr * +Simplicio Canoneo * +Arnel Domingo, Alfonso, Juan, Alberta, Baby Angel, Anastacio * +Jane Pe Benito, Purie Cortez & Violeta Pe Benito * +Romeo & Margarita Abendanio, Macario Beloy Sr * +Calixto & Leonila Guerrero, Corazon Llamedo, Henry & Luis Guerrero, Bernardino Tabilas * +Norberto Montaus, Sr, Norberto Jr, Bonifacio & Amelia Sabio * +Teodorico Reyes * +Teresita Fontanilla * Glir Dagdagan & deceased members of Dagdagan, Aspili & Eric families * +Patricio & Jacoba Ferrer, Apolonio, Fernando & Demetrio Ferrer, Zosima Alverne, James McNeal, Faustina Tulfo * +Manuel Bringas * +Caroline & Martin Rodrigues, Molly Green * +Francisca Garay * +Rolando de Leon, Venancia Aceret, Expectacion Rosario, Veronica Acierto, Camilo & Miguel Acob * +Emerita Bilen * +Fausto Teofilo de Guzman * +Lorraine Freitas * +Agapita Noble * +Molina Poliga, Jesus Justo * +Emilia Taqueban * +Vicenta & Glicerio Sanchez, Magdaleno Teves Sanchez, Primitivo & Emiliana Teves * +Timothy P Barroga * +Bernabe Fiesta * +Felix & Crescencia Edmalin * +Priscilla Sternberg * +Stanley & Martha Castro * +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 * +Estefano & Maura Padua * +Quon Yao & Dorothy Lee * +Janice Valdez * +Teodoro, Geralda, Aurelio, Aleja & Feliza Acosta * +Francisco & Mary Rodrigues * +Leonarda Palting * +Jose Palting * +Flor & +Victoria Barruga * +Charlie Puzon * +Gerardo Agcaoil * +Fermín Cruz * +Christopher Flores * +Robert Walsh * +Ronald Palce, Pio & Victoriana Bacani * +Leonora Tesoro * +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*

PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEAST DAYS

- Nov 30** St. Andrew, apostle
- Dec 3** St. Francis Xavier, priest
- Dec 4** St. John Damascene, priest & doctor of the Church

OTHER

- Nov 29** Religious Education Class, after the 9:00am Mass, parish hall
- Dec 3** Novena and rosary devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help, 7:00pm
- Dec 4** First Friday Holy Hour Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 7:00am Mass
- Dec 8** Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Holy Day of Obligation, Masses: 7:00am & 6:00pm

ADVENT CANDLE BEARERS

At each Mass this weekend, these couples or family are designated to light the First Advent candle - *Hope*:

- > 6:00pm *Manny & Rose Artates*
- > 6:30am *Lydia Cacpal & Glory Gomez*
- > 9:00am *Julie Manuel & Crescicio Paet*

The candles remind us of Jesus Christ who came to overcome the darkness of sin and lead us into the light of his glorious kingdom.

† OBITUARY



+CECILIO BAUTISTA BUAN, 68

Private Viewing: December 3, 2020, 12:00pm at Mililani-Waipio Mauka Chapel
 Interment: December 3, 2020, 1:30pm at Mililani-Waipio Memorial Park

+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

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

HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES
 TO THE BEREAVED FAMILIES.



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-feet 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. 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.

☺ L.O.L. (Laugh Out Loud) ☺



The Advent Wreath cartoon by the Rev. Jay Sidebotham

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
 Ilocano Mass: 3rd Sunday 6:00pm