

# OUR LADY OF THE MOUNT CHURCH

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❖ JUBILEE YEAR 2020-2021 ❖

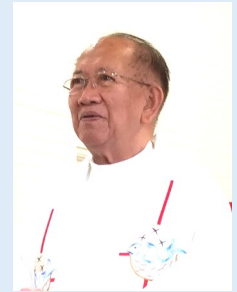
❖ CELEBRATING AND RENEWING OUR FAITH IN GRATEFUL STEWARDSHIP ❖

Let's celebrate with joy and gratitude the Jubilee Year of OLM's 150<sup>th</sup> 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



# PIT SENOR VIVA SANTO NINO!



## SANTO NINO FIESTA

*Santo Nino* (Holy Child) has been the foremost religious icon of Philippine Christianity which began 500 years ago with the coming of the Spanish missionaries. It was the gift given by the Spaniards to the first baptized Filipino Christians. Huge celebrations are held in the Child Jesus' honor in various cities and provinces especially in the Visayan region. The *Santo Nino Visayan Community of Honolulu* has been spearheading the devotion and celebration of the feast of Santo Nino every year in OLM. The feast day this year is this Sunday, January 10. For their spiritual preparation the group started the *novena* of devotional prayers on Friday, January 1, 2021 and held them in the church. Usually, on the celebration of the feast day, priests are invited and devotees from other parishes attend. Due to the coronavirus pandemic restrictions, the number of attendees has been limited. However, we invite everyone to join us in the livestreaming via [Facebook.com/olmkalihi](https://www.facebook.com/olmkalihi). We pray that Santo Nino, the Child Jesus, will hold us in his hands with loving care. We congratulate *Cleto Patoc* and his fellow officers of the Santo Nino Visayan Community for their worthy endeavors.



## The FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 10, 2021: Jesus' baptism gives meaning to our own baptism into Christ Jesus. He was baptized, just as we are. Jesus' baptism is a reminder that he is not only our Lord but also our brother. He shares in our humanity. Conversely, when we are baptized, we share in his divinity. Good stewards recognize that their baptisms call them to conform their daily lives to Jesus' teachings, and to live their lives as Jesus did. Through their baptism, they have been given the necessary gifts to share with others the new creation that Christ brings. The stewardship challenge is to recognize our own baptismal gifts, and like Jesus, use those gifts to bring the hope of Christ to the lives of others.





## Pastor's Corner

By Rev. Fr. Edgar B. Brillantes



### Next Sunday's Reading Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### First Reading

1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19

#### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-10

#### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

#### Gospel

John 1:35-42

### First Reading: *Isaiah 55:1-11*

In this Reading Isaiah proclaims the bounty of God who freely gives. His words come in the form of an invitation "to come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost." God promises the gifts of fortification without needing to be reimbursed. At least not financially, instead he wants one thing: for the people to listen to him.

### Second Reading: *1 John 5:1-9*

In this Reading, John argues that keeping the commands of God is the essential way that people can be assured that they are God's children. Rather than seeing the commands of God as a heavy burden, disciples of Jesus are to understand them as a way "to conquer the world." John makes it certain that conquering the world cannot be done according to one's own design and one's own spiritual prowess, rather only "the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God" can do this. The Reading continues that the three forms of testimony of faith are water, blood and the Spirit. The water to be the symbol of God's purity and the blood for his sufferings. The Spirit recognizes both the spotlessness of Jesus' mission and the fullness of his sacrifice. Disciples are to strive for purity in their relations and complete dedication in their faith.

### Gospel: *Mark 1:7-11*

This Gospel acknowledges the nature of the baptism performed by John. He sought to prepare hearts for the coming of God's kingdom; thus his baptism was a visible means of sealing conversion. While Jesus may not have needed any sort of conversion, his willingness to be baptized represents his total allegiance to the Kingdom. In the water, Jesus himself becomes the very sign of the drawing of the Kingdom. What John has been pointing to has now been fully revealed in Jesus. For this reason, the Holy Spirit plays a particularly important role at the baptism of the Lord. As he emerges from the water, he sees the Spirit descend upon him and he hears a heavenly voice declare: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." The seeing of the Spirit and the hearing of the voice ratify this relationship. It is not the sealing of conversion, but the acknowledgement of love. This moment in Jesus' life reassures him that everything he does from this point forward in making God's kingdom a reality, he does not do alone. This makes John's prophetic words about Jesus' baptizing with the Holy Spirit so true, that God loves his followers.

### 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\***



### \*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 IN THE NEW YEAR: MAKING NEW COMMITMENTS TO THE LORD**

We have suffered through a long and stressful year. It is a year that has heaped upon us many distractions. But as we look toward 2021 with hope, let us remember to get back to the fundamentals of being good stewards of our life in Christ. Stewardship is a commitment of mind and heart to the Lord; a way of life that needs constant renewal and transformation. This time of year has always been one of looking forward to a new year, reflecting on the changes we need to make in our lives and resolving to follow through on those changes. Perhaps those who seek to make resolutions to be better stewards might find inspiration in one or more of the following areas of Christian stewardship:



**Stewardship of Prayer:** Resolve to strengthen your relationship with the Lord through prayer. Notice how often you pray and what hinders you from praying. If you are a beginner, commit to short, daily prayer times.

**Stewardship of Family:** Resolve to set aside more time to stay connected with your family even if it is through digital technology. Eat dinner together, schedule regular dates with your spouse, plan family outings, and go to Mass together if that is possible at this time. Practice patience and forgiveness.

**Stewardship of Health:** Resolve to get those medical and dental checkups when it becomes safe. Adopt healthier eating habits. Add exercise and other physical activity to your daily routine.

**Stewardship of Possessions:** Resolve to possess a little more "lightly" this year. Consider ways you can reduce the amount of all that stuff you own. Distinguish between those items that are necessary and those that are considered luxurious and unnecessary.

**Stewardship of the Parish Family:** Resolve to serve your faith community in creative way given the new limitations on some parish activities. Is it time to enhance your generosity to the parish?

**Stewardship of Money:** Resolve to render sacred your annual budget. Reprioritize your financial goals to ensure that the Lord comes first in your spending. Take positive steps to improve your financial health.

**Stewardship of Work:** Even if you are working remotely, resolve to be faithful to your daily, work-related tasks and offer them up to the Lord. Cultivate your skills. Deepen your knowledge. Be mindful of how you are building the Kingdom of God.

**Stewardship of Mind:** Resolve to keep your mind active. Commit to being more informed on the issues of the day. Read your Bible. Become even more familiar with Catholic social teaching.

**Stewardship of Neighbor:** Realizing the need for social distancing, resolve to be a person of hospitality and mercy. Make time and space for others who enter your life. Be more aware of those times when a neighbor, co-worker, fellow parishioner or stranger, needs a moment of kindness, a little attention or an affirming gesture on your part.

**Stewardship of the Poor:** Resolve to live with more compassion and in solidarity with those less fortunate. Remember the poor in prayer, and commit to helping relieve in some way the plight of those who are impoverished or marginalized.

*(Lifted from International Catholic Stewardship Council e-bulletin, January 2021)*



**A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR**

Lord of new life,  
 Thank you for the gift of a new year.  
 You have entrusted us with the coming days,  
 weeks and months  
 as stewards of your divine plan;  
 to live in gratitude, joy, and an ever-growing  
 confidence in your Kingdom to come.  
 We ask for the humility to reform our lives;  
 the courage to commit ourselves to you  
 no matter the cost;  
 and the wisdom to shine the light of faith on others.  
 Open our hearts, give us your Spirit and  
 show us how to share your love  
 so that we may bring hope to a world in need  
 of your justice and peace.  
 We pray to be a sign of your grace in this new year  
 through your son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with  
 you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.  
 Amen.

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**MASS ATTENDANCE**

Mary, Mother of God, 1/1/21 9:00am 100A+3C

	<u>1/2-3/21</u>	<u>12/26-27/20</u>
Sat 6:00pm	54A+1C	35A+0C
Sun 6:30am	63A+0C	52A+0C
Sun 9:00am	72A+6C	62A+5C

(A = Adults; C = Children)

**SACRIFICIAL OFFERING**



Offertory	\$ 3,918.90	\$ 2,451.00
Initial Offering	356.00	\$ 6.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 1,344.25	\$ 189.00
Stewardship		\$ 500.00
Immaculate Conception		\$ 3.00
Simbang-Gabi		\$ 2,019.00
Christmas (Midnight, 6:30am, 9:00am)		\$ 5,054.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 1,930.00	
Funeral	\$ 500.00	
Candles	\$ 145.00	\$ 175.00
Incidental Bank Payment		\$ 30.00
Religious Articles	\$ 5.00	
Mass Intentions	\$ 85.00	\$ 175.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,284.15</b>	<b>\$10,602.00</b>

*"The righteous gives and does not hold back,"  
 Proverbs 21:26*



## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

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

### MAHALO TO GOOD STEWARDS

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

❖ We acknowledge all generous 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 *Bill & Joanna Amoroso* for their generous gift of \$1000.00 towards the Building Fund. Also to *Teresa Siruno* and her mother *Patrocina Siruno* for their recent donation of \$500.00 to our Church. Sharing their blessings on their 43<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary, *Adriano & Norma Daligcon* donated a new waste disposal for the kitchen sink at the parish rectory which *Adriano* himself installed.

\*\*\***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

\*\*\***PARKING LANES** – In preparation for the New Year, *Kalolo Tuihalafatai* refreshed the parking lanes with fresh paint. He does this every two years as part of his stewardship of service to the church.

\*\*\***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.

\*\*\***HOME REPAIRS** – *Roger Isidro* replaced and fixed the lock at the storage room in the parish hall.

❖ **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!

❖ **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 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. Much mahalo to *Gene!*

There is a wi-fi hook-up to the parish hall on the Sunday Eucharistic celebration 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. More operators have been recruited to assist in case of need – *Luis Joseph & Nathaniel Culao; Adam & Mitchell Baron*.

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.

❖ **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 \* Marichu Pe Benito \* Lynn Rivera \* Reanne Rodillas \* Linda Puzon (Coordinator)*.

❖ **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.



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

## LIVE-STREAMED MASS

\*FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

\*January 10, 2021 \* @ 9:00 AM

\*FEAST OF THE SANTO NINO

\*January 10, 2021 \* @ 3:00 PM

\*Log in to [www.Facebook.com/olmkalihi](http://www.Facebook.com/olmkalihi).

\*Please click "Like" for easier access to the site.



"The Lord will bless his people with peace."



### 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.

### 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





## MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 30-Jan 7 > 7:00am Healing - *Rosalyn Café Alindayu*

Dec 31-Jan 1 > 7:00am Thanksgiving - *Noemi Joseph & Mila Llantero \* RM +Bessie Soong; +Teresita Fontanilla*

Jan 1 > 9:00am Thanksgiving - *Alex & Marichu Pe Benito \* RM +Marieta Quarto*

Jan 3 > 9:00am Thanksgiving - *Renato & Cora dela Rosa; Jose Cadiz & family; M/M Jaime Macalma & family \* RM +Jose Hombrebueno*

Jan 3-11 > 7:00am RM +*Ricardo & Ana Francisca Mateo*

Jan 4-7 > 7:00am Healing - *John Loo*

Jan 5 > 7:00am Healing & successful surgery - *Krystle Parinas \* Birthday - Joeyfel & ocelyn Abayon*

Jan 8 > 7:00am Healing - *Valentina Elliazar \* Success - Febe Tacas \* RM +Rolando de Leon*

Jan 9 > 6:00pm Healing & speedy recovery - *Engel & Marie Celis family; Adelaida Noval; Andy Llamedo; Bella Miranda; Caren Soong; Guy Miranda; Those infected w/ covid-19 \* Special intention - For deliverance from covid-19 pandemic and for an effective vaccine to end it all \* For the success of the Santo Nino celebration \* RM +Apolonia Fontanilla; +Ricardo & Ana Francisca Mateo; +Victims of the coronavirus pandemic; +Deceased pastors, benefactors and parishioners of OLM*

Jan 10 > 6:30am Birthday - *Alex Pe Benito; Joeyfel & Jocelyn Abayon \* Good health - George Ferrer; John Loo; Audrey Peralta; Andy Llamedo; Guy Miranda, Caridad Dagdagan \* Thanksgiving - Rose Domingo; Adriano & Norma Daligcon; Alex & Marichu Pe Benito; Sponsors and ministers of our Mass \* Safe trip - Sheri Richards \* RM +Alfonso Diaz; +Arnel Domingo; +Juan Feliciano; +Maria Arcel Bersamin, Ricardo & Eduardo Ferrer, Luis & Lucia de Vera; +Rolando de Leon, Venancia Aceret, Veronica Acierto, Camilo Acob, Expectacion Rosario, Felicidad Madariaga, Miguel Francisco; +Teresita Fontanilla; +Leonora, Victorio & Edison Bautista; +Jose Asentista*

> 9:00am (Missa pro populo) Healing - *Jose Cadiz; Thomas & Olivia Mita; Mart, NB & Josie Alafonso; Andy Llamedo; 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 Renato & Cora dela Rosa; Jose Cadiz & family; M/M Thomas & Olivia Mita; M/M Joseph & Mila Llantero; Joe, Lydia & Jaymie Ravelo; Magno & Praxedes Oasay; Heno & Reyschel Oasay; Shadell Miyahiro; Emory & Melissa Villaterra and children; Pat, Vanessa, Brycen & Alexis Bugarin; Urbano Acosta; Thanksgiving to Santo Nino by Armelita Canoneo \* For Deliverance from & end of the covid-19 pandemic; For the success of the Santo Nino celebration of the Child Jesus \* RM +Marcela Ulep; +Ricardo & Ana Francisca Mateo; +Jose Hombrebueno; +Elaine Claire Ulep; +Venasio Talia; +Gloria Datulayta; +Deceased victims of the coronavirus pandemic; +Deceased pastors and parishioners of OLM*

Jan 11 > 7:00am RM +*Edith Santos; +Ricardo & Ana Francisca Mateo*

Jan 13 > 7:00am RM +*Maria Arcel Bersamin (Birthday)*



**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.*



## FACE – FAITH ACTION

### MEET FAITH ACTION'S NEW OFFICERS FOR 2021-2023

Faith Action's new officers for 2021-23 were installed on Dec. 19, 2020 at the Delegated Council meeting. They are:

President: *Ikaika Hussey*

VP Clergy: *Rev. Jessica Kawamura*

VP Laity: *Danicole Ramos*

Secretary: *Kristen Young*

Treasurer: *Jon Davidann*

They and the delegation read together the Faith Action Covenant to refresh everyone's commitment to Faith Action's values and mission. A key statement of the Covenant reads:

*"As a people of hope who share values arising from our religious convictions, we celebrate the historical teachings of our heritages as they show us the way of justice and compassion, and set us to care for the needs of all people."*

Get to know your new leaders by reading their mini-autobiographies: <https://www.faithactionhawaii.org/post/a-warm-welcome-to-our-new-board-of-directors>





## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

❖ **Good Health / Successful Surgery:** Jose Cadiz \* Thomas & Olivia Mita \* George Ferrer \* Engel & Marie Celis family \* Adelaida Noval \* Krystle Parinas \* John Loo \* Mart, NB & Josie Alafonso \* Andy Llamedo \* Bella Miranda \* Mila Llantero \* Ropati Liua \* Doi Facuri \* Caren Soong \* Patrocinia Siruno \* Charlie Newman \* Rosalyn Café Alindayu \* Gladys Sedeno \* Luz Neri \* Joshua Standifer \* Cipriana Luczon \* Elizabeth Bautista \* Avelina Bautista \* Dolores Mateo \* Ella Ucillos \* Ernesto Papa \* Clementina Ceria-Ulep \* Caridad Dagdagan \* Lolita Honorio \* Vladimir Skupovska \* Laureta & Mario Parilla \* Fr Thomas Joseph \* Dylan Calizar \* Caroline Gruenhagen \* Theresa Schwengler \* Doren Gruenhagen \* Juliet Hobson \* Michael Schwengler Jr \* Amando & Palmas Flores \* Bob Wells \* Marie Schwengler \* Lucille Mohika \* Ernesto Fiesta \* Fred Caballes \* Guy Miranda \* Pamata & Sulia Liua \* Florentino Orcino \* Andy & Marina Torio \* Gwen Perry \* 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 Moore \* Clara Adlawan \* Jeanne Oshiro

❖ **Birthday:** Joeyfel & Jocelyn Abayon \* Herminia Ferrer \* Alex Pe Benito \* Edna Gamiao \* Cathy Purganan \* Jenner Macalma \* Minda Teocson \* Rayna Ann Teocson \* Norma Daligcon \* Ranier Agustin \* Fr Spatz Silva \* Margaret Telles \* Avelina Orcino \* Bryan Andaya \* Marianne & Jaymell Macalma \* Lydia Felipe (90) \* Brison Canoneo \* Christian dela Cruz \* Liberato Valdez \* Ruperto Pescador \* Connie Starkey \* Krystle Parinas \* Glenn Isidro \* Roselani Ramones (90)

❖ **Wedding Anniversary:** Adriano & Norma Daligcon (43) \* Renato & Corazon dela Rosa (41) \* Caroline & Doren Gruenhagen (29) \* Manny & Susan Artates (29) \* Luis & Isidra Bautista (47) \* Alex & Marichu Pe Benito

❖ **Special intention & Thanksgiving:** Special blessing for all supporters and donors of the "Save Our Convent" Fund Drive \* For the success of the Stewardship campaign at OLM \* For all Seminarians and increase of priestly vocations in the Diocese \* For a meaningful and spiritually fruitful celebration of our 150<sup>th</sup> Parish Anniversary \* For the deliverance & healing of those afflicted with the covid-19 \* Thanksgiving by – Anita & Melecio Pinera > Rose Domingo > Jose Cadiz & family > Magno & Praxedes Oasay > Joe, Lydia & Jaymie Ravelo > Pat, Vanessa, Brycen & Alexis Bugarin > Patrocinio & Teresa Siruno > M/M Renato & Cora dela Rosa > Silver & Marivic Palting \* Lydia Felipe > Angie & Elpidio Sera, Chong, Ezcome & Telles families > Cipriana Luczon > Thomas & Olivia Mita > Jaime & Medy Macalma & family > Jun Cortez & family > Leo & Myra dela Cruz > Urbano Acosta > Alex & Marichu Pe Benito > Corazon Orcino, Bryan, Maryann, Avalyne & Alyna Andaya > Artates & Bacani families > Joseph & Mila Llantero \* Special intention – Febe Tacas > Schwengler family > Kathy Ferreira > Audrey Peralta \* Blessings for Rosary Warriors \* Success of Anna Young Hwa Kwon

❖ **Safe trip:** Sheri Richards

❖ **Deceased:** +Apolonia Fontanilla (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv) \* +Alfonso Diaz, Arnel Domingo; Juan Feliciano \* +Edith Santos \* +Jose Hombrebueno \* +Marcela & Tito Ulep \* +Maria Arcel Bersamin, Ricardo & Eduardo Ferrer, Luis & Lucia de Vera \* +Rolando de Leon, Venancia Aceret, Veronica Acierto, Camilo Acob, Expectacion Rosario, Felicidad Madariaga, Miguel Francisco \* +Ricardo & Ana Francisca Mateo \* +Marieta S. Quarto \* +Ceferino Ariola Café \* +Leonarda, Jose, Sofia & Jacinta Palting \* +Dionisia Nibre Ferrer \* +Leonora Bautista, Victorio & Edison Bautista \* +Honorio Gamiao \* +Alfredo Baptista \* +Christopher Flores \* +Lil Perry, Stephen & Gregory Rodrigues \* +Bessie Soong \* +Tita Brillantes \* +Sally Gelfo Moore \* +Mildred C Pascua, Edward K W Chu, Alice H Chu, Edward Chu Jr \* +Avefeau Peterson, John "Niko" Peterson, Jimmy White \* +Bessie Soong \* +Derna Kim \* +Helen & Jack Tui \* +Filomena & Felix Umblas \* +Ethel & Thomas Mita Sr, Fay Kodama \* +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 \* +Caroline & Martin Rodrigues; +Antone & Olivia Fivella; +Antone & Veronica Schwengler; +Francisco & Mary Rodrigues; +Shirley Ann Alvaro \* +Tomas Tapat \* +Philip Martin \* +Ricardo Regidor Stabillio \* +Elaine Claire Ulep \* +Jose Asentista \* +Teodorico Calso \* +Francisco, Genara, Alfredo & Lito Cabral \* +Socorro Pasamonte \* +Cecilia Datugan \* +Verlie Cadiz, Loreto Duma, Abner & Francisco Duma \* +Francisca Isidro \* +Teresita Paranada Braceros \* +Cecilio Buan \* +Rocky Arios \* +Ely, Rose & Alan Purganan \* +Gaudencio Garcia, Cesario & Loreta Pascual, Maria Pascual \* +Fermin & Elaine Cruz \* +Candido Puzon, Juliana Puzon, Agapita Arcega \* +Marlene Facuri \* +Ricardo Facuri \* +Casimiro, Dominica & Maxima Susa \* +Pio, Consuelo & Jovito Alcantra, Conrado Benitez Sr \* +Jane Pe Benito & Violeta Pe Benito \* +Teresita Fontanilla \* +Felix & Cresencia Edmalin \* +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



**FARM FRESH FRIDAYS**

\*COMPLIMENTARY FARM FRESH FRUITS & PRODUCE

> Distribution Date: January 22, 2021 \* 10 AM-12 PM

> Site: Our Lady of the Mount Church

> Limited Supply – 1 bag per family

> First Call, First Served – Please call **(808) 973-2473** to reserve your bag of produce by January 18, Monday, 2021.

**FOODLAND GIFT CARD FOR COVID-19 TEST**

\*For all those who went through the Covid-19 test at OLM Church grounds last November, the sponsoring agencies have issued a Foodland Gift card for each tested person. Please see *Linda Puzon* or pick up your card at the parish office.



*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:

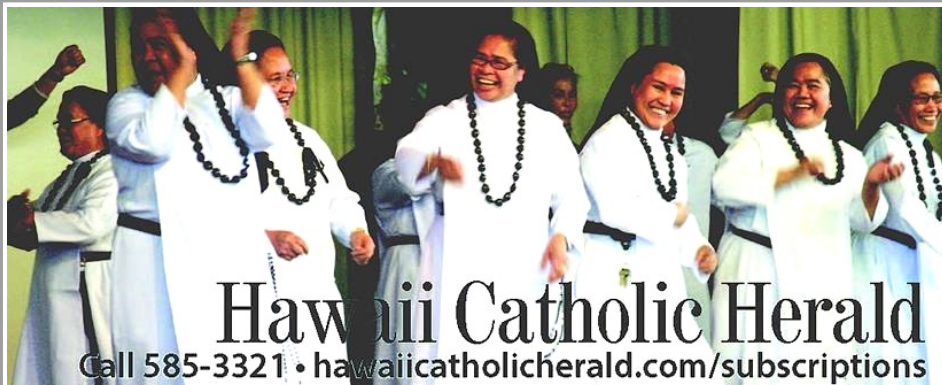
INSPIRE Church (Mililani) - 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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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# RED MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

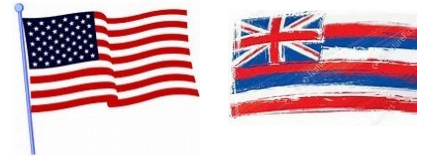
CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF OUR LADY OF PEACE  
Downtown Honolulu (1184 Bishop Street, Honolulu, HI 96813)

The Red Mass has been a tradition since 1955 for government officials and the community to gather at the beginning of the Legislative Session to pray together.

Available seating will be limited to due social distancing. The Red Mass will also be available via live stream. RSVPs and further details will be sent out at a later date.



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Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace, downtown Honolulu  
The Red Mass has been a tradition since 1955 for government officials and the community to gather at the beginning of the Legislative Session to pray together.

The Red Mass will be livestreamed

at [www.hictv.com](http://www.hictv.com) and <https://www.facebook.com/HonoluluCathedralBasilica/live>.

## HAWAII'S 48TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE 2021

"For We are God's Masterpiece"

Ephesians 2:10

Friday, January 22,

2021 from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

On behalf of *Hawaii Life Alliance*, the *Diocese of Honolulu*, and the *Knights of Columbus* you are invited to participate in the very important **Hawaii March for Life** event. Due to the continued uncertainty regarding the coronavirus pandemic, the event will be held virtually on YouTube (*link will be available at a later date*).



## MASS FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE

Thursday, January 21,

2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Join *Bishop Larry Silva* for Mass at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, Kalihi, followed by the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Sign up for the Mass and Adoration at: <https://bit.ly/RespectLifeMassandAdorationJan21>.

OR join your local parish for Mass and Adoration at the same time. Contact *Deacon Gary Streff* for more information at [gstreff@rcchawaii.org](mailto:gstreff@rcchawaii.org).

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The 48th Annual **March for Life**

Thursday, 21 January 2021 at 6 pm

Mass with Bishop Larry Silva  
Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa



The pinwheels represent the unborn.  
63 million babies aborted in the U.S.  
since Roe vs Wade 1973.



Knights of Columbus





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 "13<sup>th</sup> 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.catholichawaii.org](http://www.catholichawaii.org).

\* FUNERAL SERVICES: In compliance with the Office of the Governor's "14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mcordero@rcchawaii.org) or (808) 585-3342.

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



# PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FEAST DAYS**  
**Jan 13** St. Hilary, bishop and doctor of the Church  
**Jan 16** Blessed Virgin Mary

**OTHER**  
**Jan 1-9** Santo Nino de Cebu, novena, 7:00pm.  
**Jan 10** Santo Nino Fiesta Mass, 3:00pm  
**Jan 10** *Welcome back!* Religious Education classes resume, after the 9:00am Mass -  
**Jan 14** Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help, 7:00pm  
**Jan 19** Red Mass, 9am, Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace  
**Jan 21** Hawaii's 48th Annual March for Life, virtual, 4:00pm-6:00pm  
**Jan 22** Mass for the Protection of Life, 6:00pm, Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa



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*Note:* You may also access the parish bulletins via the OLM website at [ourladyofthemountkalihioh.org](http://ourladyofthemountkalihioh.org). If you need assistance, please call the Office.




**✚ OBITUARY**

**+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

**+VENASIO PIO TALIA, 71**  
 Memorial Mass: January 12, 2021, 11:00am at OLM Church  
 Funeral Service: January 13, 2021, 11:00am at Borthwick Mortuary Mauka Chapel  
 Interment: January 13, 2021, 2:00pm at Valley of the Temples Memorial Park

**+GLORIA TORRES CAJALA, 71**  
 Gravesite Service: January 20, 2021, 10:00am at Hawaiian Memorial Park

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

Heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.



**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

FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, please contact Fran Kovaloff, bulletin editor, at [fkovaloff@rcchawaii.org](mailto:fkovaloff@rcchawaii.org) or (808) 228-2909.