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◆ JUBILEE YEAR 2020-2021 ◆

◆ CELEBRATING AND RENEWING OUR FAITH IN GRATEFUL STEWARDSHIP ◆

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Rev. Fr. Edgar Brillantes
Pastor



Rev. Fr. Adrian R. Gervacio
Pastor Emeritus

Let's Celebrate WORD OF GOD SUNDAY!

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

*January 24, 2021

On September 30, 2019, on the liturgical memorial of St. Jerome, patron of Scripture scholars, Pope Francis announced that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time would be celebrated as the Sunday of the Word of God. This is contained in his inspiring Apostolic Letter, "Aperuit illis: Instituting the Sunday of the Word of God."

Pope Francis wrote:

"At the conclusion of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, I proposed setting aside "a Sunday given over entirely to the Word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people" (Misericordia et Misera, 7). Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world.

Consequently, I hereby declare that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. This Sunday of the Word of God will thus be a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity. This is more than a temporal coincidence: the celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity."

This year the celebration falls this Sunday, January 24, 2021.



LIVE-STREAMED MASS

* 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

* January 24, 2021 * @ 9:00 AM

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"Teach me your ways, O Lord."





Pastor's Corner

By Rev. Fr. Edgar B. Brillantes



Next Sunday's Reading Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading
Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9

Second Reading
2 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel
Mark 1:21-28

First Reading: *Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

The verses in this Reading emphasizes the theme of repentance. Not only do the people of Nineveh repent of the evil, but God himself repents of his desire to destroy Nineveh when he sees the people's resolve to change their lives. When Jonah attempts to run away from God, the people of Nineveh immediately respond with concrete actions that demonstrate their willingness to undergo transformation. It took somewhat longer for Jonah, but even this sluggish prophet comes to his senses, accepts the Lord's bidding and boldly makes his way through the streets of the city announcing forty days to prepare for the coming of God's wrath.

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 7:29-31*

In this Reading, the Corinthians are charged by Paul to not be lured by the ways of the world. The attitudes of the community are not to reflect those of the surrounding society but must be rooted in the coming fruition of God's kingdom. Although to human eyes the world and all it contains may look permanent and fulfilling, "the world in its present form is passing away."

Gospel: *Mark 1:14-20*

This Gospel Reading impresses upon hearers that the Good News of the Kingdom deserves one's immediate attention. In other words, responding to the invitation to "repent and believe in the gospel" is not something that can be put off until tomorrow. "This is the time of Fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand." These words deserve our complete attention and a response that is radical and full of faith. Such is the response of Simon and Andrew, James, and John as they hear the summons: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Like the fish they hope to catch, these four disciples are lured by Jesus. Their reaction is radical and demonstrates complete faith. Not a question is asked as they leave their nets to follow him. There is no doubt that following after Jesus and proclaiming the Kingdom of God calls for a conversion of heart that begins, not tomorrow, but right now.

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.

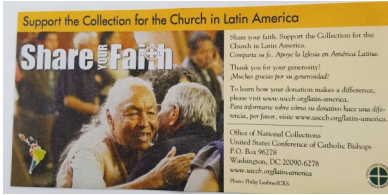
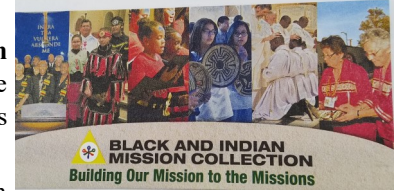
As our Diocese of Honolulu has been dedicated to the Divine Mercy, we pray with confidence, "*Jesus, I trust in you.*"

Amen.

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

SECOND COLLECTIONS: January 23-24

This weekend our parish will take up a combined second collection for the **Black and Indian Mission** and for the **Church in Latin America**. The Black and Indian Collection has the theme “*Building Our Mission to the Missions.*” The Collection for the Church in Latin America has the theme: “*Share Your Faith.*”



Our support for these collections helps build the Church in African American, Native American and Alaska Native communities as well as the mission churches in Latin America. They will be used to fund Catholic schools, parish religion education programs and diocesan ministries. Your generosity will help spread the Good News of God’s love for all. Mahalo!

Good Stewardship: EMBRACING A STEWARD’S MINDSET FOR THE NEW YEAR 2021



During these uncertain times, it is especially important for Christian stewards to have a mindset that the greeting “*Happy New Year*” really should mean: “*I hope and pray for you a joyous year ahead in proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ!*” If we are to interpret this cheery salutation in that way, should we not consider similar greetings throughout the year?

“*Happy New Day!*” In the lyrics of the popular gospel song “*Oh, Happy Day!*” we are reminded that Jesus taught us “*... how to live rejoicing every day.*” Be grateful for each of God’s amazing days.

“*Happy New Week!*” The motto of many is to Live for the Weekend. Why not live for the entire week? Even as we await a post-pandemic era to arrive, let’s resolve to make a difference in our lives and the lives of others in our homes, offices and schools each week of the year.

“*Happy New Month!*” When we examine our monthly planners and budgets, we should ask ourselves: Have I left room for Jesus Christ this month? How can I be a good steward of God’s gifts in the coming month? What am I willing to do this month for the sake of the Gospel?

As we turn over 2020 to the history books, let’s approach 2021 with renewed vigor. Let us see the days, weeks and months ahead for the God-given gifts they truly are: “*Happy New Year!*”

(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

	<u>1/16-17/21</u>	<u>1/12-13/21</u>
Sat 6:00pm	40A+1C	54A+1C
Sun 6:30am	55A+0C	55A+0C
Sun 9:00am	58A+5C	54A+9C
Sun 3:00pm Santo Nino		100A+7C
Thu 1/21, 6:00pm Respect Life	50A+0C	

(A = Adults; C = Children)

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING



Offertory	\$ 1,924.00	\$ 2,545.00
Initial Offering	\$ 11.00	\$ 17.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 55.00	\$ 30.00
Religious Ed Registration		\$ 20.00
Santo Nino	\$ 664.00	
Funeral	\$ 800.00	
Candles	\$ 85.00	\$ 105.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 260.00	\$ 310.00
Total	\$ 3,799.00	\$ 3,027.00

*“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”
 Acts 20:35*



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

❖ **Good Health / Successful Surgery:** Amelia Pascual * Felice Ortiz, Filomena Ligot * Virgilio Esteban * Carmen Gervacio * Jose Cadiz * Paul Valbuena * Nathaniel Talon * George Ferrer * Engel & Marie Celis family * Adelaida Noval * Krystle Parinas * Mart, NB & Josie Alafonso * Mila Llantero * Ropati Liua * Caren Soong * Patrocina Siruno * Charlie Newman * Rosalyn Café Alindayu * Gladys Seden * 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 * Lina Santos * Katrina Santos * Vicenta Baron * Alfonso & Mary Villanueva * John Guieb * Jesse Ulep * George Calizar * Florentino Sotto * Marvin Moore * Clara Adlawan * Jeanne Oshiro

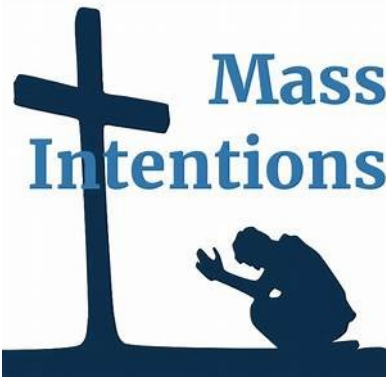
❖ **Birthday:** Doren Gruenhagen * Anjelica Schwengler * Herminia Ferrer * Wendell Lumabao * Lydia Cacpal * Junior & Leah Tabonda * Manny Artates * Kit Samson * Dawn Victorino * Joeyfel & Jocelyn Abayon * Alex Pe Benito * Edna Gamiao * Cathy Purganan * Jenner Macalma * Minda Teocson * Rayna Ann Teocson * Norma Daligcon * Ranier Agustin

❖ **Wedding Anniversary:** Joe & Julie Manuel (49) * 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 150th Parish Anniversary * For the deliverance & healing of those afflicted with the covid-19 * Thanksgiving by – Fanny Montemayor > Lydia Cacpal > Norma & Lydia Gascon > Anita & Melecio Pinera > Jun & Caridad Cortez * Rose Domingo > Jose Cadiz & family > Patrocino & Teresa Siruno > M/M Renato & Cora dela Rosa > Silver & Marivic Palting * Lydia Felipe > Angie & Elpidio Sera > Cipriana Luczon > Thomas & Olivia Mita > Jaime & Medy Macalma & family > Jun Cortez & family > Leo & Myra dela Cruz > Urbano Acosta > Alex & Marichu Pe Benito > Corazon Orcino > Artates & Bacani families > Joseph & Mila Llantero * Special intention – Schwengler family > Kathy Ferreira > Audrey Peralta * Blessings for Rosary Warriors * Success of Anna Young Hwa Kwon

❖ **Safe trip:** Wilfred Soong

❖ **Deceased:** +Ely Purganan * +Alfredo Cacpal * +Addie Freitas * +Fr Lawrence Mampaey * +Derrick Andres, +George Bartolome * +Martha Leialoha Castro * +Luz Neri * +Valentina Elliazar * +Sr Mary Matthew Damo * +Laurie Ann Pedro-Fonseca * +Norberto Montaus Jr, +Norberto Montaus Sr, +Ameliana Cabezas, +Bonifacio Sabio * +Tonton Melodia * +Editha Macalisang * +Simplicio Canoneo * +Dominador Cacpal Sr * +Betty Santiago * +Caroline & +Martin Rodrigues * +Cecilia & +Manuel Medeiros * +Maximo Balbuena, Magdaleno Teves Sanchez * +Ernesto Dumalan Sr, Ismael Dumalan * +Proceso Dumalan Sr, Encarnacion Dumalan * +Teresita Hernane * +Fred Abordo * +Gloria Torres Cajala * +Badegunda Valdez * +John Loo * +Apolonia Fontanilla (4th Anniv) * +Alfonso Diaz, +Arnel Domingo; +Juan Feliciano * +Edith Santos * +Joann Gibbs * +Jose Hombrebueno * +Canuto Patoc, Sergio Patoc * +Silvestre Lloren, Leonardo Arsenio Lloren * +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 * +Avefeau Peterson, John "Niko" Peterson, Jimmy White * +Derna Kim * +Helen & Jack Tui * +Ethel & Thomas Mita Sr, Fay Kodama * +Anastacio, Rosa, Paulina, Canuto & Pacita Umblas * +Marcos Bacalso * +Firmo Dayao * +Gloria Batuga Datulayta * +Romana Puzon * +Pedro, Urbana, Orlando & Virgilio Artates * +Pio & Victoriana Bacani * Jose & Lydia Criste * +Venasio Talia * +Laureana Pasion Domingo * +Shirlyn Villahermosa Ramirez * +Ramil Domingo Ramirez * +Antone & Olivia Fivella; +Antone & Veronica Schwengler; +Francisco & Mary Rodrigues; +Shirley Ann Alvaro * +Philip Martin * +Ricardo Regidor Stabilio * +Elaine Claire Ulep * +Jose Asentista * +Teodorico Calso * +Francisco, Genara, Alfredo & Lito Cabral * +Cecilia Datugan * +Verlie Cadiz, Loreto Duma, Abner & Francisco Duma * +Francisca Isidro * +Cecilio Buan * +Fermin & Elaine Cruz * +Candido Puzon, Juliana Puzon, Agapita Arcega * +Marlene Facuri * +Ricardo Facuri * 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



MASS INTENTIONS

Jan 15-24 > 7:00am RM +Valentina Elliazar
 Jan 17 > 9:00am Birthday - Wendell Lumabao * RM +Tonton Melodia; +Laurie Ann Pedro-Fonseca
 Jan 18 > 7:00am RM +Tonton Melodia; +Editha Macalisang
 Jan 19-21 > 7:00am Healing - Felice Ortiz, Filomena Ligot * RM +Derrick Andres, +George Bartolome
 Jan 19-27 > 7:00am RM +Alfredo Cacpal
 Jan 20-24 > 7:00am Healing - Caren Soong; Amelia Pascual * RM +Luz Neri
 Jan 23 > 6:00pm Birthday - Manny Artates * Healing & speedy recovery - 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 * RM +Gloria Datulayta; +Apolonia Fontanilla; +Ely Purganan; +Alfredo Cacpal; +Luz Neri; +Valentina Elliazar; +Martha Castro; +Victims of the coronavirus pandemic; +Deceased pastors, benefactors and parishioners of

OLM

Jan 24 > 6:30am Good health - Carmen Gervasio; Paul Valbuena; George Ferrer; Audrey Peralta; Guy Miranda, Caridad Dagdagan * Thanksgiving - Lydia Cacpal; Jun & Caridad Cortez; Alex & Marichu Pe Benito; Sponsors and ministers of our Mass * RM +Dominador Cacpal Sr; +Editha Macalisang; +Sr Mary Matthew Damo; +Betty Santiago, Caroline & Martin Rodrigues; +Luz Neri; +Valentina Elliazar; +Teresita Fontanilla
 > 9:00am (Missa pro populo) Wedding anniversary - Jpe & Julie Manuel * Healing - Amelia Pascual; Jose Cadiz; Nathaniel Talon; 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 - Fanny Montemayor; Jose Cadiz & family; M/M Joseph & Mila Llantero; Urbano Acosta * For Deliverance from & end of the covid-19 pandemic * RM +Ely Purganan; +Simplicio Canoneo; +Laurie Ann Pedro-Fonseca; +Editha Macalisang; +Luz Neri; +Maximo Balbuena, Magdaleno Teves Sanchez; +Ernesto Dumalan Sr, Ismael Dumalan; +Proceso Dumalan Sr, Encarnacion Dumalan; +Teresita Hernane; +Venasio Talia; +Badegunda Valdez; +Joann Gibbs; +Deceased victims of the coronavirus pandemic; +Departed pastors and parishioners of OLM
 Jan 25 > 7:00am Healing - Caren Soong * Safe trip - Wilfred Soong
 Jan 25-27 > 7:00am RM +Alfredo Cacpal
 Jan 27 > 7:00am Birthday - Anjelica Schwengler
 Jan 28 > 7:00am RM +Fr Lawrence Mampaey
 Jan 29 > 7:00am Birthday - Doren Gruenhagen * RM +Addie Freitas



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
FAITH ACTION NEWS

By Kathleen Jaycox jaycox@hawaii.edu

The Hawaii State Legislature opened its 2021 session on Wednesday, January 20. In the weeks ahead, Faith Action will be sharing information about legislative issues being pursued by our Task Forces. This week’s focus is on *Real Estate Investment Trusts* (REITs). Such properties are currently not taxed in Hawaii. If they were to be taxed, they could increase state revenues by millions of dollars per year. Get all the information on our website at <https://www.faihactionhawaii.org/post/we-pay-our-taxes-reits-should-too>.

"NEW YEAR, NEW ME!" > A TALK STORY

*Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
 *Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry

All young adults, ages 18-39, are invited to join this Talk Story "New Year, New Me!" We often make resolutions at the start of a new year. Mostly they involve being healthy - eating less, exercising more. But what about making a resolution that will draw us closer to Christ and deepen our faith? Join us for a conversation around making (and keeping) resolutions. RSVP by scanning the QR code on the flyer.

Respect Life Ministry * Catholic Diocese of Honolulu

48TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE (VIRTUAL) MARCH > JANUARY 20-21, 2021

MASS & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN LIFE > JANUARY 21

Big MAHALO to all parishioners who joined us at the Mass & Eucharistic Adoration as well as at the Virtual March for Life.



In unity with the Bishop and the whole Church in the United States we set these special days of prayer for those affected by abortion, infanticide, self-assisted suicide, euthanasia, miscarriage and all other "sanctity of life" situations. We prayed for God's mercy and eternal repose for both the departed souls and the lives of those affected – mother, father, parents, grandparents, siblings, aunt/uncle... We continue to be vigilant and committed in upholding the sanctity and dignity of life. The life you save may be your own

life or the life of a loved one. Music and Livestreaming were provided by the family of MaryAnn, Andy and Annie Llamedo. Fr. Adrian Gervacio and Fr. Edgar Brillantes concelebrated the Mass.

Our appreciation to the prayer leaders and coordinators during the hourly Eucharistic adoration: 7:00pm – Silver Palting, Vangie Bacani & Ilocano Ministry * 8:00pm – GK Andy Magbojos & Knights of Columbus * 9:00pm – Fe Go & Filipino Catholic Club * 10:00pm – Cora Orcino & Church Environment Committee * 11:00 – Gloria Rodrigues & Lectors

The Diocesan activity was coordinated by the Diocese Respect Life Ministry Office headed by Deacon Gary and Valerie Streff.

Photo: Fr. Edgar Brillantes and Doi Facuri joined the virtual March for Life.



Office of Social Ministry

MAHALO FOR THE *COMPLIMENTARY FARM FRESH PRODUCE

> Last Friday, January 22, 2021 was the distribution of bags of fresh farm produce to more than 100 parishioners at OLM. They were complimentary food assistance in this time of pandemic sponsored by the combined forces of AlohaCare, Hawaii Food Bank and Plan Advisors Group. For those who were not able to personally come for the pick-up, the staff of AlohaCare delivered them to their homes.

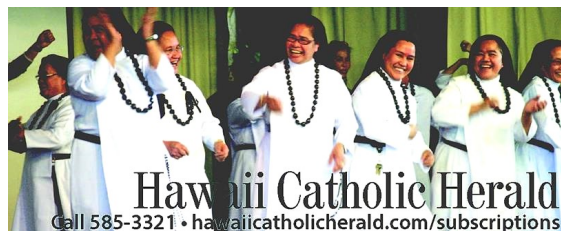


FOODLAND GIFT CARD FOR COVID-19 TEST

*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 claim your card at the parish office.

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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 *Patrocinia Siruno* for their recent donation of \$500.00 to our Church. Sharing their blessings on their 43rd 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.

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

*****CEMETERY MAINTENANCE** – The Catholic cemetery caretaker, *Kalolo Tuihalafatai*, is looking for licensed contractors to cut and dispose off the fallen eucalyptus tree on the cemetery ground.

❖**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, Angie Sera 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!

Frankie Cabral and Doi Facuri took the time to remove and restore the Christmas lights and ornaments in the church, rectory and parish hall.

❖**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*. Recently, the parish purchased 2 chrome books to make the livestreaming and power-point presentation at the hall even better.

The choir loft is also prepared for additional accommodation. In both areas in the choir loft and parish hall, 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* assisted by *Nato Laguer* and *Joseph Llantero* trimmed the overgrown palm tree branches around the rectory and overgrown shrubs around the church.

**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! ❖



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII
DIOCESE OF HONOLULU

WITNESS TO JESUS

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

RE: "MORAL CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING THE NEW COVID-19 VACCINES"

January 8, 2021

Dear Faithful of the Diocese of Honolulu,

Peace be with you, and happy new year! As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, this new year brings some hope in controlling the virus through vaccines. The State of Hawaii vaccination plan is being implemented at this time. You may have some moral or ethical concerns regarding the potential contents (compromised cell lines/fetal cells) of these vaccines in relation to our Catholic teaching and faith. Here is an excerpt from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) document, "MORAL CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING THE NEW COVID-19 VACCINES". The full text of the document can be found at <https://usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines>.

The Holy See, through the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the Pontifical Academy for Life, has offered guidance on the question of whether it is morally acceptable to receive a vaccine that has been created with the use of morally compromised cell lines. Both the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the Pontifical Academy for Life emphasize the positive moral obligation to do good and in so doing to distance oneself as much as possible from the immoral act of another party such as abortion in order to avoid cooperation with someone else's evil actions and to avoid giving scandal, which could happen if one's own actions were perceived by other people to ignore or to minimize the evil of the action. Our love of neighbor should lead us to avoid giving scandal, but we cannot omit fulfilling serious obligations such as the prevention of deadly infection and the spread of contagion among those who are vulnerable just to avoid the appearance of scandal.

The Holy See points out that there are different degrees of responsibility in cooperating with the evil actions of others. With regard to people involved in the development and production of vaccines, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith explains that *"in organizations where cell lines of illicit origin are being utilized, the responsibility of those who make the decision to use them is not the same as that of those who have no voice in such a decision."* As for the moral responsibility of those who are merely the recipients of the vaccines, the Congregation affirms that a serious health danger could justify use of *"a vaccine which was developed using cell lines of illicit origin, while keeping in mind that everyone has the duty to make known their disagreement and to ask that their healthcare system make other types of vaccines available."*

During this global pandemic, we should continue to fulfill our obligation of charity to one another in preventing the spread of the disease. This includes following Center for Disease Control (CDC) and local government guidelines in masking, social distancing, gatherings, etc. and could include receiving a vaccine for the protection and dignity of the lives of those in our communities. The choice of whether to receive the vaccine rests with the individual or with parents/guardians of minors. Please continue to pray with me for the containment of the COVID-19 virus, and that each of you, your families and your communities remain safe and healthy.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Larry Silva Bishop of Honolulu

OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Diocese of Honolulu

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 8, 2021

To: All Priests, Principals and Lay Employees of the Diocese of Honolulu

From: *Dara Perreira*, Director of Human Resources**Re: COVID-19 VACCINATIONS FOR CLERGY, LAY EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS**

As you may know, the COVID-19 vaccination plans for the State of Hawaii are currently being implemented with a tiered system of priority recipients. The State is now moving from front line workers including health care, first responders, etc. to other essential personnel including educators.

Here are some common questions that are being asked regarding the vaccinations related to clergy, lay employees and volunteers of the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii (RCCH) and its parishes and schools. Please note that this FAQ list DOES NOT include information regarding vaccines for individuals of a certain age or health condition that is included in the vaccination distribution plans. This information is for individuals and their service capacity with the Catholic Church. For information on the State of Hawaii vaccine plans, go to COVID-19 Vaccine - Hawai'i DOH: Info & Resources for Managing COVID-19 (hawaiiicovid19.com)

Q: Does receiving the vaccine change our current way of operating in our parishes and schools (i.e. wearing masks, social distancing, etc.)?

A: No. All current COVID-19 protocols related to how schools and parishes operate must be continued. Vaccines will not change our policy of wearing masks, social distancing, sanitizing and cleaning protocols, singing at Mass or policies at schools for maintaining classroom "bubbles" to minimize risk of spreading COVID-19. The State of Hawaii and its counties will inform us of any changes in the future.

Q: Are clergy members included as essential personnel eligible now for a vaccination?

A: Generally, no. At this time, our understanding is only those clergy members who serve as the pastor or related staff of a school are considered "educators" and are able to be listed as recipients with their assigned school. For those currently involved in hospital ministry or hospice, you must inquire with the organization(s) where you are ministering.

Q: Are volunteers included as essential personnel?

A: Maybe. Only those volunteers who regularly serve in schools as school staff may be eligible at this time. These volunteers should inquire with their school to determine whether or not they would be eligible.

Q: The federal government is allowing employers the ability to mandate vaccinations for employees (with some exceptions) as a work requirement. Will the Roman Catholic Church and its parish and school locations mandate the vaccine for clergy, employees and volunteers?

A: No. RCCH will not mandate vaccines for anyone but strongly recommends those who are eligible to receive it to do so. It is a personal choice.

Q: Am I required to inform my supervisor at my school or parish that I received the vaccine?

A: Currently, you do not need to inform your supervisor. However, if you need time off from work to attend an appointment to receive the vaccine because the distribution is scheduled during work time and cannot be scheduled during non-work hours, please work with your supervisor so that arrangements can be made for coverage.

Q: What about our Catholic teaching as it relates to possible fetal cells from aborted children being used in the vaccine?

A: Please see the attached letter from Bishop Larry Silva for more information.

**OFFICE OF WORSHIP
DIOCESE OF HONOLULU**



MEMORANDUM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

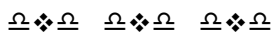
* As an exception during this time, a Funeral Mass at church in the presence of an Urn or without the presence of the body may still be celebrated before the Committal. In that case, the body should be blessed with holy water at the cemetery, and the Final Commendation and Farewell should be included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

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

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

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

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



CANTORS

Cordero, Dcn. Modesto

Wed 1/13/2021 8:27 AM

To: Mary Ann Llamedo <ma.llamedo@gmail.com>

Now that the Christmas season is over, we are back to the protocols before Christmas:

***Singing at Mass**: Our latest directive reads: "Singing is now allowed by using ONE instrumentalist and ONE cantor ONLY (both need to wear a face covering at all times). The congregation should not sing at this time. The use of wind instruments is still prohibited."

a. **UPDATE: The use of other "non-wind" instruments (e.g. guitars, violins, drums, piano, organ, etc.) are allowed to be used simultaneously.**

b. A distance of 10 feet between the cantor and the congregation needs to be observed as much as possible.

c. The use of instrumental music continues to be the **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** choice during any liturgical celebration. This will help with avoiding congregational singing. Most of the Mass part responses could be recited. The congregation could be invited to use the time to meditate when the cantor is singing (e.g., *Entrance, Offertory, Communion and Leave-taking hymns*).

Mahalo!





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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

PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEAST DAYS

- Jan 23 > St. Vincent, deacon & martyr
> St. Marianne Cope, virgin
- Jan 25 Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
- Jan 26 Sts. Timothy and Titus, bishops
- Jan 27 St. Angela Merici, virgin
- Jan 28 St. Thomas Aquinas, priest & doctor of the Church
- Jan 30 Memorial of Blessed Virgin Mary

OTHER

- Jan 23-24 Second Collections: Black and Indian Mission and Church in Latin America
- Jan 24 Religious Education class after the 9:00am Mass
- Jan 28 Novena to the Mother of Perpetual Help, 7:00pm
- Jan 30 Liturgy Committee Meeting, 9:00am, Hall



✚ OBITUARY



+MARTHA LEIALOHA CASTRO, 86
Funeral Service: February 3, 2021,
 11:00am at Valley of the Temples
 Chapel
Interment: February 3, 2021, 1:00pm at Hawn Mem Park

+BADEGUNDA VALDEZ
Funeral Service: February 6, 2021,
 10:30am at Mililani Downtown Mortuary Chapel
Cremation Service: Mililani Mortuary
Memorial Mass: TBD at OLM Church

+DIANA CAROL CLARK, 85
Graveside Service: February 10, 2021,
 11:00am at Hawaiian Memorial Park
Interment: February 3, 2021, 1:00pm at Hawn Mem Park
"Eternal rest grant unto the faithful departed, O Lord."

Heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.



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Have instant access to what is happening in our parish and have *prayers, *scripture readings, *parish bulletins and *current church news in the palm of your hands through *myParish App*. Go to your app store and search for "myparish" or you can text "app" to "88202" and you will receive a link to download. Once installed you can choose Our Lady of the Mount as your parish and view the app; download is **free**.

Note: You may also access the parish bulletins via the OLM website at ourladyofthemountkalihi.org. If you need assistance, please call the Office.

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. 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.

Be ye fishers of men -
 you catch them
 and He'll clean them.



L.O.L.
*(Laugh
 Out
 Loud)*



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