



# OUR LADY OF THE MOUNT CHURCH

## DIOCESE OF HONOLULU

1614 Monte Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96819 \* Phone/Fax: 808-845-0828

\* Email: [olm@rcchawaii.org](mailto:olm@rcchawaii.org) \*

\* Website: [ourladyofthemountkalihi.org](http://ourladyofthemountkalihi.org) \*



◆ JUBILEE YEAR 2020-2021 ◆

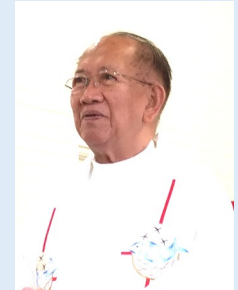
◆ CELEBRATING AND RENEWING OUR FAITH IN GRATEFUL STEWARDSHIP ◆

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



## ENJOY A SAFE, HEALTHY AND GRACE-FILLED NEW YEAR!

### The FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**January 3, 2021:** The Feast of Epiphany celebrates the revelation of the birth of our Lord Jesus to the outside world. The light over the little town of Bethlehem has attracted magi from afar to the newborn king and revealed the light of the world to the ends of the earth..

The adoration of the Magi fulfills the oracle of Isaiah prophesying that the nations of the world would travel to the Holy City following a brilliant light and would bring gold and incense to contribute to the worship of God. **Psalm 72** includes a verse about kings coming from foreign lands to pay homage to a just king in Israel. Paul's letter to the Church of Ephesus expresses God's secret plan in clear terms: *"the Gentiles are...copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel."*

If God permitted the Magi who were foreigners and pagans to recognize and give Jesus proper respect as the King of Jews, we should know that there is nothing in our lives that will keep God from bringing us to Jesus. Like the shepherds and the Magi we come to adore Jesus by worshiping at Mass with the gold of our love, the myrrh of our humility, and the frankincense of our adoration.

As the Magi chose another route to return to their homes, we need to choose a better way of life, abstaining from negative habits and repulsive behavior. We should also become stars leading others to Jesus as the star led the Magi to Jesus by removing the darkness of the evil around us and radiating Jesus' love through selfless service, fraternal fellowship, and compassionate care.



### LIVE-STREAMED MASS

\*THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

\*January 3, 2021 \* @ 9:00 AM

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

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



License no. 734524-A



"Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."



## Pastor's Corner



By Rev. Fr. Edgar B. Brillantes

### Next Sunday's Reading *The Baptism of the Lord*

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

**Responsorial Psalm**  
*Isaiah 12:2-6*

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

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

#### **First Reading:** *Isaiah 60:1-6*

In this Reading Isaiah proclaims the reclaimed beauty of Jerusalem after the years of darkness in exile. Isaiah heralds with joy: "Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem." He announces to the people a message of vindication—"upon you the Lord shines and over you appears his glory." The reestablished radiance of Jerusalem comes with a hefty responsibility. While the people are meant to rebuild and reclaim their national status they are now to recognize that nations will be guided by the way in which they serve the Lord, The prosperity of Jerusalem is not for its own sake but so that God's light will radiate throughout the world. A renewed Jerusalem is a Jerusalem that will profit all the nations.

#### **Second Reading:** *Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6*

In this Reading, Paul declares that he is a steward of God's grace with the revelation of drawing people into Christ in order to unite them into one body. The grace revealed require unflinching commitment and self-sacrifice.

#### **Gospel:** *Matthew 2:1-12*

This Gospel Reading establishes that Jesus is born in the line of David; he is not an outsider but is thoroughly Jewish. This is important because in the aftermath of the Temple's destruction, the objective is to convince Jews and Jewish Christians that Jesus is the fulfillment of the law. Today's solemnity continues the celebration of the astonishing mystery of God's manifestation to the very ends of the earth. The visitors from the east symbolize the extent of God's salvation as it unfolds for peoples of every land. As they offer gifts, as would be fitting a king, they announce to the world that an astonishing event has taken place; all peoples will know the glory of God.

### **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!



### SANTO NINO DEVOTION

The *Santo Nino Visayan Community* has been spearheading the devotion and celebration of the feast of Santo Nino every year. The feast day this year is on January 10, Sunday. As spiritual preparation the group started the *novena* of devotional prayers on Friday, January 1, 2021 and they are holding them in the church at OLM. Everyone is welcomed to participate. The Visayan group is headed by *Cleto Patoc* (pictured in the right photo below).



### A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

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

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

### MASS ATTENDANCE

	<u>12/19-20/20</u>	<u>12/26-27/20</u>
Sat 6:00pm	101A+4C	35A+0C
Sun 6:30am	50A+0C	52A+0C
Sun 9:00am	72A+10C	62A+5C
Simbang-Gabi		
12/16 88A+5C	12/19 101A+4C	12/22 98A+4C
12/17 80A+3C	12/20 90A+0C	12/23 87A+4C
12/18 95A+3C	12/21 97A+4C	12/24 105A+3C
Midnight Mass, 12/25	73A+7C	
Christmas Day 12/25 6:30am	43A+0C	
	9:00am 62A+2C	
Mary, Mother of God, 1/1/21 9:00am	100A+3C	

(A = Adults; C = Children)

### SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

Offertory	\$ 2,900.01	\$ 2,451.00
Initial Offering		\$ 6.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 75.00	\$ 189.00
Stewardship		\$ 500.00
Immaculate Conception		\$ 3.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 100.00	
Simbang-Gabi	\$ 1,553.00	\$ 2,019.00
Christmas (Midnight, 6:30am, 9:00am)		\$ 5,054.00
Retirement Fund for Rel.	\$ 100.00	
Candles	\$ 195.00	\$ 175.00
Incidental Bank Payment		\$ 30.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 20.00	\$ 175.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,943.01</b>	<b>\$10,602.00</b>

*"Much wealth in the houses of good people."  
 Proverbs 15:6*



## 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:



### MANHALO 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 *Teresa Siruno* and her mother *Patrocinia Siruno* for their recent cash donation of \$500.00 to our Church.

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

❖**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.

*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!

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.



(Photo above): *Carlito Centino* and his wife, *Leah*, are doing their voluntary gardening in the church compound once a week

(Photo below): Before New Year's Day, *Kalolo Tuihalafatai* freshened up the parking lanes with new paint. He does this every two years as part of his stewardship offering to the church.



*Photos courtesy of Fr. Edgar Brillantes, Pastor*

(Continued on the next page)



## PARISH STEWARDSHIP (contd)

\*\*\***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.

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

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

❖**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*, *Nellie 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).

\*\*\***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!**❖





## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

❖ **Good Health / Successful Surgery:** Andy Llamedo \* Bella Miranda \* Mila Llantero \* Ropati Liua \* Caren Soong \* Patrocina Siruno \* Charlie Newman \* Rosalyn Café Alindayu \* Gladys Sedeno \* Renato dela Rosa \* Andy Llamedo \* Bella Miranda \* Caren Soong \* Luz Neri \* Joshua Standifer \* Cipriana Luczon \* Elizabeth Bautista \* Avelina Bautista \* Dolores Mateo \* Ella Ucillos \* Ernesto Papa \* Clementina Ceria-Ulep \* Caridad Dagdagan \* Fr Scott Bush \* Lolita Honorio \* Jose Cadiz \* 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 \* Mila Llantero \* 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:** 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) \* Miguel Canoneo \* Fr Etuale Etuale \* Jeanne Oshiro \* Nida Flores \* Nathanael Culao \* Marichu Pe Benito \* Daisy Serquinia \* Evangeline Trocio \* Frankie Cabral Jr

❖ **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 – Melecio & Anita Pinera > Magno & Praxedes Oasay > Joe, Lydia & Jaymie Ravelo > Pat, Vanessa, Brycen & Alexis Bugarin > Patrocino & 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 – Schwengler family > Kathy Ferreira > Audrey Peralta \* Blessings for Rosary Warriors \* Success of Anna Young Hwa Kwon

❖ **Simbang-Gabi Mass Sponsors:** M/M Silverio Palting \* Angie & Edwin, Ed Ryan & Malia Ann Balbuena \* Crestino & Nida Flores

❖ **Deceased:** +Apolonia Fontanilla (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv) \* +Marieta S. Quarto \* +Ceferino Ariola Café \* +Leonarda, Jose, Sofia & Jacinta Palting \* +Dionisia Nibre Ferrer \* +Leonora Bautista, Victorio & Edison Bautista \* +Honorio Gamiao \* +Alfredo Baptista \* +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 Kodoma \* +Anastacio, Rosa, Paulina, Canuto & Pacita Umblas \* +Ma. Theresa Cabaluna \* +Marcos Bacalso \* +Firmo Dayao \* +Gloria Batuga Datulayta \* [+Oriol, Dolores, Edgar, Amante, Larry & Jerry Aurelio](#) \* [Bert Aguinaldo](#) \* +Romana Puzon \* +Pedro, Urbana, Orlando & Virgilio Artates \* +Pio & Victoriana Bacani \* Jose & Lydia Criste \* +Venasio Talia \* +Lemoto, Sisitauleva & Maka Manukeu \* +Cresencio Sabanal \* +Joseph Castro \* +Laureana Pasion Domingo \* +Shirlyn Villahermosa Ramirez \* +Ramil Domingo Ramirez \* +Patricia Manahan \* +Glir Dagdagan \* +Purie Cortez \* +German Lamayo \* +Policarpo Agustin \* +Caroline & Martin Rodrigues; +Antone & Olivia Fivella; +Antone & Veronica Schwengler; +Francisco & Mary Rodrigues; +Shirley Ann Alvaro \* +Tomasa Tapat \* +Philip Martin \* +Ricardo Regidor Stabilio \* +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 \* +Marcela & Tito Ulep \* +Ely, Rose & Alan Purganan \* +Gaudencio Garcia, Cesario & Loreta Pascual, Maria Pascual \* +Elaine Cruz \* +Ren Ferrer \* +Paulino Corpuz \* +Candido Puzon, Juliana Puzon, Agapita Arcega \* +Marlene Facuri \* +Ricardo Facuri \* +Casimiro, Dominica & Maxima Susa \* +Pio, Consuelo & Jovito Alcantra, Conrado Benitez Sr \* +Simplicio Canoneo \* +Jane Pe Benito & Violeta Pe Benito \* +Teresita Fontanilla \* +Felix & Cresencia Edmalin \* +Deceased family & relatives of Celerina Pamaylaon \* +Fermin Cruz \* +For all the departed founders, Pastors, Religious, benefactors, donors & parishioners of OLM; +Our deceased family members, relatives and friends; +The victims of the coronavirus pandemic \* +Those who have nobody to pray for them; +Souls in purgatory



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Dec 19 > 6:30pm** Birthday - *Liberato Valdez*

**Dec 20 > 6:00pm** Simbang-Gabi sponsor: Thanksgiving & Peace of the world - *M/M Silverio Palting*

**Dec 21 > 6:30pm** Simbang-Gabi sponsors: Good health, safety & peace - *Angie & Edwin, Ed Ryan & Malia Ann Balbuena* \* Thanksgiving - *Crestino & Nida Flores*

**Dec 22 > 6:30pm** Birthday - *Brison Canoneo* \* RM +*Marcos Bacalso*; +*Firmo Dayao*; +*Cresencio Sabanal*

**Dec 27 > 6:30am** Birthday - *Rayna Ann Teocson* \* Healing - *Cipriana Luczon*; *Joshua Standerfer* \* Special intention & Thanksgiving - *Lydia Felipe*; *Kathy Ferreira*; *Angie & Elpidio Sera, Chong, Ezcome & Telles families* \* Requiem Mass +*Alfredo Baptista*; +*Romana Pu-*

*zon*; +*Glir Dagdagan*; +*Oriol, Dolores, Edgar, Amante, Larry & Jerry Aurelio, Bert Aguinaldo*; +*Purie Cortez*; +*Mildred Pascua, Edward Chu, Alice Chu, Edward Chu Jr*; +*Clemente Luczon Sr, Faustino & Ignacia Tabangcura, Zacarias & Josefina Tabangcura, Benjamin & Apolinaria Tabangcura, Agrifina & Federico Dayag, Hipolito Santiago, Trinidad & Pedro Ucillos*; +*Jose Asentista*

> **9:00am** Healing - *Renato dela Rosa* \* Thanksgiving - *Cipriana Luczon* \* Requiem Mass +*Policarpo Agustin*; +*Teresita Fontanilla*; +*Maria Theresa Cabaluna*; +*Ethel & Thomas Mita Sr, Fay Kodoma*; +*Anastacio, Rosa, Paulina, Canuto & Pacita Umblas*; +*Gloria Datulayta*; +*Venasio Talia*; +*Filomena & Felix Umblas* +*Marcos Bacalso*; +*Firmo Dayao*; +*Ricardo Regidor Stabilio*; +*Elaine Claire Ulep*

**Dec 28-29 > 7:00am** RM +*Christopher Flores*

**Dec 28-31 > 7:00am** Healing - *Bella Miranda*; *Caren Soong*

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

**Dec 30 > 6:30am** Birthday - *Minda Teocson*

**Dec 30-Jan 7 > 7:00am** RM +*Leonarda, Jose, Sofia & Jacinta Palting*; +*Rosalyn Alindayu*; +*Ceferino Café*; +*Dionisia Ferrer*

**Dec 31 > 7:00am** Thanksgiving - *Silverio & Marivic Palting*

**Jan 1 > 9:00am** Healing - *Andy Llamedo*; *Bella Miranda*; *Rosalyn Café Alindayu*; *Mila Llantero*; *Ropati Liua*; *Caren Soong*; *Patrocinia Siruno*; *Charlie Newman* \* Birthday - *Edna Gamiao*; *Cathy Purganan*; *Jenner Macalma* \* Thanksgiving - *Melecio & Anita Pinera*; *Thomas & Olivia Mita*; *Silver & Marivic Palting*; *Joseph & Mila Llantero*; *Teresa Siruno*; *Marichu & Alex Pe Benito*; *Cora Orcino, Bryan, Maryann, Avalyne, Alyna Andaya* \* RM +*Alfredo Baptista*; +*Honorio Gamiao*; +*Teresita Fontanilla*; +*Bessie Soong*; +*Lil Perry, Stephen & Gregory Rodrigues*; +*Leonarda, Jose, Sofia & Jacinta Palting*; +*Dionisia Nibre Ferrer*; +*Ceferino Ariola Café*; +*Tita Brillantes*; +*Venasio Talia*; +*Marieta Quarto*

**Jan 2 > 6:00pm** Healing & speedy recovery - *Rosalyn Café Alindayu*; *Andy Llamedo*; *Bella Miranda*; *Guy Miranda*; *Those infected w/ covid-19* \* Special intention - *For deliverance from covid-19 pandemic and for all essential workers in the crisis* \* Thanksgiving for God's graces & blessings - *For the blessings, sponsors & donors of our Parish Jubilee Year* \* RM +*Alfredo Baptista*; +*Apolonia Fontanilla*; +*Honorio Gamiao*; +*Leonarda, Jose, Sofia & Jacinta Palting*; +*Dionisia Nibre Ferrer*; +*Ceferino Ariola Café*; +*Victims of the coronavirus pandemic*; +*Deceased pastors, benefactors and parishioners of OLM*

**Jan 3 > 6:30am** Wedding anniversary - *Adriano & Norma Daligcon* \* Good health - *Andy Llamedo*; *Bella Miranda*; *Caren Soong*; *Guy Miranda, Caridad Dagdagan* \* Thanksgiving - *Alex & Marichu Pe Benito*; *Sponsors and donors of our Parish Jubilee Year* \* RM +*Leonora Bautista, Victorio & Edison Bautista*; +*Jose Asentista*

> **9:00am (Missa pro populo)** Wedding anniversary - *Renato & Cora dela Rosa* \* Healing - *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*; *Joe, Lydia & Jaymie Ravelo*; *Magno & Praxedes Oasay*; *Pat, Vanessa, Brycen & Alexis Bugarin*; *Joseph & Mila Llantero*; *Corazon Orcino*; *Urbano Acosta*; *For the blessings, sponsors & donors of our Parish Jubilee Year* \* *For Deliverance from & end of the covid-19 pandemic* \* RM +*Elaine Claire Ulep*; +*Venasio Talia*; +*Gloria Datulayta*; +*Avefeau Peterson, John Peterson & Jimmy White*; +*Meliton, Teofilo, Francisca, Leonardo, Jesusa, Crisanta, Herbie, Abnomian, Norma, Norberto, Maria, Leonardo*; +*Deceased victims of the coronavirus pandemic*; +*Deceased pastors and parishioners of OLM*



**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**

UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS

**\*PUBLIC BANKING INFORMATIONAL FORUM**

Mark your calendar! On Jan 7, 2021 at 5:30PM Faith Action's Housing Task Force, HAPA, Sierra Club of Hawaii, and YPDA will be hosting a forum with *Walt McRee* from the Public Banking Institute and Hawaii Representatives *Amy Perusso* and *Dale Kobayashi*. We will be discussing what public banking is and how finance dedicated to the public interest could accelerate efforts for a more just and equitable future in housing and other areas. All are welcome to attend!

**\*LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY IN THE TIME OF COVID TRAINING**

Join for a free virtual training in how the 2021 Hawaii Legislative Session will be conducted.



*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:

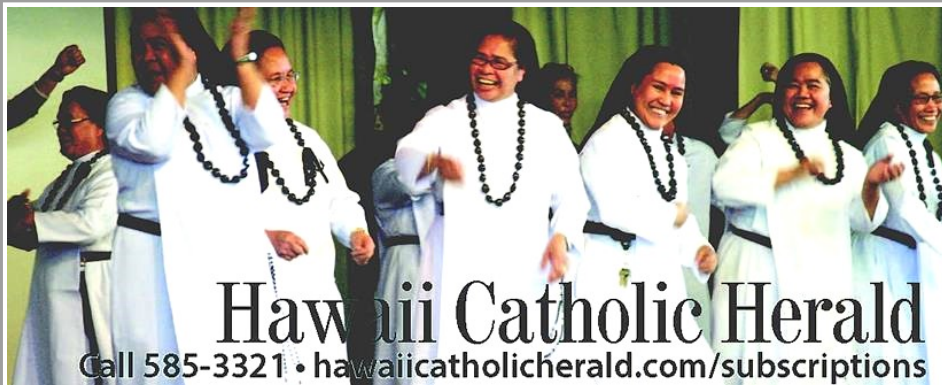
INSPIRE Church (Mililani) - 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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.



**SUBSCRIBE TO THE HAWAII CATHOLIC HERALD**

Call 585-3321 or go to [hawaiicatholicherald.com/](http://hawaiicatholicherald.com/)

**Hawaii Catholic Herald**

Call 585-3321 • [hawaiicatholicherald.com/subscriptions](http://hawaiicatholicherald.com/subscriptions)





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.catholicahawaii.org](http://www.catholicahawaii.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.**



**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 (USSCB) 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 USSCB 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

\*\*\*\*\*



**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.



# PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



### FEAST DAYS

- Jan 4 St. Elizabeth Seton, religious
- Jan 5 St. John Neumann, bishop
- Jan 6 St. André Besette, religious
- Jan 7 St. Raymond Penyafort, priest

### OTHER

- Jan 1-9 Santo Nino de Cebu, novena, 7:00pm. Jan 10 - Fiesta Mass at 3:00pm
- Jan 7 Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help, 7:00pm
- Jan 10 Religious Education classes resume, after the 9:00am Mass



### myParish App - Be smart!

Have instant access to what is happening in our parish and have \*prayers, \*scripture readings 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](http://ourladyofthemountkalihi.org). If you need assistance, please call the Office.

☺ *(Laugh Out Loud)* ☺

This "saving-seats-at-church" is really getting out of hand.



### ✝ OBITUARY

#### +ELAINE CLAIRE PASAMONTE ULEP, 61

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

#### +JOSE NUEVA ASENTISTA. 94

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

#### +GLORIA BATUGA DATULAYTA, 62

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

#### +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

*"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.