

# OUR LADY OF THE MOUNT CHURCH

## DIOCESE OF HONOLULU

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◆ JUBILEE YEAR 2020-2021 ◆

◆ CELEBRATING AND RENEWING OUR FAITH IN GRATEFUL STEWARDSHIP ◆

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

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Rev. Fr. Edgar Brillantes  
Pastor



"He taught them as one having authority." Mark 1:22



Rev. Fr. Adrian R. Gervacio  
Pastor Emeritus

## Let's Celebrate CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!

January 31-February 6



### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

\*Jan 31-Feb 6, 2021

Catholic Schools Week begins today. Whether or not you have a child in Catholic school, this event is important. Catholic education is a key way to transmit our faith, beliefs and religious traditions onto the next generation, similar to teaching reading, math and all the subjects that the children need to succeed and contribute to society. What we are now as law-abiding citizens and God-fearing people are owed much from our parents, teachers, other family members, catechists, priests, Religious Sisters and Brothers who taught us about the faith and our loving God. We thank them for opening our eyes to the wonders of God's love and providence and to the beauty and wonders of his creation.



### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Feb 2 / Tuesday – **FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

It is called *Candlemas* day when the Church blesses candles. There is usually a procession with lit candles, if not around the church, at least, indoors. The invitation of the procession, "Let us go in peace to meet the Lord" is a rich and astounding summary of this feast day. The people may bring their candles to be blessed and for use at home for family prayers and devotions.



Feb 3 / Wednesday – **MEMORIAL OF ST. BLAISE**

It is the traditional day for the blessing of throats with the blessed candles. St. Blaise was Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia and martyred in the 4<sup>th</sup> century during the persecution of the Emperor Licinius. Certain miracle stories associated him with the healing of throats. Usually, the prayer of blessing is given while two crossed candles are placed around a person's neck.



### LIVE-STREAMED MASS

\*4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

\*January 31, 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.

"Save us, O Lord our God!"





## Pastor's Corner



By Rev. Fr. Edgar B. Brillantes

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

**First Reading**  
Job 7:1-4, 6-7

**Responsorial Psalm**  
Psalm 147:1-6

**Second Reading**  
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

**Gospel**  
Mark 1:29-39

#### First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

This Reading represents Moses' cautionary words to the Israelites concerning the authority of prophets, or leaders, who will follow in his footsteps. These words from Moses occur near the end of his life, when Israel is about to end their forty years of wandering in the desert. Moses cautions them not to be swayed by the allure of the power of those who perform sorcery, but rather discern well the intentions of those who claim to speak on God's behalf.

#### Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 7:32-35

In this Reading, Paul's ideas of how to be free of anxieties may strike us as outdated. To say that being married or unmarried constitutes whether a person will be anxious about serving the Lord or preoccupied with the things of the world does not really fit into a contemporary world view. Paul's worldview was such that the Lord's return was on the horizon and that the people of his day should not make major life changes in anticipation of being ready for this catalytic event. Preparing for this overturning of life as we know it should draw the attention of all – married or unmarried — so that we would work to make that anxiety our primary joy.

#### Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

This Gospel tells of the theory of the messianic secret unique to Mark, that demons are able to see who Jesus truly is. We see this in today's Gospel as the demon declares, "I know who you are—the Holy One of God." Understanding Mark's desire to conceal Jesus' identity helps us appreciate the way in which the Lord has to struggle to claim authority with his teaching and with his proclamation of God's Kingdom. The city of Capernaum in Galilee is the place where Jesus assumes the role of a rabbi as he enters the synagogue on the Sabbath and teaches with authority "and not as the scribes." What makes Jesus' teaching fundamentally different from that of the scribes is demonstrated by what appends next: Jesus heals a possessed with an unclean spirit. In Jesus, the Law is actualized in his extension of God's mercy.

#### 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**

**MAHALO FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO THE SECOND COLLECTION**

> January 23-24, 2021

\*BLACK & INDIAN MISSION: The Black and Indian Mission Collection (BIMC) exists to help diocesan communities to build up the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American and Alaska Native people of God.

\*CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA: The Collection for the Church in Latin America has the theme: "Share Your Faith." The funds will be used to fund Catholic Schools, parish religious education programs and diocesan ministries.

May God reward you for your generosity.



**FACE - FAITH ACTION  
FAITH ACTION NEWS**

By Kathleen Jaycox [jaycox@hawaii.edu](mailto:jaycox@hawaii.edu)

*Faith Action for Community Equity*

**\*POSTCARD PROJECT**

The Unitarian Church is engaged in a postcard project that urges legislators to support Faith Action's Carbon Cashback legislation, which would rein in climate change.

The Carbon Cashback bill would set a fee on fossil fuels entering Hawaii, which would have the effect of increasing prices to consumers. Revenue raised from the fee will be returned to citizens of Hawaii in equal shares in the form of a dividend. Most people would benefit because their dividend would be bigger than their spending due to price increases.

For more information, including how your organization can participate, click here:

<https://www.faithactionhawaii.org/post/unitarian-church-promotes-carbon-cashback>.

**\*FAITH ACTION FOCUS GROUPS**

Beginning in April of 2020, Faith Action formed a communications committee whose purpose is to inform, on a regular basis, the broad membership of the organization. Shared information has included news about service projects, updates about organizational structure and behavior, and explanations of our civic engagement via our task forces. With nine months of such sharing now behind us, the communications committee is taking on a complementary task: listening. We have questions for our member units. To learn more about Faith Action focus groups, go to

<https://www.faithactionhawaii.org/post/communications-committee-focus-groups>.



**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.

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

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

	<u>1/16-17/21</u>	<u>1/23-24/21</u>
Sat 6:00pm	40A+1C	48A+0C
Sun 6:30am	55A+0C	60A+0C
Sun 9:00am	58A+5C	73A+5C
Thu 1/21, 6:00pm Respect Life	50A+0C	

(A = Adults; C = Children)

**SACRIFICIAL OFFERING**



Offertory	\$ 1,924.00	\$ 2,028.14
Initial Offering	\$ 11.00	\$ 5.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 55.00	\$ 15.00
Black & Indian Mission and Church in Latin America		\$ 1,062.00
Santo Nino	\$ 664.00	
Funeral	\$ 800.00	
Candles	\$ 85.00	\$ 105.00
Killians Candles		\$ 319.60
Mass Intentions	\$ 260.00	\$ 230.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,799.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,764.74</b>

*"Money gathered little by little will grow."*

*Proverbs 13.11*



## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

❖ **Good Health / Successful Surgery:** Frances Sardinha \* Norma Corba \* Ador Perez \* Ernesto Perez \* 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 \* Patrocinia Siruno \* Charlie Newman \* Rosalyn Café Alindayu \* Gladys Sedeno \* 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

❖ **Birthdays:** Matea Ranit (90) \* Mark Schwengler \* Connie de Santos (95) \* Keithlyn Aningat \* Christina Andres \* Alexia Jacinto \* Mark McCamley \* Elmer Ranit \* Adela Rowena Bitonio \* Aldrin Daligcon \* Sharlene Daligcon \* 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 150<sup>th</sup> Parish Anniversary \* For the deliverance & healing of those afflicted with the covid-19 \* Thanksgiving by – Alona Afafe > Fanny Montemayor > Lydia Cacpal > Norma & Lydia Gascon > Anita & Melecio Pinera > Jun & Caridad Cortez \* Rose Domingo > Jose Cadiz & family > Patrocinio & 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:** +Tessie & Marlyn Lagasca \* +Ely Purganan \* +Loreta Pascual, Rose Purganan \* +Silvestre Tolentino, Primitivo Llacuna, Ananias Rivera \* +Alfredo Cacpal \* +Addie Freitas \* +Fr Lawrence Mampaey \* +Diana Carol Clark \* +Cunegunda, Rosendo, Arceli, Aleth, Mario, Ruben \* Josie Pascua, Apolinaria, Fely Llacuna \* +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 (4<sup>th</sup> 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 \* +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

## 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. Sharing their blessings on their 43<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary, *Adriano & Norma Daligcon* donated a new waste disposal for the kitchen sink at the parish rectory which *Adriano* himself installed. He also repaired the rectory bathroom.

\*\*\***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 of 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 plexiglass 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.

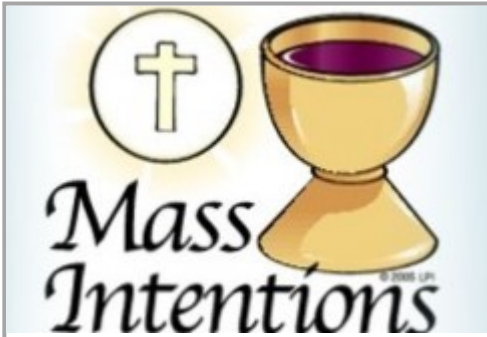
\**Eddie Lucero* and *Jun Flores* are faithfully keeping the yellow hibiscus blooming with flowers thru regular pruning and watering.

\**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!**❖





**MASS INTENTIONS**

Jan 23 > 6:00pm RM +Cunegunda, Rosendo, Arceli, Aleth, Mario, Ruben  
 Jan 24 > 6:30am Birthday - Adela Rowena Bitonio; Aldrin Daligcon; Sharlene Daligcon; Lydia Cacpal \* RM +Primitivo & Fely Llacuna, Josie Pascua; Apolinaria & Ananias Rivera  
 > 9:00am Healing - Ador Perez & Ernesto Perez  
 Jan 25-26 > 7:00am Healing - Caren Soong; Ador Perez, Ernesto Perez  
 Jan 26 > 7:00am RM +Loreta Pascual, Rose Purganan  
 Jan 27 > 7:00am Birthday - Christina Andres; Mark McCamley; Elmer Ranit \* Successful surgery & speedy recovery - Norma Corba  
 Jan 28 > 7:00am Birthday - Rowena Adela Bitonio

Jan 29 > 7:00am Good health - Matea Ranit  
 Jan 30 > 6:00pm Birthday - Keithlyn Aningat \* Healing & speedy recovery - Frances Sardinha; Caren Soong; Guy Miranda; Those infected w/ covid-19 \* Special intention – For Catholic Schools, teachers & students; For deliverance from covid-19 pandemic and for a safe and effective vaccine to end it all \* RM +Tessie & Marlyn Lagasca; +Apolonia Fontanilla; +Martha Castro; +Victims of the coronavirus pandemic; +Deceased pastors, benefactors and parishioners of OLM  
 Jan 31 > 6:30am Birthday - Connie de Santos \* Good health - Norma Corba; Paul Valbuena; Audrey Peralta; Guy Miranda, Caridad Dagdagan \* Thanksgiving - M/M Joseph & Mila Llantero \* Special intention - Alex & Marichu Pe Benito; For Catholic schools, teachers & students; Sponsors and ministers of our Mass \* RM +Silvestre Tolentino, +Primitivo Llacuna, +Ananias Rivera; +Caroline & Martin Rodrigues; +Diana Carol Clark; +Valentina Elliazar; +Teresita Fontanilla  
 > 9:00am (Missa pro populo) Healing - Ador Perez, Ernesto Perez; 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 Catholic schools, teachers & students; For deliverance from covid-19 pandemic and for discovery of effective vaccine against covid \* Thanksgiving - Alona Afafe; Jose Cadiz & family; Urbano Acosta \* For Deliverance from & end of the covid-19 pandemic \* RM +Ely Purganan; +Loreta Pascual, Rose Purganan; +Silvestre Tolentino, +Primitivo Llacuna, +Ananias Rivera; +Tessie & Marlyn Lagasca; +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  
 Feb 3 > 7:00 am Birthday - Mark Schwengler \* RM +Martha Castro  
 Feb 4 > 7:00 am Birthday - Alexia Jacinto  
 Feb 6-7 > 6:00pm Birthday & good health - Matea Ranit



**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.*

**DIOCESAN NEWS** ❖ ❖ ❖ **DIOCESAN NEWS**

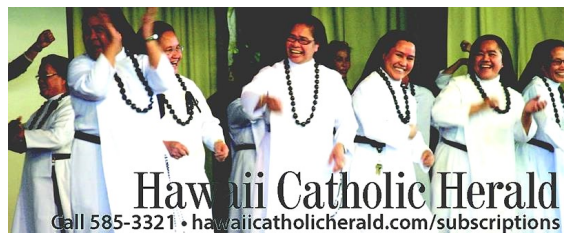


**FOODLAND GIFT CARD FOR COVID-19 TEST**

\*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.

**SUBSCRIBE TO THE HAWAII CATHOLIC HERALD**

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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"**

*(Abridged)*

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.

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



**FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP**

**\*RE: INVITATION TO RETURN TO MASS AND EXTENDED DISPENSATION FROM OBLIGATION**

*(Abridged)*

To: All Parishioners of the Diocese of Honolulu

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.**

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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







**UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS  
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**MEMORANDUM**

To: All Bishops

From: Most Rev. Leonard P. Blair, Archbishop of Hartford Chairman, USCCB Committee on Divine Worship

Date: January 12, 2021

Re: Ash Wednesday and the memorial of St. Blaise in 2021

You will recall that the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issued two decrees last year (dated March 19 and March 25) that provided special guidance for the celebration of Holy Week during the pandemic. The instructions that were given were intended mostly to assist priests in circumstances in which the presence of a congregation would be impossible. Those provisions, however, were explicitly granted only for the year 2020. As Lent approaches, we will have to wait to see whether the Holy See will issue similar guidance this year, should the situation continue to warrant it.

In the meantime, the Congregation has issued a "Note on Ash Wednesday," and the Committee on Divine Worship wishes to offer some brief observations on it and on the celebration of the memorial of St. Blaise.

**BLESSING OF THROATS ON THE MEMORIAL OF ST. BLAISE (February 3)**

Note that the Book of Blessings contains the following provision for this rite: No. 1628. If, for pastoral reasons, each individual cannot be blessed in the manner described in no. 1627, for example when great numbers are gathered for the blessing or when the memorial of Saint Blaise occurs on a Sunday, **a priest or deacon may give the blessing to all assembled by extending hands, without the crossed candles, over the people while saying the prayer of blessing.** A lay minister says the prayer proper to lay ministers without making the sign of the cross. The current circumstances would certainly be considered a sufficient pastoral reason to avoid administration of the blessing to individuals in the usual manner, should there be any concern of danger due to the ongoing pandemic.

**DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES ON ASH WEDNESDAY (February 17)**

While Ash Wednesday is not a holyday of obligation and while there is no requirement for the clergy and faithful to receive the imposition of ashes, it is rightly observed as a celebration of high importance, and many will surely wish to participate even amid the current difficulties. During this time of pandemic, the Holy See has modified the method of distributing the ashes, as outlined in the following **"NOTE"**:

\*These changes minimize the necessity of physical contact between minister and recipient and remove the need for the minister to speak while in close proximity to the recipient.

\*The distribution of ashes via sprinkling is a common practice in some countries but is not well known here.

\*Therefore, the Committee encourages ministers to provide some explanation to the faithful, to avoid unnecessary confusion.

\*Note also that the Book of Blessings provides instructions for the distribution of ashes outside of Mass (nos. 1656-1678). As we move closer to Holy Week, the Committee on Divine Worship will continue to monitor developments and offer further observations for your consideration.

# PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FEAST DAYS

- Jan 30** Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Feb 2** The Presentation of the Lord; Candlemas Day
- Feb 3** > Memorial of St. Blaise, bishop & martyr  
> St. Ansgar, bishop
- Feb 6** St. Paul Miki and Companions, martyrs

### OTHER

- Jan 31** Religious Education class after the 9:00am Mass
- Feb 4** Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help, 7:00pm
- Feb 5** First Friday, Eucharistic Adoration after the 7:00am Mass



### ✝ 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 Hawaiian Memorial 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

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

Heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.

### FIRST FRIDAY: Eucharistic Adoration



You are invited to our solemn Eucharistic Adoration every First Friday following the 7:00am Mass on February 5. Let us pray for the end of the pandemic, for love and harmony in our homes and families and for peace and healing in our country.

### HOUSE FOR RENT

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 \* utilities included \* walking distance to Our Lady of the Mount Church and Kalihi Uka School \* \$2200/mo. Available now.  
 Call Rudy Fiesta at (808) 620-5626.



### 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.

### STORE HOURS

MON.	CLOSED	TO	
TUES.	10:00	TO	5:00
WED.	10:00	TO	5:00
THUR.	10:00	TO	5:00
FRI.	10:00	TO	5:00
SAT.	10:00	TO	5:00
SUN.	GO	TO	CHURCH

## THANK YOU

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