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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.

First Sunday of Lent



Rev. Fr. Edgar Brillantes
Pastor

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, he remained there for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among beasts and the angels ministered to him.

Mark 1:12-13



Rev. Fr. Adrian R. Gervacio
Pastor Emeritus



LIVE-STREAM: MASS & WAY OF THE CROSS

* 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

* February 21, 2021 * @ 9:00 AM

* STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Every Friday of Lent @ 6:30 PM

* Log in to www.Facebook.com/olmkalihi

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"Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth!"

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

* Every Friday of Lent at 6:30 PM – Live-stream via Facebook.com/olmkalihi * License no. 734524-A

This is a Catholic traditional devotion that can help us experience the power and redeeming acts of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord and lead us to a meaningful celebration of the Sacred Triduum and Easter.

* February 21: The *Religious Ed Catechists & students* will do the Stations of the Cross in Church after the 9:00am Mass. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

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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, hand-washing and 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 [April 1, 2021](http://April.1.2021) but highly encouraged to join the televised or livestreamed mass.

* At OLM, we provide the live-streamed Mass on Sundays at 9:00am and the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 6:30pm 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 *

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Pastor's Corner

By Rev. Fr. Edgar B. Brillantes



Next Sunday's Reading Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 116:10, 15-19

Second Reading

Romans 8:31-34

Gospel

Mark 9:2-10

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

This Reading tells that after the flood God made a covenant with Noah. He promises never to destroy creation and sets a sign of the covenant in the heavens, a rainbow. The rainbow, like the dove, becomes a sign of peace. So, despite the terrors of war, the upheavals of nature, the catastrophes of human judgment, God's graciousness ensures stability "for all future generations." The reestablishment of God's orderly rule after the flood would have had a strong impact on the community hoping to regroup after the disaster of the exile.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:8-22

In this Reading, Peter tells of Jesus going to make a proclamation to the spirits in prison who had disobeyed in the time of Noah. The precise meaning of this passage is hard to grasp, but the general sense seems clear: Christ's death is a powerful Gospel for all times and people, admitting people into a new spiritual Noah's ark that saves them through the ritual flood of Baptism.

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

In this Gospel, Mark depicts Jesus being tempted in the wilderness by Satan. It contains a variety of characters that are important in contemplating the nature of Jesus' temptation. The First is the Spirit who is responsible for driving Jesus into the desert for the duration of forty days. Next appears Satan, who is mentioned simply as tempting Jesus. Also in the story are the wild beasts, who certainly represent the mystery of nature. Finally, there appear the angels, who are responsible for ministering to the Lord.



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!



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*)

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

*Please come to the church with your own face covering and observe the 6-foot distancing when you get out of your car, walk into the church and take your seat at the marked areas. Couples and Families of the same household with small kids may be seated together. Avoid congregating in large or crowded groups.

*Please go thru the infra-red thermometer for covid tracing and 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. As soon as you can, avail of the covid-19 vaccination.

*Let's strive to stay safe, healthy and holy as we come back to the house of God and gather as one blessed family.

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LENTEN SEASON: *Be a Good Steward*

Ash Wednesday has always been a special day of devotion for Catholics. This year, of course, will be different as Ash Wednesday, celebrated on February 17, is situated in a time when health and safety precautions are of the utmost importance. We are in the middle of a pandemic. Nevertheless, Ash Wednesday continues to be an outward sign of the beginning of a season of penitence and we embrace the call to conversion that Ash Wednesday heralds. Christian stewards will greet Lent with the best of intentions. But sometimes, we reach Easter disappointed in our own efforts. Here are some suggestions for keeping us on task during this Lenten season:

- **Plan ahead** - Give thought and prayer to what will most help you draw closer to Jesus during this special season. Write your intentions down, and review them often.
- **Keep it simple** - Like those folks who sign up for gym memberships on January 1 and give up by January 15, sometimes we approach Lent with too many resolutions. Be realistic and don't set yourself up for guilt.
- **Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the pillars of Lent** - Try to do one thing in each of these categories. Stretch yourself a bit and come up with something new and challenging.
- **Keep your eyes on Jesus** - Coming closer to him through his passion and resurrection is our goal.
- **Prepare your home with Lenten reminders** - If you have no crucifix in your living areas, place one there. If you have a crucifix, perhaps affix a spot of purple to it as a reminder of Lent. Find a special picture or holy card that speaks to you and display it.
- **Simplify** something tangible in your daily life, like your closet or your schedule.
- **Place a special candle on the dining room table**, and when your family says grace each evening, encourage them to share the struggles and joys of their Lenten resolutions, or perhaps an act of kindness they did that day. This is a good activity for kids.
- If possible and safe, **take your family to the Stations of the Cross** at least once.
- **Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation** and encourage your family to do so.
- Make it a point to prepare for and **participate in the beautiful Triduum liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and even the Easter Vigil** even if you can only do this online. Celebrate the completion of your Lenten exercises.
- **After Easter, reflect on your Lenten practices** - Remember, God's mercy to us is unlimited. It's not all about what "we" did, but what God does within us.



[\(Lifted from International Catholic Stewardship Council e-bulletin, February 2021\)](#)*



A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER for February

Merciful God,
we embark on our journey of renewal through difficult and uncertain times; times of division and strife, and for many suffering and discouragement. But our journey is with your son, Jesus, who bore his cross and suffered in ways we cannot imagine. We journey with Jesus toward the great paschal feast of Easter, where we have the grace to experience the true joy of Resurrection. Teach us to be good stewards of your mercy and forgiveness, so that we may extend these gifts to others. Give us the strength to bear witness to your Son at all times, even during these times of stress and adversity. And fill our hearts with love that we may be faithful to the Gospel Jesus proclaimed and ready to celebrate our unity with him and each other. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

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MASS ATTENDANCE

	<u>2/13-14/21</u>	<u>2/6-7/21</u>
Sat 6:00pm	54A+3C	49A+1C
Sun 6:30am	62A+0C	60A+0C
Sun 9:00am	68A+6C	61A+8C
Ash Wed. 2/17: 7:00am	58A+0C;	6:30pm 103A+8C

(A = Adults; C = Children)

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING



Offertory	\$ 2,529.00	\$ 2,863.53
Initial Offering	\$ 28.00	\$ 10.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 120.00	\$ 240.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 35.00	
Augustine Educ. Found.	\$ 612.00	
Funeral	\$ 500.00	
Candles	\$ 130.00	\$ 90.00
Religious Article		\$ 3.00
Bulletin Advertisement		\$ 20.00
Mass Intentions	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,054.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,276.53</u>

"Enjoy serving the Lord and he will give you what you want."

Psalm 37:4

DIOCESAN NEWS ❖❖❖ DIOCESAN NEWS


OPERATION RICE BOWL
Live "Lent for Life" at Home


From the Office of Social Ministry
 Lenten Blessings Father!

As we unite ourselves with Christ during his 40 days in the desert, we invite you and your faith community to observe this time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving with CRS Rice Bowl's faith-in-action program. Friendly calls were made to every parish making sure your Rice Bowl shipment arrived from the CRS headquarters in Maryland. Join us and Catholics across the U.S. as we reflect on how caring for our neighbor is caring for Christ.

For I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me drink (Matthew 25:35).

Peace,

Iwie Tamashiro and Fr Bob Stark, SSS

Coping with COVID-19 definitely has its ups and downs. But even with the challenges of social distancing and mask wearing, we can all still grow closer as One 'Ohana this Lenten season! [CRS Rice Bowl](#) helps us stay connected with our sisters and brothers around the world through traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving right from your own home. Your offering helps communities in Madagascar, El Salvador, Timor-Leste and 100 other countries fight hunger and malnutrition at this critical moment when global hunger is on the rise. We hope your Lenten sacrifices bring you closer to God and neighbor. Let us pray together over these next 40 days with families and communities across the country and world.

Through the CRS website, you can find Stories of Hope, Lenten meatless recipes and many online giving opportunities to put your faith into action together as a family.

If you are attending Mass or stopping by your local parish during the week, be sure to pick up your CRS Rice Bowl. If you're staying "safer at home" as a family, you can easily print your own label and tape it to any collection bowl at home.

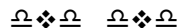
Catholic Relief Services provides all that is needed for your Domestic Church to practice global solidarity for Lent journeying with families in Madagascar, El Salvador and Timor-Leste. Please visit the [CRS Rice Bowl website](#) for more resources as well as the links below:

[Rice Bowl 2021 Calendar - English](#)

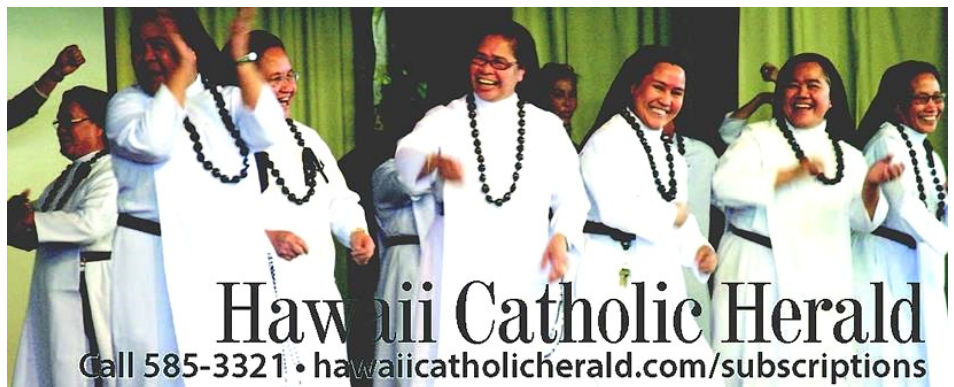
CRS Rice Bowl [Stories of Hope](#) from Madagascar, El Salvador and Timor-Leste

[Meatless Recipes](#) from the featured countries and more!

For more information or to have a Rice Bowl and calendar mailed to your home, call the Office for Social Ministry at (808) 203-6702, or email itamashiro@rcchawaii.org or visit the [OSM website](#).


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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: "DISPENSATION TO ATTEND MASS EXTENDED TO HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1"

February 1, 2021

Dear People of God of the Diocese of Honolulu,

Peace be with you!

As we go through the pandemic, we are enjoying the lifting of some restrictions, even as we still need to observe others for the safety and health of our community. I had extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation through February 16, 2021. I wanted to restate the obligation beginning with Lent, but since we still need to maintain social distancing in our churches, ***I am hereby extending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Mass through noon on Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021***, which marks the end of Lent. However, this time I am strongly urging that all who take the dispensation engage in some other form of prayer or worship as suggested below. While none of these can be the equivalent of attending Sunday Mass, they will serve to keep us connected to worship, especially during the penitential season of Lent. As I said in my last communication regarding the issue of Mass attendance, I urge all who are able to attend Sunday Mass to do so. There is nothing that substitutes completely for our weekly encounter with the risen Lord Jesus in the Eucharist. Nevertheless, if you cannot attend Sunday Mass, you are strongly encouraged to do one or more of the following:

- Participate prayerfully in a live-streamed or televised Sunday Mass AND spend at least 15 minutes in meditation on the Scriptures, preferably those proclaimed at Mass. (These can be found at www.usccb.org/readings.)
- Attend, in person, a weekday Mass AND spend at least 15 minutes on Sunday reading and meditating on the Sacred Scriptures.
- Spend at least 30 minutes on Sunday prayerfully reading and meditating on the Sacred Scriptures.
- Pray at least two rosaries on Sunday, meditating on the Glorious Mysteries and one other set of Mysteries you choose (i.e. Joyful, Sorrowful, Luminous).

Note that anyone who is sick should not attend Mass and is not obliged to do so. The above alternative spiritual exercises are strongly urged for those who are physically able to fulfill them. As we prepare for Lent, I also urge you to celebrate the sacrament of Penance. Consult with your parish for opportunities for communal Penance services or individual confessions. The gift of the Lord's mercy and healing is readily available to us in this beautiful sacrament. May you have a holy and renewing Lent as you prepare for the great celebration of the Paschal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of the Lord!

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

***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.**



MAHALO FROM AUGUSTINE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Thank you for showing your support to the Augustine Educational Foundation's Second Collection. **Our Lady of the Mount Church** was able to raise \$612.00. On behalf of the students and their families that will benefit from this collection this coming school year – Mahalo!

It's never too late to support the Second Collection "Make a Student Smile – Give the Gift of Catholic Education Campaign!"

Donate Online. It's safe & secure at: www.AugustineFoundation.org/Donate.

Your generous donation of any amount helps us fund scholarships for students in Hawaii Catholic Schools.

**The Augustine Educational Foundation is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide scholarships to economically disadvantaged students at private and parochial schools operated under the auspices of the Roman Catholic Church in Hawaii without discrimination on the basis of race, ethnic origin or religion. Federal Tax ID# 99-0230013*

Our Catholic schools provide a quality education to students from all backgrounds. The Augustine Educational Foundation provides tuition scholarships to students with dire financial need in our Hawaii Catholic Schools in grades K-12. If you believe in Catholic education, and you want to make a difference in the life of a child, please give generously to support the Foundation's efforts. Your gift is tax deductible.

You may mail your check payable to *Augustine Educational Foundation, 6301 Pali Hwy, Kaneohe, HI 96744*. Or you may drop your gift or check in the parish offertory collection during the Mass. Please include your parish/island on the memo of your check for proper parish acknowledgement.

For more information, please call (808) 203-6748 or visit www.augustinefoundation.org.

**SAINT LOUIS SCHOOL ADMISSIONS VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE**

February 21, 2021 > 1:00 PM

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*February 28, 2021 > 11:00 AM

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We are proud to be Hawaii's largest all-girls school and we continue to be guided by the presence and philosophy of the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts, focusing on academic excellence, applied learning and Catholic values.

*Designed just for girls in pre-school to Grade 12.

*Girl-focused academic curriculum and unique extended-learning opportunities

*Learning experiences structured to develop strengths, aspirations, confidence and empowerment.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

❖ **GOOD HEALTH / SUCCESSFUL SURGERY:** Aidan Long * Dolores Cachero * Rosalina Valencia * Trinidad Bungcayao * Marie Schwengler * Mark Schwengler * Corazon Orcino * Jabez Goloran * Vladimir Salagovic * Doi Facuri * Ellis Ricks * Rosita Hitosis * Myra B Lazo * Norma Corba * Ador Perez * Ernesto Perez * Amelia Pascual * Felice Ortiz, Filomena Ligot * Virgilio Esteban * Carmen Gervacio * Jose Cadiz * Paul Valbuena * Nathaniel Talon * George Ferrer * Krystle Parinas * Mart, NB & Josie Alafonso * Mila Llantero * Ropati Liua * Caren Soong * Patrocina 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 * Vladimir Skupovska * Fr Thomas Joseph * Dylan Calizar * Caroline Gruenhagen * Theresa Schwengler * Doren Gruenhagen * Juliet Hobson * Michael Schwengler Jr * Amando & Palmas Flores * Bob Wells * 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 * Jesse Ulep * George Calizar * Marvin Moore * Clara Adlawan * Jeanne Oshiro

❖ **BIRTHDAY:** Rita Gaspar * Mila Fernandez * Jayson Malla (37) * Cecilia Bersamin * Arnulfo Bersamin * George Ferrer * Arthur Ferrer, Ricardo Ferrer * Evangeline Bacani * Steven Ramiscal * Susan "Kits" Baysa * Steven Schwengler * Audrey Peralta * Clemente Luczon Sr * Marivic M Palting (61) * Shane Balbuena * Mila Llantero * Matea Ranit (90) * Tita & Anthony Calizar * Marie Schwengler * Andrea Baptista * Condelita Pescador * Julieta Tabora * Mark Schwengler * Connie de Santos (96) * Logan & Tristan Isidro * Katelyn Aningat * Christina Andres * Alexia Jacinto * Mark McCamley * Elmer Ranit * Adela Rowena Bitonio * Aldrin Daligcon * Sharlene Daligcon * Doren Gruenhagen * Anjelica Schwengler * Herminia Ferrer

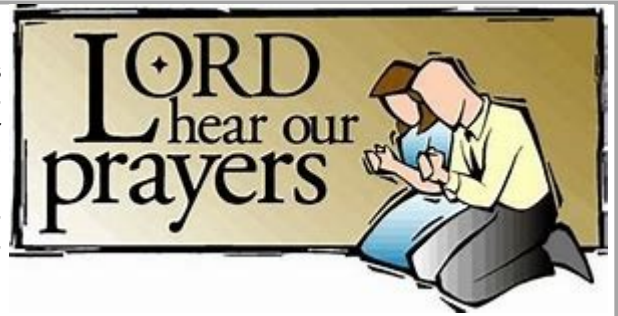
❖ **RELIGIOUS PROFESSION ANNIVERSARY:** Sr. Clemence Mira, SPC (58)

❖ **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** Joe & Julie Manuel (49) * Adriano & Norma Daligcon (43) * Renato & Corazon dela Rosa (41) * Caroline & Doren Gruenhagen (29)

❖ **SPECIAL INTENTION & THANKSGIVING:** **Thanksgiving** – Curtis & Teresita Erese > Joseph & Mila Llantero > Alex & Marichu Pe Benito > Anita & Melecio Pinera > Gloria Rodrigues > Alona Afable > Fanny Montemayor > Jose Cadiz & family > Renato & Cora dela Rosa > Silver & Marivic Palting > Thomas & Olivia Mita > Jaime & Medy Macalma & family > Urbano Acosta > Artates & Bacani families * **Special intention** – Schwengler family > Kathy Ferreira > Audrey Peralta * 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 * For safe & effective covid-19 vaccine.

❖ **SAFE TRIP:** Audrey Peralta & Lisa * Wilfred Soong

❖ **DECEASED:** +Jose Jandoc Sr (11th Anniv) * +Frances Sardinha * Teresita Paranada Braceres (1st Anniv) * +Leticia Castillo * +Nico Mira * +Abraham Langit * +Shane Kawika Cruz * +Remedios Pascua Manzano * +Emiliano & Teodora Lumabao * +Juan & Basilisa Suazo * +Pio & Victoriana Bacani * +Excelcia Ramiro Aczon * +Dominador Agad * +Nicanor Bucaneg * +Arnulfo Bersamin, +Arthur Ferrer, +Ricardo Ferrer * +Martin Rodrigues, +Caroline Rodrigues * +Frances Duhaylonsod * +Cecilia Leong * +Faustino Tabangcura, +Ignacia Tabangcura * +Peter Plawri * +Emelia Flores, +Faustino Flores Sr * +Marcos Bacalso, +Filomena Bacalso * +Maria Alma Flores, +Virginia Degamo * +Nicolas Sumagang, +Celsa Sumagang * +Teresa Dacullo * +Richard "Sonny" Peralta, +Elizabeth Ragaza * +Fabian Balbuena * +Pastor, Malwenda, Walter, +Max Balbuena, +Magdaleno Sanchez * +Ferdinand Brillantes * +Fr Pol Calicdan * +Tessie & Marlyn Lagasca * +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 * +Alejandro Quarto, +Crisostomo Atendido, +Pedro, Ronilo & Edwin Pe Benito; +Danilo, Jaime, Marlita & Esperanza Quelnan * +Editha Macalisang * +Simplicio Canoneo * +Dominador Cacpal Sr * +Betty Santiago * +Ernesto Dumalan Sr, +Ismael Dumalan * +Proceso Dumalan Sr, +Encarnacion Dumalan * +Teresita Hernane * +Badegunda Valdez * +John Loo * +Apolonia Fontanilla * +Marcela & Tito Ulep * +Ricardo & Ana Francisca Mateo * +Marieta S. Quarto * +Leonarda, Jose, Sofia & Jacinta Palting * +Leonora Bautista, Victorio & Edison Bautista * +Honorio Gamiao * +Alfredo Baptista * +Christopher Flores * +Bessie Soong * +Ethel & Thomas Mita Sr, Fay Kodama * +Anastacio, Rosa, Paulina, Canuto & Pacita Umblas * +Gloria Batuga Datulayta * Pedro, Urbana, Orlando & Virgilio Artates * +Venusia Talia * +Francisco & Mary Rodrigues * +Francisco, Genara, Alfredo & Lito Cabral * +Francisca Isidro * +Fermín & 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 43rd 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

*****HOME REPAIRS** – *Roger Isidro* did some odd jobs of fixing the door latch, hinges and lock at the doorway, cabinets and storage room in the parish hall.

*****CEMETERY MAINTENANCE** – The Catholic cemetery caretaker, *Kalolo Tuihalafatai*, reported the completion of the cutting and hauling away of the storm-felled eucalyptus tree on the cemetery ground. With the approval of the Parish Facilities & Maintenance Committee *Puli Construction* was awarded the contract and did a great job of clearing the area of other rotting trees and stumps. The contract price for labor, materials and equipment was \$5,200.00.

❖**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*.

MAHALO to *Myra dela Cruz* who supplies our church with fresh flowers that bedeck the sanctuary. BIG THANKS also to *Tom & Olivia Mita* for donating 3 infra-red thermometers for use in covid-tracing. Likewise, to *Luida Susa* for donating \$500.00 for sanitizers and other needed paraphernalia for disinfection.

❖**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! Jun* and wife, *Caridad*, installed wires for wi-fi connection and clearer live-streaming from the rectory to the church.

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)*.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP *(Continued)*

❖ **GARDENING** – There are wonderful people who volunteer with the upkeep of the church grounds.

**Clemente Fontanilla* mows the grasses.

**Frankie Cabral* assisted by *Roger Isidro* and *Joseph Llantero* continues to trim the overgrown palm tree branches around the rectory and overgrown shrubs around the church.

*With joy and devotion, *Lito and Lia Centino* 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**

Feb 14 > 6:30am Birthday - *Mila Fernandez* * RM +*Patricia Manahan*

> 9:00am RM +*Abraham Langit*

Feb 15 > 7:00am Birthday - *Jayson Malla* * RM +*Abraham Langit*

Feb 15-19 > 7:00am Healing - *Caren Soong; Cora Orcino; Melvin Pinera; Rosalina Valencia; Trinidad Bungcayao* * RM +*Tyler Paul Peralta; +Dominador Agad; +Nicanor Bucaneg; +Shane Kawika Cruz*

Feb 16 > 7:00am RM +*Nico Mira*

Feb 17 > 6:30pm (Ash Wednesday) Birthday - *Rita Gaspar* * Healing - *Aidan Long*

Feb 18-19 > 7:00am Healing - *Aidan Long* * RM +*Leticia Castillo*

Feb 20 > 6:00pm Healing & speedy recovery - *Mark Schwengler, Marie Schwengler; Corazon Orcino; Guy Miranda; Those infected w/ covid-19* * Thanksgiving - *Gloria Rodrigues* * Special intention - *For a meaningful & blessed celebration of Lent; For deliverance from covid-19 pandemic and for a safe and effective vaccine to end it all* * RM +*Jose Jandoc Sr-11th Anniv.; +Nicanor Bucaneg; +Shane Kawika Cruz; +Excelcia Ramiro Aczon; +Tyler Paul Peralta; +Victims of the coronavirus pandemic; +Deceased pastors, benefactors and parishioners of OLM*

Feb 21 > 6:30am Birthday - *Steven Ramiscal; Mila Fernandez; Jayson Malla; Clemente Luczon Sr* * Good health - *Melvin Pinera; Trinidad Bungcayao; Rosalina Valencia; Dolores Cachero; Caren Soong; Norma Corba; Paul Valbuena; Guy Miranda, Caridad Dagdagan* * Thanksgiving - *Mel & Anita Pinera; Joseph & Mila Llantero; Urbano & Cresencia Acosta & family; Alex & Marichu Pe Benito* * RM +*Jose Jandoc Sr-11th Anniv.; +Teresita Paranada Braceros; +Abraham Langit; +Faustino & Ignacia Tabangcura; +Arnulfo Bersamin, Arthur Ferrer, Ricardo Ferrer; +Shane Kawika Cruz; +Silvestre Tolentino; Primitivo Llacuna; Ananias Rivera; +Remedios Pascua Manzano; +Tyler Paul Peralta; +Diana Carol Clark; +Teresita Fontanilla*

> 9:00am (Missa pro populo) * Healing - *Aidan Long; Ellis Ricks; Corazon Orcino; Jabez Goloran; Jose Cadiz; Ropati Liua; Lucille Mohika; Mila Llantero; Pamata & Sulia Liua; Amando & Palmas Flores; Alfonso & Mary Villanueva & all those infected by the coronavirus disease* * Special intention - *For deliverance from covid-19 pandemic and for safe & effective covid-19 vaccine* * Thanksgiving – *Curtis & Teresita Erese; Cathy Purganan; Jose Cadiz & family; Ferrer & Ricks families; Silver & Marivic Palting; Thomas & Olivia Mita; Urbano & Cresencia Acosta & family* * **For Deliverance from & end of the covid-19 pandemic** * RM +*Jose Jandoc Sr-11th Anniv.; +Nico Mira; +Faustino & Ignacia Tabangcura; +Leticia Castillo; +Fabian Balbuena; Maximo Balbuena, Magdaleno Sanchez; +Ernesto Sr & Ismael Dumalan; +Proceso Sr & Encarnacion Dumalan; +Teresita Hernane; +Nicanor Bucaneg; +Deceased victims of the coronavirus pandemic; +Departed pastors and parishioners of OLM*

Feb 22 > 7:00am RM +*George Ferrer*

Feb 23 > 7:00am RM +*Arthur Ferrer*

Feb 25 > 7:00am RM +*Ricardo Ferrer*



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.*

Young Adult Talk Story "True Beauty, True Love," Feb 24

Wednesday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Join us for this month's Young Adult Talk Story. We're talking about Theology of the Body, Dating, Chastity, and Marriage this month!

RSVP here:

<https://forms.gle/hipMnrum22VXf6bx7>

talkstory

RSVP →

Wednesday, February 24 at 7:00 PM

all young adults, ages 18-39, invited!

TRUE BEAUTY, TRUE LOVE

What is Theology of the Body and how can it guide us in the dating seasons of our life? Join us as we talk story about the 3 primary principles of the Theology of the Body, learn more about discerning dating, courtship, and marriage, and how we navigate through these in our life.

Presenter: Maile Aiu Domingo is the President of the Hamau I Loko Foundation whose mission is to minister to the dignity of the human person through the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and the Theology of the Body.

Guests: Bryan Domingo and Joseph Almuena



FREE FINANCIAL WORKSHOP, FEB 27

*Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

JOIN US FOR THIS FREE WORKSHOP THAT CAN CHANGE YOUR AND YOUR FAMILY'S LIFE!

BUILDING INTERGENERATIONAL WEALTH

Presented by Joe Jordan

February 27, 2021 | 9am | A Virtual Benefits Event

Join us for an informative presentation by inspirational speaker and behavioral finance expert Joe Jordan. Topics will include:

- The importance of "Living a Significant Life" that goes beyond merely accumulating wealth.
- Eight steps to financial security.
- Capital markets explained in 5 minutes.
- The importance of having a plan and a partner.
- Why long term care doesn't have to be a financial nightmare.
- How to turn hard earned assets into reliable retirement income.
- Protecting your loved ones with life insurance.
- Six risks to secure retirement and how you can insure against them.

His talk will give you new insights into your financial affairs without losing sight of your faith and values. Don't miss this!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2021 @ 9AM HST

REGISTER FOR FREE AT WWW.KOFCHAWAII.ORG

Saturday, February 27, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Join this FREE workshop sponsored by the *Knights of Columbus - Hawaii State Council* that can change your and your family's life!

This informative presentation "*Building Intergenerational Wealth*" will feature inspirational speaker and behavioral finance expert Joe Jordan. His talk will give you new insights into your financial affairs without losing sight of your faith and values.

Register for free at www.kofchawaii.org.

OLM GOING HI-TECH

Jun Cortez (on rooftop) installing wires for the Wi-Fi link in the Church, hall and Pastoral Center. His wife, Caridad, directs & supervises the work. Fidel Flores later joined them to synchronize the signals between the server and receiver.

(Photo by Fr. Edgar Brillantes)



FACE – FAITH ACTION NEWS

By Kathleen Jaycox > jaycox@hawaii.edu

This week's message from Faith Action is an update from Foo Pham, chair of our Housing Task Force, which is called Housing Now! Foo provides news about the five issues which his task force is pursuing with the legislature.

FAITH ACTION TASK FORCE UPDATE -- HOUSING HousingNOW! is the Faith Action Task Force to address housing issues. Its five Steering Committee-approved issues include: 1) an empty homes fee; 2) a community-led housing mandate; and 3) the affordable, locally owned homes for all (A.L.O.H.A.) Homes proposal. 4) Taxation of real estate investment trusts (REITs), corporations profiting off revenue-generating real estate investments, has returned as a fourth issue for Faith Action. 5) The fifth issue is the redevelopment of Aloha Stadium into the New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District (NASD).

More information about these five issues is available at: <https://www.faithactionhawaii.org/post/faith-action-task-force-update-housing>

Foo Pham, Chair

As always, thank you for all that you do on behalf of social justice.

Kathy for the Committee



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**500 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY
IN THE PHILIPPINES - HAWAII CELEBRATION**

**MASS of
THANKSGIVING**
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021 | 6:00PM
CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF OUR LADY OF PEACE
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500 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE PHILIPPINES
1521 - 2021
HAWAII CELEBRATION

CELEBRANT: MOST REVEREND LARRY SILVA
Bishop, Diocese of Honolulu

HOMILIST: REV. PASCUAL G. ABAYA IV
Rector, Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace

Due to the pandemic, in-person participation is by invitation only. Seatings may become available as the date approaches via the Cathedral Basilica. The Mass will be live-stream on the Cathedral Basilica Social Media Platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and Hawaii Catholic TV).

OLM CEMETERY INCIDENT REPORT

A freak storm felled an old eucalyptus tree within the Catholic cemetery ground and had to be cut and hauled away. The parish hired *Puli Construction* to do the job under the supervision of the cemetery caretaker, *Kalolo Tuihalafatai*. They also included the clearing of the rotting trees and stumps giving a spruced-up look to the holy place.

(Photos taken by Kalolo Tuihalafatai)



PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Fridays @ 6:30pm

- Feb 19** Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Stewardship Comm. (Feb 21 Religious Education Program, after the 9:00am Mass)
- Feb 26** Filipino Catholic Club * Ilocano Choir
- Mar 5** Catechists * RCIA * Visayan Group
- Mar 12** Outreach * Kokua Ministry
- Mar 19** Knights of Columbus
- Mar 26** Liturgy Committee

FEAST DAYS

- Feb 22** Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
- Feb 23** St. Polycarp, bishop & martyr

OTHER

- Feb 21** Religious Ed Class after 9:00am Mass; Stations of the Cross in the Church
- Feb 22** George Washington's Birthday
- Feb 24** Pastoral Council Meeting, virtual, 6:00pm
- Feb 25** Mother of Perpetual Help Novena & Rosary, 7:00pm
- Feb 27** Liturgy Committee Meeting, 9:00am, Parish Hall

HOUSE FOR RENT

Four (4) bedrooms * 2 bath* 2 parkings * 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.



PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION OF DEACON ESE'ESE (ACE) TUI

From the Office of the Bishop



Most Reverend Larry Silva has announced the date of **Friday, May 21, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.** at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa for the ordination to the priesthood of *Deacon Ese'ese (Ace) Tui*. (Also, the 157th Anniversary of Father Damien's ordination to the priesthood.) Congratulations to *Deacon Ese'ese Tui* as he completes his journey to priesthood!

✝ OBITUARY



+NICANOR S. BUCANEG, 79

Memorial Mass: February 20, 2021, 10:30am at OLM Church
Funeral Service: February 27, 2021, 10:00am at Borthwick Mortuary Mauka Chapel
Interment: February 27, 2021, 1:00pm at Valley of the Temples Memorial Park

+FRANCES ORTIZ SARDINHA, 95

Funeral Service: March 10, 2021, 10:00am at Hawaiian Memorial Park Chapel
Interment: March 10, 2021, 11:00am at Hawaiian Memorial Park Cemetery

+REMEDIOS PASCUA MANZANO, 89

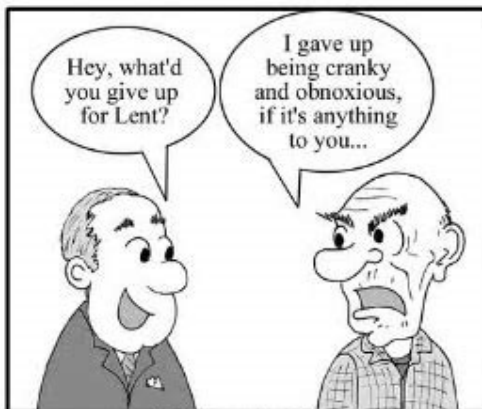
Funeral Service: March 11, 2021, 12:00pm at Valley of the Temples Chapel
Interment: March 11, 2021, 1:00pm at Valley of the Temples Memorial Park

+EXCELCIA RAMIRO ACZON

Funeral Service: April 15, 2021, 6:30pm at Mililani-Waipio Memorial Park Chapel
Interment: April 16, 2021, 12:15pm at Mililani-Waipio Memorial Park
Memorial Mass: April 17, 2021, 11:00am at OLM Church

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

Heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.



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(Laugh Out Loud)
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OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thu 8:30am-4:00pm
Lunch 11:30am-12:30pm
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