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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.



Caster Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



Rev. Fr. Adrian R. Gervacio
Pastor Emeritus

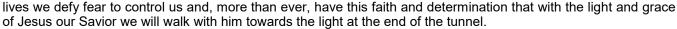
Rev. Fr. Edgar B. Brillantes
Pastor

*A BLESSED & GLORIOUS EASTER TO ALL!

DEAR PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS,

Amidst the gloom and doom of Good Friday that witnessed the passion and death of Christ the Lord shone the divine power of our Almighty God who raised Jesus up to his glorious Resurrection. On Easter Sunday, the tomb is empty. Indeed, *Christ is risen, He is alive!* We can joyfully sing again the solemn Gloria and the grand *Alleluia* while the bells ring with the news of the greatest miracle and the blooming Easter lilies adorn the altar and *sanctuary*. The Paschal candle stands proudly at its pedestal and the baptismal fountain flows with so much life and freshness. There is new life springing everywhere. It can come only thru the power of God's love. Christ declared: "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends" (Jn 15:13). Through the Lord's crucifixion, even though how grim and brutal it was, it made the cross the proof of the powerful love that God has for each of us. Worthy or not, we are the recipients of an everlasting love.

In the face of still rising cases and casualties of the covid-19 epidemic this is exactly the kind of spirit that we need. We let the divine light of the suffering and crucified Lord shine through the darkness of the pandemic that enveloped our human world. We learn from the Lord that despite the threat to lives and loss of lives we defy fear to control us and more than every have this faith and determine





So, we let the Good Friday of our times and lives come to pass so we can move on to the Easter Sunday of resurrected life and renewed world. The scourge of the covid-19 pandemic and the resultant crisis and other new threats will all banish because our loving all-powerful God is very much in control and he simply cares for us. Hopefully, eventually the shutdowns and the lockdowns will be lifted up and do away with social distancing and or mask-wearing so we could be back to our normal lives. We can gather as God's family and one body of Christ and fill our church to capacity again, realize our plans and projects for our parish 150th Anniversary and sing joyfully with our triumphant voices and to our hearts' content the praise and glory of His Majesty, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, our Savior Jesus Christ in our Masses and celebrations.

Blessing you all with the peace and joy of the Risen Lord,

Fr. Edgar & Fr. Adrian





Pastor's



Next Sunday's Reading Second Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts of the Apostle 4:32-35 Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Responsorial Psalm

Second Reading

Gospel John 20:19-31

1 John 5:1-6

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43

In this Reading, Peter attempts to be all-encompassing in summarizing the events surrounding the life and ministry of Jesus. His speech is crafted to be evangelizing; his words suggest that it would be foolish not to give oneself over to a life of discipleship. There is o denying the great responsibility handed on to those who have been called to testify to the Lord's Resurrection.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

In this Reading, Paul lists moral imperatives as the outcome of a theological truth. In this letter to the Colossians, he tells that being raised with Christ entails striving for things that are above. He hints at the reality that living a life focused on "what is above" is no easy task, as it will not be possible to make sense of a life "hidden with Christ" until the glory of his return.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

In this Gospel, John is the only evangelist to report that Mary Magdalene as the sole visitor to the tomb of Jesus. John's simplification of Mary's visit—she neither encounters an angel nor is she invited to peer into the empty tomb - downplays Mary as a primary witness to the Lord's Resurrection. Instead, John places the emphasis on Peter "and the other disciple" who come to see and believe because of what they see at the empty tomb. Peter and his companion run to the tomb. The unnamed disciple runs faster than Peter and is the first to see the burial cloths. Nevertheless, he refrains from entering the tomb. This honor belongs to Simon Peter alone. He is to be seen as the first of the Apostles who witness to the Resurrection of the Lord. Peter enters by himself and sees the burial cloths. Only after this does the other disciple enter. John reports that "he saw and believed." It has long been understood that John intended this unnamed disciple to symbolize the believing Christian in general.



LIVE-STREAMED MASSES

- *EASTER VIGIL April 3 @ 7:00 PM Mass
- *EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION April 4 @ 9:00 AM Mass
- *Log in to www.Facebook.com/olmkalihi. License no. 734524-A
- "Christ is risen! He is alive, Alleluia!"

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NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY

*April 2-10 – Before the weekend Masses & after the weekday Masses

Join this beautiful Catholic devotion in preparation for the solemn feast of the Divine Mercy on the Second Sunday of Easter. The Diocese of Honolulu has been entrusted to the care and protection of the Divine Mercy and we have been invoking his assistance in our daily prayer for deliverance from the covid pandemic.



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THE EASTER SEASON

*Easter Sunday, April 3-4, is the day for abundant use of incense at all the proper times. The Profession of Faith today takes the form of the renewal of baptismal promises and sprinkling with holy water. A penitential rite seems out of place during Easter time but Penitential Act C is litany of praise and fits the spirit of the day. Flowers are kept around the paschal candle. A ring of spring flowers placed where the candle joins the stand can be beautiful. *The Paschal or Easter octave, April 4-11, are eight days ranked as solemnities. The dismissal takes on a double Alleluia.

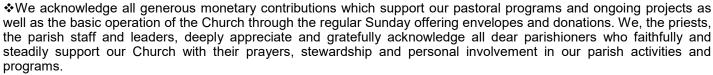
*The Easter Season is a period of fifty days that will culminate on the Feast of Pentecost. In-between are some significant celebrations such as the Divine Mercy Sunday, Good Shepherd Sunday, World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Ascension Sunday and Pentecost Sunday.

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



***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 *Rey & Minda Teocson* for their generous donation of \$2000.00 to our Church as token of their love and gratitude to God for the blessings on their family for the past 35 years of marriage. Also 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 office bathroom. Much *mahalo* likewise goes to *Bill & Joanna Amoroso* for their generous gift of \$1000.00 towards the Building Fund. To mark their 57th wedding anniversary, *Andres & Merlinda Ibera* donated \$200.00 to the church and face shields for use by the liturgical ministers when they serve in 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

***CHURCH REPAIRS – The successive days of rain caused leaks on the walls behind the sanctuary creating cracks and moldy floors. *Roger Isidro* and *Rudy Fiesta* came to the rescue doing some patching on the concrete wall inside and outside. They also included to re-strengthen the beams for the bells at the belfry.

***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, stumps and debris. 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, Norma Daligcon, Aida Isidro, Medy Macalma, Olivia Mita, 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. *Continued*)

PARISH STEWARDSHIP (Continued)

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.

***STATIONS OF THE CROSS – This traditional Catholic devotion is held in our church every Friday of Lent. The meditations are led by the members of different church ministries and organizations. *Annie Ragus* plays the organ and does the singing of the station hymns. *Jun Cortez* serves as the cameraman for the livestreaming. *Manny Espindola* leads the altar servers as cross and candle bearers.



❖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 Roger Isidro and Joseph Llantero continues to trim the overgrown palm tree branches around the rectory and shrubbery around the church.

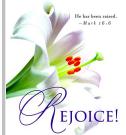
*With joy and devotion, *Lito and Lia Centino* tend and beautify the side of the Hall, Rectory and Pastoral Center with garden plants from their own nursery.

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

*The couple, *Jun & Nida Flores,* used to help out in gardening too such as replacing the seasonal flowering plants with African daisies at the foot of the church belfry and along the makai side of the church. Last Sunday, <u>March 28</u>, they left Hawaii for good to settle with their children in Fresno, California. All the best and God bless them!

***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

Mar 28 > 9:30am RM +Benny Montemayor, Jose Hombrebueno, Leopoldo Hombrebueno

Mar 29 > 7:00am Birthday - Segundo "Doi" Facuri; Renato dela Rosa

Mar 29-31 > 7:00am RM + Encarnacion Fontanilla

Mar 29-Apr 3 > 7:00am RM + $Faustina\ S\ Ea$

Mar 30 > 7:00am Birthday - Cresencia Acosta * Healing - Phoeben Teocson * Successful surgery - Michael Schwengler Jr * RM +Fr Lawrence Mampaey, +Cora Custado

Mar 31 > 7:00am Birthday - Alyna Andaya

Apr 2 > 7:00pm Special intention - For Priests, Religious, Deacons, liturgical ministers * RM + Faustina Ea; + Victor Momosea; + Encarnacion Fontanilla; + Dolores Cachero; + Amy & Daniel Galicinao

Apr 3 > 7:00pm Wedding anniversary - Andres & Merlyn Ibera (57) * Healing & speedy recovery - Guy Miranda; Those infected w/ covid-19 * Special intention - For deliverance from covid-19 pandemic and for a safe and effective vaccine to end it all * RM +Servillano Tabonda Sr; +Jane Ulep * +Excelcia Ramiro Aczon; +Orlando Artates; +Jose & Lydia Criste; +Faustina Ea; +Victor Momosea; +Victims of the coronavirus pandemic; +Deceased pastors, benefactors and parishioners of OLM

Apr 4 > 6:30am Birthday - Betty Torricer; Helen Matiya; Isidra Batista * Good health - Nenita Barroga; Melvin Pinera; Caren Soong; Norma Corba; Paul Valbuena; Guy Miranda, Caridad Dagdagan, Shirley Asentista; Audrey Peralta * Thanksgiving - M/M Joseph & Mila Llantero; Alex & Marichu Pe Benito; Glory Gomez; Urbano & Cresencia Acosta & family; Mel & Anita Pinera * RM + Marcelino Torricer; + Isidra Bautista; + Tessie Fontanilla; + Candido, Romana, Charlie Puzon & Honorio Gamiao; + Maria & Hospicio Corpuz; + Cecilia Carvalho, Caroline & Martin Rodrigues; + Alfredo & Violet Dombrigues

> 9:00am (Missa pro populo) Birthday - Cresencia Acosta * Wedding anniversary - Andres & Merlyn Ibera (57) * Healing - Julieta Tabora; Arthur Miller; Jose Cadiz & family; Ropati Liua; Lucille Mohika; Pamata & Sulia Liua; Amando & Palmas Flores; Alfonso & Mary Villanueva & all those infected by the coronavirus disease * Special intention - For the conversion of sinners & Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary; For deliverance from covid-19 pandemic and for safe & effective covid-19 vaccine * Thanksgiving - Fanny Montemayor; Thomas & Olivia Mita; M/M Renato & Cora dela Rosa; Corazon Orcino & Florentino Orcino; Cathy Purganan; Jose Cadiz & family; Silver & Marivic Palting; Urbano & Cresencia Acosta & family * RM + Dolores Cachero; +Benny Montemayor, Jose Hombrebueno, Leopoldo Hombrebueno; +Faustina Ea; +Victor Momosea; +Encarnacion Fontanilla; +Avelino Benzon; +Deceased victims of the coronavirus pandemic; +Departed pastors and parishioners of OLM

Apr 5 > 10:00am Memorial Mass + Encarnacion Vergara Fontanilla



DEADLINE: Please submit your **Mass intentions** by <u>Thursday</u> 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.*



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

❖GOOD HEALTH / SUCCESSFUL SURGERY: Phoeben Teocson * Michael Schwengler Jr * Nenita Barroga * Julieta Tabora & Arthur Miller * Emmanuel Artates * Kristopher Valdez * Patricia Schwengler * Erlinda Rivera * Jewelle Reen Deuz * Jose Cadiz & family * Shirley Asentista * Rosalina Valencia * Trinidad Bungcayao * Marie Schwengler * Mark Schwengler * Norma Corba * Amelia Pascual * Jose Cadiz * Paul Valbuena * Nathaniel Talon * Krystle Parinas * Mart, NB & Josie Alafonso * Ropati Liua * Caren Soong * Charlie Newman * Elizabeth Bautista * Avelina Bautista * Dolores Mateo * Ella Ucillos * Ernesto Papa * Clementina Ceria-Ulep * Caridad Dagdagan * Fr Thomas Joseph * Caroline Gruenhagen * Theresa Schwengler * Doren Gruenhagen * Juliet Hobson * Michael Schwengler Jr * Amando & Pal-

mas 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: Betty Torricer * Helen Matiya * Isidra Bautista * Alyna Andaya * Cresencia Acosta * Renato dela Rosa * Antonio Umblas * Segundo "Doi" Facuri * Loretta Tabin * Sr. Dora Nuetzi * Adoracion Padilla * Guillermo Bacani * Emeline Bacani Chesser * Clemente Fontanilla * Sr. Clemence Mira, SPC * Coby Jay Jacinto * Caridad Dagdagan * Lawrence Flores * Filomena Emnacin * Jocelyn Ramiscal * Thomas Mita * Marina Pescador * Julie Manuel * Medy Macalma * Nancy Coelho * Lori Grace Fernandez * Ralph Michael Balmilero * Brandilyn Bacani Aczon * Brenton Aczon

❖SACERDOTAL ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY: Rev. Fr. Adrian R. Gervacio (54)

♦WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Andres & Emerlinda Ibera (57) * Carlito & Aurelia Centino (39) * Rey & Minda Teocson (35) * Liberato & Rosario Valdez (44) * Fermin & Luida Susa (32)

*SPECIAL INTENTION & THANKSGIVING: Thanksgiving – Antonio Umblas & family > Glory Gomez > Genie Dagdagan & family > Corazon Orcino > Florentino Orcino > Jun Flores & family > Dr. Leonard Odjinar > M/M Curtis & Teresita Erese > Seed-Faith Tours > Matea Ranit > Joseph & Mila Llantero > Alex & Marichu Pe Benito > Anita & Melecio Pinera > Cathy Purganan > Gloria Rodrigues > Alona Afable > Fanny Montemayor > Jose Cadiz & family > Renato & Cora dela Rosa > Silver & Marivic Palting > Thomas & Olivia Mita > Jaime & Medy Macalma & family > Urbano & Cresencia Acosta & family > Artates & Bacani families * Special intention – 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 * For the conversion of sinners & for the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

❖SAFE TRIP: Ropati Liua & family * Jun & Nida Flores * Wilfred Soong

❖DECEASED: +Marcelino Torricer * +Avelino Benzon * +Candido, Romana, & Charlie Puzon * +Honorio Gamiao * +Jane Ulep * +Servillano Tabonda Sr * +Benny Montemayor, +Jose Hombrebueno, Leopoldo Hombrebueno * +Encarnacion Fontanilla * +Jose & Lydia Criste * +Orlando Artates * Excelcia Ramiro Aczon * +Dolores Cachero * +Caroline Rodrigues, +Georgina Gomes, +Bessie Soong * +Fr. Lawrence Mampaey, +Cora Custado * +Cecilia Carvalho, +Caroline & Martin Rodrigues * +Alfredo & Violet Dombrigues * +Felix & Cresencia Edmalin * +Ignacia & Godofredo Diacamos * +Arsenio Dacanay & Alfredo Daguimol * +Marciano Alcantara Ellazar Sr * +Marina Ambrocio Bayudan * +Maria & Hospicio Corpuz * +Jabez Goloran * +Ren Ferrer * +Mariano F Mundala * +Simplicio Canoneo * +Herminio Malabed Sr * +Debra Cornelio * +Emelia Flores, Crestino Flores Sr, Virginia Degamo * +Maria Alma Flores, Celsa Sumagang, Teresa Dacullo * +Frances Ortiz Sardinha * +Andrew & Charlotte Sardinha * +Orlando Artates * +Patricia Drummundo * +Nicanor Bucaneg +Bernardo Sr & Herminigilda Centino * +Eddie Zanellato * +Victor Momosea * +Faustina S. Ea * +Teresita Fontanilla +Filomena Bacalso * +Alfredo Baptista * +Remedios Pascua Manzano * +Joe & Millie Josol * +Silvestre Marquez +Avelina Madrona * +Aidan Long * +Tyler Paul Peralta * +Jose Jandoc Sr (11th Anniv) * +Teresita Paranada Braceros (1st Anniv) * +Leticia Castillo * +Shane Kawika Cruz * +Pio & Victoriana Bacani * +Faustino Tabangcura, +Ignacia Tabangcura * +Faustino Flores Sr * +Marcos Bacalso * +Nicolas Sumagang * +Fr Pol Calicdan * +Tessie & Marlyn Lagasca * +Silvestre Tolentino * +Diana Carol Clark * +Martha Leialoha Castro * +Valentina Elliazar * +Fermin & Elaine Cruz * +Marlene Facuri * +Ricardo Facuri * +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



COVID-19 VACCINATION AT OLM

When: March 28, 2021 / Sunday

The scheduled vaccination against covid-19 last Sunday at OLM parish hall was smoothly and successfully carried out. There were more than 80 recipients of the first dose of the **Moderna** vaccine that included parishioners and priests from other parishes. The second dose will be administered on **April 25** in the same site here at OLM Church.

The vaccine is made available by *Project Vision* from the *UH John A. Burns School of Medicine* and secured through the efforts of the *Fil-Com Center CARES Project* led by *Drs. Agnes Malate, Amy Agbayani*,

May Rose Dela Cruz, Clementina Ceria-Ulep, other UH faculty, staff and students. We are grateful to the services of Dr. Kim, the UH Nurses and students and we appreciate the Diocesan Congress of Filipino Catholic Clubs and Oahu Council of Filipino Catholic Clubs for their collaboration and assistance.

UPCOMING VACCINATION AT OLM: 2ND AND 1ST DOSE - April 25, 2021

Clementina Ceria-Ulep <clem@hawaii.edu> Thu 4/1/2021 7:59 AM

For the above, I got the okay from *Project Vision* and *Fil-Com CARES Project* to hold both the **2nd dose** for those who got vaccinated yesterday; and schedule a **1st dose for 60 years and older**; both on the same day. So, we need to start doing the **sign up for the 1st dose**, not this weekend; but, the following weekend.

Fr. Edgar and I spoke that we should invite *St. Anthony Kalihi* for the 1st dose on April 25. I will also reach out to the FCC leaders there to get them to start doing their sign ups.

Thank you

Clementina D. Ceria-Ulep, PhD, RN

*April 11 & 18 have been designated as sign-up days after Mass for the new ones or re-scheduled individuals who missed their first appointment. Don't miss this opportunity to take advantage of the vaccination team coming right into our parish church and neighborhood.

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KOKUA FOR KUPUNA – NEW OAHU VACCINE HOTLINE NOW OPEN!

From the Office for Social Ministry

Senior citizens age 65 years and over can now get easier access to COVID-19 vaccines, thanks to a new call center created in partner-ship with public, private and non-profit agencies. The <u>Oahu Kupuna Call Center</u> simplifies the registration process for aging residents who have not yet received their shots due to limited access to technology, transportation or translation services. Seniors and their caregivers can now just dial 2-1-1 and talk to a trained specialist to help answer questions, schedule appointments or request transportation to vaccination sites.





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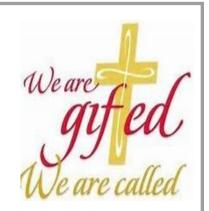


PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION OF DEACON ESE'ESE (ACE) TUI

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!



OLM 150TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE T-SHIRT

*PRESALE ORDERS

Members of the Finance Council will be outside of the church after each of the weekend masses starting next Saturday after 6 pm mass and all other weekend masses to receive your presale t shirt order and payment. Estimated distribution of the shirts will be sometime in June 2021. Shirts are available in both men and women's styles. Adult sizes only. Presale shirt orders may be picked up after one of the weekend masses or you can have them mailed to you. Additional fees will apply. A limited number of shirts and sizes will be ordered and sold at higher ground sale prices during the June distribution. Place your orders by Sunday May 2, 2021 to take advantage of the lower presale prices and guarantee your desired shirt size.

*Please refer to the presale order form posted in the church bulletin board for prices and additional information.





A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Lord Jesus.

We journey with you this Lenten season, in a time of stress and uncertainty, ever closer to Jerusalem, ever closer to your death on the cross.

We hear your Gospel mandate: "Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me," but we are unsure of their meaning, or anxious about their true intent.

Through the power of the Holy Spir-

it, give us the strength to deny the "self" that keeps us from being good stewards of your teachings, and of those who need our love and compassion.

Give us a deeper awareness of the cross in our own lives so that we may embrace it and join our sufferings with yours in a world in need of your redemption.

And give us the confidence to follow you no matter the cost; knowing that if we die with you, we will also live with you and eternally rejoice in your resurrection.

We humbly ask this of you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

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



MASS ATTENDANCE

	3/27-28/21	3/20-21/21
Sat 6:00pm	54A+0C	43A+0C
Sun 6:30am	94A+2C	60A+0C
Sun 9:00am	121A+11C	88A+8C

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

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Offertory	\$ 3,584.00	\$	2,977.00
Initial Offering	\$ 3.00	\$	8.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 75.00	\$	1,055.00
Donation		\$	2,000.00
Ash Wednesday		\$	55.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 75.00		
Easter	\$ 135.00		
Holy Land/Good Fri	\$ 75.00		
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 5.00	\$	1,097.19
Funeral	\$ 200.00		
Baptism/Certificate		\$	200.00
Religious Articles		\$	13.50
Printing Cost Reimb.	\$ 30.00		
Candles	\$ 90.00	\$	85.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 263.00	\$	20.00
Total	\$ 4,535.00	<u>\$</u>	7,510.69

"Give and it will be given to you." Luke 6:38

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!

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BEATING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

*Please refer to the latest directives provided by the Diocese Office of Worship.

*The government has announced that we are now in Tier 3 of the covid restrictions but as we resume our public celebrations of the Holy Mass on days and weekends, we continue to observe 6-ft safe distancing, hand-washing and hygiene practices, wear face covering, and avoid large gatherings of more than 10 outside the church.

*When you come for Holy Communion, receive the Body of Christ only with your hand and take off your mask only when you actually consume it.

*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 3, 2021 but highly encouraged to join the televised or livestreamed mass.

*At OLM, we provide the live-streamed Mass this Sunday at 9:30am and the Paschal Triduum Masses on Holy Thursday and Good Friday at 7:00pm and the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 12:00pm 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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VIRTUAL PRESENTATION DISCOVER SECRETS ABOUT PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE

"Learn to know the heart of God by the Words of God." – St. Gregory the Great *April 10, 2021 > Saturday, 6-7PM > Virtual meeting

Pauline Books and Media, 1143 Bishop St; Honolulu, HI 96813

RSVP by April 9, 2021

Contact *Sr Joanne Caritas, FSP* > <u>jgepitu-lan@paulinemedia.com</u> > Or call 521-2731

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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII

DIOCESE OF HONOLULU

WITNESS TO JESUS

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

*April 2, 2021

This message was sent with High importance.

To All Pastors and Parishes:

Bishop Silva asks that the following announcement be made at all churches in the diocese.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION: The collection for the Holy Land will be taken up as usual on Good Friday at the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion. The people of the Holy Land have suffered greatly during the pandemic, since, like Hawaii, tourism is a mainstay of their economy, and it has basically been suspended for over a year. Your sacrificial generosity will be appreciated.

Thanks.

Larry Silva

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Most Reverend Clarence (Larry) Silva Bishop of Honolulu

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Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. It also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

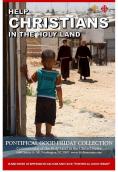
The wars, unrest and instability have been particularly hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

We hope that soon pilgrimage and travel to the Holy Land may resume safely and pilgrims once again will be able to experience walking in the footsteps of Christ and Our Blessed Mother. Meanwhile, our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land are counting on you for help.

When you contribute, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

PLEASE BÉ GENEROUS

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FACE: FAITH ACTION EASTER MESSAGE

Kathleen Jaycox <jaycox@hawaii.edu> Tue 3/31/2021 6:32 AM

Aloha!

The short version of the Easter message is attached here. May your Easter blessings be many!

Kathy for the Committee

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HOPE IS RENEWED EVERY EASTER

By Gary Hoover

The Christian story centers on Holy Week, where fear and love collide. Hope disappears amidst unbearable grief. Then we are completely surprised by the resurrection--and hope reappears on Easter.

Recent shootings in American cities are not unrelated to the continuing violence we perpetrate against "all our relations" in the Creation. We have learned to take without regard, and now as the Holocene slips away like the Garden of Eden, we need more than ever to follow Christ, who gave himself completely and shows us the way of love.

Please click this link to read Gary's complete article, including photos: https://www.faithactionhawaii.org/post/hope-is-renewed-every-easter.

OFFICE OF WORSHIP DIOCESE OF HONOLULU

MEMORANDUM



UPDATE PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS REGARDING FUNERALS

From: Cordero, Dcn. Modesto Sent: Tue 3/16/2021 12:57 PM

Aloha,

I had received few phone calls from parishes, funeral homes and individuals in reference the return of bodies (caskets) to the church for the celebration of Funeral Masses. I contacted the Office of the Governor, David Y. Ige, and they confirmed that the restriction as directed in the 14th Proclamation (see below email) **STILL IN PLACE**.

NO CASKETS ARE ALLOWED IN CHURCH AT THIS TIME.

Lenten blessings!

Deacon Modesto R. Cordero
Director - Office of Worship
Roman Catholic Diocese of Honolulu
1184 Bishop Street, Honolulu, HI 96813
(808) 585-3342 office * (866) 305-5966 fax

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From: Cordero, Dcn. Modesto

Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 5:18 PM

Subject: NEW PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS REGARDING FUNERALS

Aloha,

Governor David Y. Ige's latest FOURTEENTH PROCLAMATION RELATED TO THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY signed on 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 <u>any other location</u>, unless it is the location of burial authorized by law." Therefore, effective immediately and until further notice, 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.)

For any additional information contact my office.

Peace!

Deacon Modesto R. Cordero

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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII

DIOCESE OF HONOLULU

WITNESS TO JESUS

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

MEMORANDUM

RE: "RESUMPTION OF SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION"

To: All Pastors and Parishioners

From: Bishop Larry Silva Date: March 5, 2021

Peace be with you!

As we continue on our Lenten journey, we look forward to the joyful celebration of the Paschal Mystery, the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, the greatest event in the history of the world. We have been living in this strange time of the pandemic, and now with decreasing numbers of cases, increasing accessibility to vaccines, and "herd immunity" on the horizon, we should be able to celebrate Easter in a more normal fashion this year. Since our Sunday encounter with the Risen Lord in the Eucharist is the source and summit of who we are as Christians, it is important that we return to our weekly celebrations.

Effective Easter Sunday, April 4 (or as of the Easter Vigil, April 3), I am ending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, which has been in effect since mid-March, 2020. However, anyone who is sick, may have been exposed to anyone with COVID19, or who has a health condition that would endanger themselves or others by being present in church, continues to be dispensed.

In order to better accommodate larger numbers of people, especially on Easter Sunday, pastors are to determine whether extra seats can be added on lanais, additional Masses can be added to the schedule, or live-streaming in the parish hall can be done and Holy Communion taken to those who participate by this means. If anticipated numbers simply cannot be safely accommodated in a particular parish, a pastor can dispense from the Sunday Mass obligation, either for individual parishioners or certain groups of parishioners, and for a specified period of time not to exceed two months without consultation with the Bishop of Honolulu.

At the same time, I realize that we must stay vigilant about our health protocols, and so the following norms must continue to be observed:

- · Masks must be worn by all who attend Mass or other liturgical services.
- · Social distancing and no-touch greetings and Sign of Peace remain the norms.
- · Holy Communion is to be given only under the species of Bread.
- The use of a small choir is permitted during Holy Week and the Easter season. If the parish is using a choir, choir members need to continue following the rules for indoor singing as directed by the state ["Any person(s) singing shall maintain physical distancing of at least ten (10) feet from any other person(s) while singing. Members of the same performing group singing may be closer than ten (10) feet together while performing, provided the group consists of less than ten (10) persons. To the extent reasonable and practicable, a physical barrier (e.g., plexiglass) of sufficient size to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 shall separate any person(s) singing from any other person(s), but not including members of the same performing group.]
- · A distance of 10 feet between the cantor and the congregation needs to be observed as much as possible.
- · In addition to the Entrance, Offertory, Communion and Leave-taking hymns the Kyrie, Gloria, Responsorial Psalm, Gospel Acclamation and the rest of the Mass part responses could be sung during Holy Week and the Easter season, observing the proper precautions.
- · Sanitization is to continue between Masses.
- · Social gatherings after Mass should still not take place.
- · We encourage parish priests to start/continue live-streaming their liturgies 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.

Any questions about these protocols should be referred to *Deacon Modesto Cordero* of the Office of Worship: mcordero@rcchawaii.org.

God bless you all, and have a blessed Lent, a joyful Easter Triduum, and a grace-filled Easter season!

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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: Wed 2/24/2021 9:54 AM

UPDATES ON COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Good Morning!

Effective tomorrow, **Thursday, February 25, 2021** the City and County of Honolulu (**Oahu Island**) will move to Tier 3. All other counties (islands) need to continue observing the rules promulgated by their respective Mayor's offices. An official declaration from the Mayor of Honolulu office is not yet published, so we don't have too many details regarding how it will affect our spiritual services and current practices. However, the following is already known:

- 1. Spiritual Services (i.e., Sunday and daily Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, prayer groups, Stations of the Cross, etc.): **Allowed** at full capacity as long as we continue to maintain 6-foot distancing (not much change here from our current Tier 2 situation).
- 2. Social gatherings/meetings at church grounds: **Allowed** now for up to 10 people maintaining 6-foot social distancing.
- 3. Funeral Homes/Cemeteries: **Allowed** to have up to 25 people at their services (i.e. Vigil for the Deceased, Wakes, Funeral Liturgy outside Mass and burials).
- 4. Funeral Mass at Church continues with <u>an URN only</u> at full capacity as long as we maintain proper social 6-foot distancing (no change in this area).
- 5. Continue the **MANDATORY** use of mask/face shield by everyone at all times.
- 6. Continue the use of hand sanitizing and washing hands as often as possible.
- 7. Use of conference/breakrooms: Allowed spaced 6-feet apart.
- 8. No change on current music/singing practices.
- 9. Religious Education continues as currently directed. Please check with the Office of Religious Education (*Jayne Mondoy*) and the Office of the YYAM (*Lisa Gomes*) for more information.

I will send more information out as soon as the new proclamation is issued by the office of the Mayor of Honolulu.

Peace!

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

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THE RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM...

...would like to wish you and your families a very Happy and Blessed Easter. The Program is on Spring Break; classes will resume on **April 11, 2021**. RE Coordinator, *Dorothy Pregil* and the Catechists made Easter baskets for the children. Thank you, *Bill & Joan Amoroso* with

helping donate some of the goodies. Parents, please take your children to the RE classroom on your way home and pick up an Easter basket. HAPPY EASTER!!



Our Lady of the Mount Church "Celebrating and Renewing Our Faith in Grateful Stewardship" 150th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE T-SHIRT PRE-SALE ORDER FORM Must Order by May 2, 2021 Deadline

NAME					DATE
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PHONE NO.			EMAIL		
Adult Sizes Only	Pre-sale Price \$	Qty Women's	Qty Men's	Total Shirts	Amount Due
Extra Small	\$15				
Small	\$15				
Medium	\$15				
Large	\$15				
X Large	\$15				
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Paid: Cash			Check #:		
Receipt #:		Ву:	Date:		
Will pick up shirt at Mass time: Picked up by: (Con		mplete on day of pic	k up)		

Note: Estimated distribution of shirts is June 2021

Number of Shirts (all in one package or box)	Mailing Fee * (include with payment)
One to Two	\$8.55
Three to Six	\$15.00
Seven to Ten	\$21.90

Payment method—Cash or Check payable to: Our Lady of the Mount Church

If mailing payment, please DO NOT SEND CASH.

Mail Check with this completed order form to:

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNT CHURCH

Attn: T-Shirt Committee

1614 Monte Street

Honolulu, HI 96819

GROUND SALE PRICES—Additional shirts will be ordered. Sizes and quantities will be limited. Please see below: S, M, L, XL= \$20 1X and 2X = \$22

SX, 3X 4X and 5X. Additional shirts in these sizes will not be ordered and must be preordered.

Mahalo for your support! God bless you!

PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



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. 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 it's available, 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.

BAPTISMS

Welcome to the children to the Sacrament of Baptism:



❖Child: **MELAR TUSCANO LLOREN**

Parents: Arman Avila Lloren & Melodia Sotto Tuscano Godparents: Florencio Sipalay & Rosario Sipalay

April 18, 2021

❖Child: **STEAVEN JOSE ARTATES**

Parents: Bernard Acas Artates & Maria Alysa Jose Godparents: Guillermo Bacani & Rose Belinda Artates

Congratulations to the loving *Parents* Godparents!

❖Catechists for Baptismal Preparation:

*Maryann Goloran * Cathy Villanueva * Fran Kovaloff



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BUILDING & MAINTENANCE - Replacement of Doors

*Among the recommendations of the Parish Building & Maintenance Committee is the replacement of the rotting and termite-ridden exterior and interior doors in the church, sacristy, and parish hall. There are 6 doors in all that need immediate replacement. Rey, a carpenter, submitted his bid and won the approval of the committee with his bid cost of \$5000.00 that includes labor

and materials. Roger Isidro will supervise the project.

☆ OBITUARY

+ENCARNACION VERGARA FONTANILLA. 93

Funeral Service: March 31, 2021,

12:00pm at Valley of the Temples Chapel

Interment: March 31, 2021,

1:00pm at Valley of the Temples Memorial Park Memorial Mass: April 5, 2021, 10:00am at OLM Church

+VICTOR MOMOSEA, 20

Funeral Service: April 3, 2021 Interment: April 3, 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. ひ❖♡

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thu 9:00am-4:00pm Lunch 11:30am-12:30pm Fri 9:00am-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@rcchawaiii.org or (808) 228-2909.