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SJUBILEE 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.



Rev. Fr. Edgar B. Brillantes Pastor

Fifth Sunday of Lent



Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, while anyone who hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life."



Rev. Fr. Adrian R. Gervacio Pastor Emeritus



The Fifth Sunday of Lent brings us closer to the days of Holy Week. It will start with the Palm Sunday of the Lord's Pasion. On this day, we shall commemorate the entrance of the Lord to the city of Jerusalem with the traditional blessing and procession of palms. Parishioners may bring their own palms or olive branches, otherwise, the Church will also prepare some branches for those who cannot secure their own.

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LIVE-STREAM: MASS & WAY OF THE CROSS

- *5th SUNDAY OF LENT
- *March 21, 2021 * @ 9:00 AM
- *STATIONS OF THE CROSS Every Friday of Lent @ 6:30 PM
- *Log in to www.Facebook.com/olmkalihi* License no. 734524-A
- Please click "Like" for easier access to the site.
- "Create in me a new heart, O God."

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

*Every Friday of Lent at 6:30 PM – Live-stream via Facebook.com/olmkalihi

Come and join this traditional Catholic 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.



HAPPY PRINCE KUHIO DAY

MARCH 26, 2021

MARCH 26 - We join the entire State of Hawaii in honoring *Prince Kuhio* and remembering his legacy for the people of Hawaii. At the age of 13, he was an orphan as both parents had died by 1884. He was adopted by Queen Kapi'olani, who was his aunt, making Kuhio a prince of the Kingdom of Hawai'i. He is remembered today not for his royal lineage but for contribution to modern Hawaii in terms of reforms. He was notable in local community work and appointed native Hawaiians into government positions, and key in promoting the Hawaii Statehood Act.



Pastor's Corner



By Rev. Fr. Edgar B. Brillantes

Next Sunday's Reading Palm Sunday

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

Second Reading Philippines 2:6-11

Gospel

Mark 14:1-15:47

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The basic theme of this Reading of Jeremiah's prophecy is to restore the people's faith in God's desire to make of them his beloved people. Instead of having to repent for the sinfulness of a former generation, God's renewed vision is that each person will be judged according to the sins they have committed. This is important precisely because it connects to God's instruction that he will place the law within individuals and write it on their hearts. God acknowledges that writing the law upon stone tables was insufficient for each member of the household to interiorize the law and to have a greater personal relationship with them.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

This Reading of short verses from the Letter to the Hebrews depicts Christ as the compassionate high priest who, even from his place in the heavenly sanctuary, is able to sympathize with humanity. Just as Jesus does not give himself glory, but rather receives it from the Father, so too is the high priest responsible for interceding for us. This Reading ends with the subtle cue that Christians who follow in the footsteps of Jesus are to learn obedience from their suffering, emptying themselves for the good of others.

Gospel: John 12:20-33

The Gospel tells that the events that are about to take place during these Jewish high holy days are meant to be shared with the world beyond Jerusalem. The seeking out of Jesus from the Gentile world causes Jesus to announce that the hour for his glorification has now arrived. The "hour" can be interpreted in a variety of ways. First, Jesus subtly compares his future death on the cross to a grain of wheat which falls to the earth in order to produce new life. Second, the "hour" is also seen as turmoil. Jesus reveals that he is "troubled," and yet, understood in relationship to the Father's will, this moment of trouble will give way to glorification. Finally the "hour" is a time of judgment Jesus forecasts that his future death and Resurrection will draw everyone to himself and defeat the powers of evil in the world.

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!

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
- *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'



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

*Weekday Masses (Mon-Fri) – 7:00 AM
*Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil Mass – 6:00 PM
Palm Sunday Masses – 6:30 AM * 9:30 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.

Stewardship: Almsgiving - An Expression of Gratitude

When we look at the three traditional "disciplines" of Lent, prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we know that almsgiving gets the least attention. Yet, the Bible places emphasis firmly on almsgiving: "Prayer and fasting are good, but better than either is almsgiving accompanied by righteousness ... It is better to give alms than to store up gold; for



almsgiving saves one from death and expiates every sin. Those who regularly give alms shall enjoy a full life" (Tobit 12:8-9). Almsgiving is simply an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given us, and a realization that as a member of a community of faith, it is never just "me and God." For disciples of the Lord, almsgiving means much more than simply throwing a little change in the poor box. It is part of cultivating an attitude of generosity. It challenges us to examine how we are using our time, abilities, and money to better the lives of those around us. It urges us to share what we have been given by God with others in love and justice. It reminds us that Jesus blesses those who seek to be "poor in spirit" (Matt. 5:3). Almsgiving opens our hearts to the realization that God blesses us through those we serve. It is here that we find the great mystery of Christian service. We see God in the life of Jesus, and we see Jesus in all those who are in need of our care. It is especially during these uncertain times that we can look around, see those who are in need, and ask God to take away those obstacles and distractions that keep us from being generous with them. In turn, we will receive Christ's blessing, a blessing we need to receive.

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



A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER for March

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 Spirit, 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.

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MASS ATTENDANCE

	<u>3/13-14/21</u>	3/6-7/21
Sat 6:00pm	58A+1C	57A+1C
Sun 6:30am	63A+1C	52A+0C
Sun 9:00am	107A+13C	84A+9C

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING Thank



Offertory	\$ 2,378.56		\$ 3,546.05
Initial Offering			\$ 3.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$	143.00	\$ 395.00
Donation			\$ 215.00
sh Wednesday			\$ 5.00
Sunday School Registration			\$ 13.00
Candles	\$	140.00	\$ 105.00
Mass Intentions	\$	00.00	\$ 60.00
Total	<u>\$ 2</u>	,661.56	\$ 4,342.05

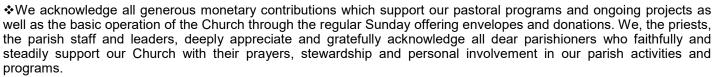
"Every tithe of the land is the Lord's. It is holy to the Lord." Leviticus 27:30

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.

***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, 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.

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP (Continued)

***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.

❖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.

*Jun & Nida Flores replaced the seasonal flowering plants with African daisies at the foot of the church belfry and along the ewa 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

Mar 14 > 6:30am Safe travel - Adriano & Norma Daligcon

Mar 14 > 9:00am Birthday - *Emeline Bacani Chesser; Thomas Mita; Marina Pescador* * Healing - *Erlinda Rivera* * Thanksgiving - *Nato & Adoracion Laguer* * RM + *Marciano Ellazar;* + *Marina Bayudan;* + *Encarnacion Fontanilla*

Mar 14-17 > 7:00am RM + Herminio Malabed Sr

Mar 14-22 > 7:00am RM + Ren Ferrer

Mar 15 > 7:00am Birthday - *Emeline Bacani Chesser; Clemente Fontanilla* * RM + *Debra Cornelio*

Mar 15-23 > 7:00am RM + Jabez Goloran Mar 16-25 > 7:00am RM + Alfredo Baptista

Mar 17 > 7:00am RM + Simplicio Canoneo (Birthday); + Patricia Drummundo

Mar 18 > 7:00am Birthday - *Sr Dora Nuetzi*; * Ordination anniversary - *Fr. Adrian Gervacio (54)* * Wedding anniversary - *Rey & Minda Teocson (35)* * Safe trip - *Dottie Pregil* Mar 19-27 > 7:00am RM + *Dolores Cachero*

Mar 20 > 6:00pm Healing & speedy recovery - Guy Miranda; Those infected w/ covid-19 * Birthday - Ador Padilla * 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 + Alfredo Baptista; + Excelcia Ramiro Aczon; + Jabez Goloran; + Dolores Cachero; + Ren Ferrer; + Victims of the coronavirus pandemic; + Deceased pastors, benefactors and parishioners of OLM

Mar 21 > 6:30am Birthday - Caridad Dagdagan * Wedding anniversary - Fermin & Luida Susa (32) * Good health - Melvin Pinera; Caren Soong; Norma Corba; Paul Valbuena; Guy Miranda, Caridad Dagdagan, Shirley Asentista; Audrey Peralta * Thanksgiving - Jun & Nida Flores & family; M/M Joseph & Mila Llantero; Alex & Marichu Pe Benito; Urbano & Cresencia Acosta & family; Mel & Anita Pinera * RM + Alfredo Baptista; + Dolores Cachero; + Marina Bayudan

> 9:00am (Missa pro populo) Healing - Julieta Tabora; Arthur Miller; Kristopher Valdez; Erlinda Rivera; Jewelle Reen Deuz; 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 - M/M Jaime & Medy Macalma & family; Thomas & Olivia Mita; M/M Renato & Cora dela Rosa; Corazon Orcino; M/M Curtis & Teresita Erese; Cathy Purganan; Jose Cadiz & family; Ferrer & Ricks families; Silver & Marivic Palting; Urbano & Cresencia Acosta & family * RM +Ren Ferrer; +Jabez Goloran; +Victor Momosea; +Dolores Cachero; +Encarnacion Fontanilla; +Deceased victims of the coronavirus pandemic; +Departed pastors and parishioners of OLM

Mar 22 > 7:00am Birthday - Ador Padilla * RM +Ren Ferrer

Mar 22-25 > 7:00am RM + *Alfredo Baptista*

Mar 23 > 7:00am Birthday - *Loretta Tabin*

Mar 22-23 > 7:00am RM + Jabez Goloran
Mar 22-27 > 7:00am RM + Dolores Cachero

Mar 23-31 > 7:00am RM + Encarnacion Fontanilla

Mar 26-Apr 3 > 7:00am RM + Faustina S Ea



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.*

+ FORTY DAYS PRAYER + REMEMBER IN PRAYER



❖GOOD HEALTH / SUCCESSFUL SURGERY: Julieta Tabora & Arthur Miller * Kristopher Valdez * Patricia Schwengler * Erlinda Rivera * Jewelle Reen Deuz * Jose Cadiz & family * Shirley Asentista * Rosalina Valencia * Trinidad Bungcayao * Marie Schwengler * Mark Schwengler * Doi Facuri * 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 * Caroline Gruenhagen * Theresa Schwengler * Doren Gruenhagen * Juliet Hobson * Mi-

chael 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: Segundo 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 * Wilson Montemayor * Avalyne Andaya * Belen Quinto * Selwyn Madarang * Roger Mariano * Steve Oliveira * Rita Gaspar * Mila Fernandez * Jayson Malla (37) * Cecilia Bersamin * Evangeline Bacani * Steven Ramiscal * Susan "Kits" Baysa * Steven Schwengler * Audrey Peralta * Marivic M Palting (60) * Shane Balbuena * Mila Llantero * Matea Ranit (90) * Tita & Anthony Calizar * Marie Schwengler * Andrea Baptista * Condelita Pescador * Julieta Tabora * Mark Schwengler * Connie de Santos (95)

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

❖WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Rey & Minda Teocson (35) * Liberato & Rosario Valdez (44) * Fermin & Luida Susa (32) * Joe & Julie Manuel (49) * Nato & Adoracion Laguer (41)

❖SPECIAL INTENTION & THANKSGIVING: Thanksgiving – Genie Dagdagan & family > Corazon 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 - Donna Tabora Miller > 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 * For the conversion of sinners & for the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

♦SAFE TRIP: Dottie Pregil * Adriano & Norma Daligcon * Wilfred Soong

❖DECEASED: +Encarnacion Fontanilla * +Ren Ferrer * +Mariano F Mundala * Excelcia Ramiro Aczon * +Dolores Cachero * +Marciano Alcantara Ellazar Sr * +Marina Ambrocio Bayudan * +Jabez Goloran * +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 * +Orlando Artates * +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.



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII

DIOCESE OF HONOLULU

WITNESS TO JESUS

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

March 12, 2021

Our Lady of the Mount Church 1614 Monte Street Honolulu, HI 96819

Dear Father Brillantes and Parishioners,

Peace be with vou!

As you know, in 2020, we initiated an annual second collection for the support of our retires diocesan priests. Our Parish contributed \$2,236.00 and the entire Diocesan collection took in \$165,627.02. We are most grateful to all of you who contributed. Your generosity will help us replenish our pension fund, subsidize housing, and pay medical and long-term care needs for the priests who served our Diocese and our parishes so well for so many years. Mahalo for your generosity!

May the Lord bless you always! Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Larry Silva

Most Reverend Larry Silva Bishop of Honolulu

OLM 150TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE T-SHIRT

*PRESALE ORDERS NOW BEING TAKEN

To receive the presale prices, you must complete a presale order form and submit with full payment by <u>Sunday May 2, 2021</u>. A limited number of shirts and sizes will be ordered and sold at ground sale prices. Estimated distribution of the shirts is June 2021. 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). Please refer to the presale order form inserted in today's bulletin for prices and additional information.

A big Mahalo to Anthony Calizar, the son of parishioners Tita and George Calizar, for creating the beautiful T-shirt artwork.



SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION (MARCH 20-21)



Today we take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support for the collection gives aid to victims of persecution and natural disasters, provides legal services to poor immigrants, and advocates for the powerless. Through your generosity, six Catholic agencies help Jesus in the guise of the vulnerable refugee, the immigrant family, and the poor and marginalized. Please prayerfully consider contributing to the Catholic Relief Services Collection today.

Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



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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:

- \cdot 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!

+ Larry Silva

Most Reverend Larry Silva Bishop of Honolulu

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!

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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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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 **an URN only** 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.

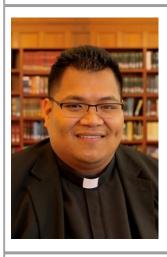
I will send more information out as soon as the new proclamation is issued by the office of the Mayor of Honolulu.

Peace!

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

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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 priest-hood of Deacon Ese'ese (Ace) Tui. (Also, the 157th Anniversary of Father Damien's ordination to the priest-hood.)

Congratulations to *Deacon Ese'ese Tui* as he completes his journey to priesthood!



FACE: FAITH ACTION MESSAGE

Kathleen Jaycox <jayco@hawaii.edu>

Tue 3/16/2021 2:33 PM

Aloha!



Our Hawaii State Legislature has passed the midpoint of the 2021 session, so the message for this week is an update about which of our issues have bills still alive and which do not.

MID-MARCH UPDATE ON FAITH ACTION'S LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

It is just past the halfway point of the 2021 legislative session. Bills that were introduced in the House (HB's) that are still alive are now in the Senate, and bills introduced in the Senate (SB's) that are still alive are now in the House.

Only about one-fourth of the 2,820 bills that were introduced in the House and Senate are still alive. Based on past experience, only about half of the bills that are still alive will be passed by the Legislature, and the rest will die. Unfortunately, only a few of Faith Action's legislative priorities are still alive. Here is an update:

Faith Action for Community Equity (FACE) is advocating for bills related to environmental justice, living wage, housing and long-term care. For updates on the bills, please visit: https://www.faithactionhawaii.org/post/mid-march-update-on-faith-action-s-legislative-priorities

*Long-Term Care

SB 838 and SB 1142 are both bills that give greater flexibility to the Executive Office on Aging as they implement the Kupuna Caregivers Act. A family member would need to work only 20 hours per week, rather than 30, to be eligible for help in caregiving. Both bills are still alive.

We continue to pray for the safety and recovery of all who have suffered damage from the tremendous rains of the past week. And, as always, we thank you for all that you do.

Kathy for the Committee

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GREAT NEWS! COVID-19 VACCINATION AT OLM

When: March 28, 2021 > Sunday after the 9:30am Mass

MESSAGE from Clementina Ceria-Ulep <clem@hawaii.edu>

Fri 3/19/2021 3:49 PM

We finally got confirmation to do the vaccination not this coming Sunday, but, for March 28, 2021 after the 9:30a.m. mass. This is good because we needed more time to plan. For example, the sign-up list is not firm, etc. There are some names with no date of birth, contact information or both.

There are 100 vaccine slots available. The vaccine is Moderna. The vaccine is made available by Project Vision from the UH John A. Burns School of Medicine. This was made possible 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 working in collaboration with the Diocesan Congress of Filipino Catholic Clubs and Oahu Council of Filipino Catholic Clubs.

Here are the eligibility criteria:

- 1) individuals who are 65 and older
- 2) individuals who are 16-64 years old with underlying conditions
- 3) essential worker as appropriate

*In the news last March 12, the State of Hawaii is opening vaccine eligibility to Hawaii residents 65 and older and those in the Phase 1C category starting Monday, March 15. This includes essential workers in the hospitality industry, food service, transportation, water/wastewater, construction, banking and finance, communications, energy, legal, media, public safety and public health workers, as well as 16- to 64-year olds with high risk medical conditions.

When signing up, they need to provide their full name, date of birth, contact information, any allergy.

If they are less than 64, provide their underlying condition.

When coming for their vaccination, they need to bring an ID, must wear a facial mask and observe 6 feet distancing when they stand in line.

THE EQUALITY ACT AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR CATHOLICS

*Instead of respecting differences in beliefs about marriage and sexuality, the Equality Act would discriminate against people of faith.

From: NCHLA: Human Life Action <info@nchla.org>

Sent: Friday, March 19, 2021 4:53 AM

Subject: Join us for a webinar to educate and engage everyone on the Equality Act!

You are invited to join a nationwide webinar on the "Equality Act." Monday, March 22, 8 pm EDT.

A one-hour national briefing about the Equality Act brought to you by the Archdioceses of Los Angeles and New York, the Dioceses of Arlington and Green Bay, together with the Catholic Conferences of Colorado and Virginia, in collaboration with Catholic dioceses throughout the country.

Presented by speakers from National Committee for a Human Life Amendment





Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

*Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, Kalihi Bishop Larry Silva will preside at the Annunciation Mass with a special Observance for Miscarried Children at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa in Honolulu. All are welcome to attend this Mass on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord even if you did not experience miscarriage yourself.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, please register for the Mass.



YOU ARE INVITED

500 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE PHILIPPINES - Sawaii Celebration

We thank all who join us in person and thru the livestreaming the celebration of the 500 years of Christianity in the Philippines last March 16 at the Cathedral-Basilica of Our Lady of Peace. The Thanksgiving Mass was presided by Bishop Larry Silva and concelebrated by around 30 priests and deacons both Filipinos and other nationalities. A number of Filipino lay leaders in the Church, civil and professional organizations were present. It was a moment of solemn gratitude for the blessings brought about by the preaching of the Gospel thru the foreign missionaries who evangelized the people.

*Pope Francis marked the 500 years of Catholic faith in the Philippines with a Holy Mass at the Vatican on <u>Sunday, March 14</u>, 2021.

The celebration goes on for one year with virtual gathering and sharing every last Saturday of the month starting in April. Further info will be disseminated as the dates come closer.



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.)

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 > jgepitulan@paulinemedia.com

> Or call 521-2731



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
(Apr 2 Good Friday at 12:00pm)

FEAST DAYS

Mar 23 St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, bishop

Mar 25 Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord

OTHER

Mar 13 and 20 Pre-Easter Church Clean-up

Mar 20 Finance Council Meeting, 8:00am, Parish Hall
 Mar 21 RE Reconciliation, Church after 9:00am Mass
 Mar 24 Pastoral Council Meeting, 6:00pm, Parish Hall

Mar 25 Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help & Rosary, 7:00pm

Mar 27 Liturgy Committee Meeting, 9:00am, Parish Hall Mar 28 PALM SUNDAY MASSES - 6:30AM & 9:30AM

>COVID-19 Vaccinations, after the 9:30am Mass, Hall

Religious Education

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious - Sacrament of Reconciliation

*March 21, 2021: In observance of the season of Lent, the RE children will celebrate the sacrament of Confession and Reconciliation. It will be held in church

☺ L.O.L. (Laugh Out Loud)

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BAPTISMS



Welcome to the children to the Sacrament of Baptism:

March 14, 2021

❖ Child: KALEIYA REIGN IBARRA-MATEO

Parents: Tedie Terrence Mateo & Farrah Leigh Tangonan Godparents: Bryson Mateo & Mary Grace Tangonan

April 11, 2021

❖ 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 and Godparents!

❖Catechists for Baptismal Preparation:

*Mary Ann Goloran * Cathy Villanueva * Fran Kovaloff

† OBITUARY

+MARINA AMBROCIO BAYUDAN, 84

Funeral Service: March 19, 2021,

12:00pm at Valley of the Temples Chapel

Interment: March 19, 2021,

1:00pm at Valley of the Temples Memorial Park

+ALFREDO BAPTISTA

Memorial Mass: March 26, 2021, 10:00am at OLM Church Novena Masses: March 16-25, 2021, 7:00am at OLM Church

+DOLORES VILLANUEVA CACHERO, 96

Funeral Service: March 27, 2021,

12:00pm at Valley of the Temples Chapel

Interment: March 27, 2021,

1:00pm at Valley of the Temples Memorial Park

+ENCARNACION FONTANILLA, 93

Funeral Service: March 31, 2021, 12:00pm at Valley of the Tem-

ples 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.

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.

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