### **OUR LADY OF THE MOUNT CHURCH**

#### DIOCESE OF HONOLULU

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## \*JUBILEE YEAR 2020-2021

❖CELEBRATING AND RENEWING OUR FAITH IN GRATEFUL STEWARDSHIP❖

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









Rev. Fr. Adrian R. Gervacio Pastor Emeritus



## \*HAPPY MAY DAY! \* Enjoy Cinco de Mayo



## MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY - LET'S PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY



#### COVID-19 VACCINATION AT OLM

\*April 25, 2021 - SAME DAY FOR BOTH 2ND & 1ST DOSE

On April 25, the **2nd dose** of the *Moderna* vaccine was administered to 90 people while 44 got the **1st dose**. The **2<sup>nd</sup> dose** for the latter will be administered on <u>May 23</u>.

We are grateful to the team of *UH doctors and nurses and students* who came to our Church in order to make it easier for the common folks to avail of the covid vaccination. 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, UH faculty, staff and students. We appreciate the Diocesan Congress of Filipino Catholic Clubs and Oahu Council of Filipino Catholic Clubs for their collaboration and assistance.

The 1st dose is now given to 16 years and older. Kindly be ready to present an ID and medical insurance card if you have. Don't miss this opportunity to take advantage of the vaccination team coming right into our parish church and neighborhood.

Thank you.

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#### LIVE-STREAMED MASS

- \*5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 2 @ 9:00 AM Mass
- \*Log in to www.Facebook.com/olmkalihi. License no. 734524-A

"I am the vine, you are the branches."

\*Attention: The Bishop has lifted up on April 3 the dispensation from attending the Holy Mass in person which was issued at the height of the covid pandemic. This means we are now obliged to be physically present in church to fulfill our Sunday obligation. However, for those who cannot go to church for serious reasons, we are extending the livestreaming of the Holy Mass from our Church to bring them the Lord's blessings.





# Pastor's



By Rev. Fr. Edgar B. Brillantes

#### **Next Sunday's Reading** Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 98:1-4

Second Reading 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel John 15:9-17

#### **First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

This Reading tells of Saul who was later known by his Greek name, Paul, who made his way to Jerusalem with the intention of joining the disciples, but they were afraid to trust him because of his reputation of harassing and arresting Jewish followers of Jesus. All that changed when Barnabas, a Cypriot Jew, a Levite and a follower of Jesus, took Saul under his wing and gave him a roper introduction to the Jewish Christian community in Jerusalem. Saul continued his passionate preaching about Jesus as the messiah, and again he had to be rescued because of threats against his life. To save his life, the disciples sent Saul to Tarsus, which by the way, was his hometown.

#### Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

This Reading urges one to love one another not with empty words but "in deed and truth." As humans we will not always do what is right and if "our hearts condemn us," meaning, that when we experience shame or guilt, we can be confident that God is so much greater—more understanding and more loving—than our self-condemnation. Thus, we can stand in confidence before God. All God asks is that we keep God's commandments—believe in the name of Jesus and love one another—thus doing what God asks. Then we will remain or abide in God and God in us.

#### Gospel: John 15:1-8

In this Gospel Jesus is presented as giving an extended farewell talk to his disciples after he shared a last meal with them and before he is arrested in a garden across the Kidron valley from the Jerusalem Temple. He has already told his disciples that he is going to leave them, but they should not be troubled or afraid, because the Father will send the Holy Spirit to be their advocate—as in a court of law—in times of trouble.

#### MAHALO from Diocesan Priest Retirement Collection

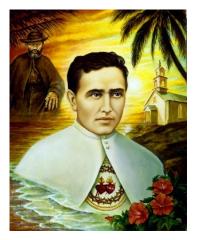
Thank you for your generous support to the second collection for the Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund last April 24-25. In OLM Church we raise the amount of \$1,862.00.

Our retired priests dedicated themselves over many years to the service of God's people, and we are grateful for the service they have rendered to our community. Your donations supplement the diocesan pension fund, covering the costs of sustenance, housing, medical and dental insurance, and other needs as our retired priests move into their sunset years.

If you have not given yet, you may give o5

nline: www.catholichawaii.org/DPRF





#### DMCC WEBINAR:

#### ST. DAMIEN "PATRON OF LEPERS & ALL OUTCASTS"

Happy Easter! You are cordially invited to join us in meeting Belgium's "Greatest Humanitarian". Canonized as the "Patron of lepers and all outcasts," St. Damien even to this day continues to influence many people around the world. Hon. Nicolas C Polet of the Consulate-General of Belgium will introduce us to Josef de Veuster, son of the Dutch speaking, Flemish Nation of Belgium.

Registration is free. Please be sure to get the latest version of Zoom beforehand. Enjoy our earlier webinars too at dmcchawaii.org. Blessings,

Valerie Santiago

Damien and Marianne Catholic Conference > www.dmcchawaii.org



#### 500 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE PHILIPPINES - Sawaii Celebration

Mahalo for joining us in the Virtual Gathering of the 500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines - Hawaii Celebration last Saturday, April 24.

We thank our Priests, Fr. Edgar & Fr. Adrian, for sharing their reflections on Mercy: Today's Pathways to Mission. The virtual gathering will continue on every month. The next will be on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 10-11am. The presenter will be Dr Clementina Ceria-Ulep and her topic is Joy: A convincing Sign of Mission. Please take time to view the poster of the event.

To participate in the Virtual Gathering please send your request to this email:

<u>500YOChawaii@rcchawaii.org</u> indicating your name and your parish. You will receive a reply giving you the <u>link to the Virtual Gathering using Zoom</u>. Click and follow the instructions. Thank you very much and we look forward to your participation.



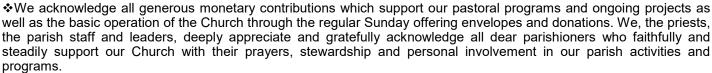
Mahalo to Jun Cortez for setting up Zoom in the parish hall for the parishioners to watch this first of three Virtual Gathering sessions of the 500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines—Hawaii Celebration.

#### 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 43<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary, *Adriano & Norma Daligcon* donated a new waste disposal for the kitchen sink at the parish rectory which *Adriano* himself installed. He also repaired the rectory office bathroom. Much *mahalo* likewise goes to *Bill & Joanna Amoroso* for their generous gift of \$1000.00 towards the Building Fund. To mark their 57<sup>th</sup> 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 infra-red thermometers for use in covid-tracing and Easter lilies for the sanctuary decors. 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.

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 the Eucharistic ministers can go to give Holy Communion to them.



❖STEWARDSHIP OFFERING COUNTERS – We're grateful to the faithful and ever-smiling money counters who take turns every other Sunday to do the task – Becky DeCorte \* Malia Gasio \* Aida Isidro \* Rosie Jacinto \* Dorie Mina \* Marichu Pe Benito \* Lynn Rivera \* Reanne Rodillas \* Linda Puzon (Coordinator).

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

\*Clemente Fontanilla mows the grasses.

\*Frankie Cabral assisted by Roger Isidro, Nato Laguer 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 faithfully keep the yellow hibiscus blooming with flowers thru regular pruning and watering.

\*\*\*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**

Apr 26 > 7:00am Thanksgiving - For the beautiful Good Shepherd Sunday celebration & successful covid vaccination \* Sacerdotal ordination - Fr Pascual Abaya IV (25); Fr Ed Barut (29)

Apr 26-30 > 7:00am Healing - Dottie Pregil; Sr Clemence Mira, spc; Nene Panganiban \* RM +Sulpicio Ranit; +Bartolome Galdones; +Clara Adlawan; +Danny Florendo

Apr 28 > 7:00am Safe Trip & vacation - Roger & Aida Isidro; Maria Luisa Montaus \* RM + Carlos Jacinto

Apr 30 > 7:00am Birthday - Judy Fernandez

Apr 30-May 8 > 7:00am RM + Alfredo Cacpal

May 1 > 6:00pm Healing & speedy recovery - Sr Clemence Mira, spc; Linda Puzon; Guy Miranda; Those infected w/ covid-19 \* Birthday - Judy Fernandez \* Wedding blessings - Anjelica & William Mathis;

Christopher & Margaret Zumwalt \* Thanksgiving - Bacani, Aczon & Artates families \* Special intention - For deliverance from covid-19 pandemic and for successful vaccination drive tomorrow \* RM +Alfredo Cacpal; +Canuto Patoc; +Georgina Gomes, Angel Maekawa, Angel Martinez; +Excelcia Ramiro Aczon; +Clara Adlawan; +Victims of the coronavirus pandemic; +Deceased pastors, benefactors and parishioners of OLM

May 2 > 6:30am Birthday - Aida Isidro \* Good health - Caridad Dagdagan; Melvin Pinera; Caren Soong; Nene Panganiban; Norma Corba; Paul Valbuena; Guy Miranda, Shirley Asentista; Audrey Peralta \* Special intention - Steve & Jaizl Pinera \* Thanksgiving - Joseph & Mila Llantero; Alex & Marichu Pe Benito; Mel & Anita Pinera \* RM +Glir Dagdagan; +Mercedes Aspili; +Valentina Elliazar; +Canuto Patoc; +Alfredo Cacpal; +Chris Andres; +Clara Adlawan; +Teresita Fontanilla

> 9:00am (Missa pro populo) Birthday - Xavier Balmilero \* Safe travel - Maria Luisa Montaus \* Wedding anniversary - Jayson & Ernafe Malla (6) \* Healing - Dottie Pregil; Sr. Clemence Mira; William Elisaga, Julieta Tabora; Arthur Miller; Lina Santos; Lucille Mohika; Ropati Liua; Amando & Palmas Flores; Alfonso & Mary Villanueva & all those infected by the coronavirus disease \* Special intention - Steve & Jaizl Pinera; Evenia & Jonathan Zumwalt; For deliverance from covid-19 pandemic and for successful covid vaccination today \* Thanksgiving - Thomas & Olivia Mita; Renato & Cora dela Rosa; Corazon Orcino & Florentino Orcino; Jose Cadiz & family; Silver & Marivic Palting; Fanny Montemayor; Urbano & Cresencia Acosta & family \* RM +Canuto Patoc; +Clara Adlawan; +Mariano & Manuela Balmilero; +Dina Balmilero; Edgar Pagdilao; +Juanito Carnate; +Deceased victims of the coronavirus pandemic; +Departed pastors and parishioners of OLM

May 3 > 7:00am Special intention - *Jonathan Zumwalt* 

May 4 > 7:00am RM + Olivia Fivella; Dr. James Terna

May 5 > 7:00am Special intention - Jonathan Zumwalt

May 5-6 > 7:00am Healing - Linda Puzon

May 6 > 7:00am Birthday - Chester Centino



**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: Linda Puzon \* Michael Schwengler Jr \* Dottie Pregil \* Sr Clemence Mira, SPC \* Mari Schoening \* Brigida Randolph \* Mel Patrick Randolph \* Eliza Mateo Domingo \* Jake Andrew Afualo \* William Elisaga \* Nene Panganiban \* Phoeben Teocson \* Julieta Tabora & Arthur Miller \* Kristopher Valdez \* Patricia Schwengler \* Erlinda Rivera \* Shirley Asentista \* Marie Schwengler \* Mark Schwengler \* Norma Corba \* Amelia Pascual \* Jose Cadiz \* Paul Valbuena \* 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 \* Amando & Palmas Flores \* Bob Wells \* Lucille Mohika \* Ernesto Fiesta \* 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 \* Jeanne Oshiro

❖BIRTHDAY: Aida Isidro \* Chester Centino \* Dolores & Reynold Ramiscal \* Judy Fernandez \* Linda Puzon \* Xavier Balmilero \* Expedita Aningat \* Virginia Fernandez \* Emerlinda Ibera \*Carlito V Centino \* Maria Luisa Montaus \* Jose Cadiz \* Betty Torricer \* Helen Martija \* 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 \* Brandilyn Bacani Aczon \* Brenton Aczon \* Clemente Fontanilla \* Sr. Clemence Mira, SPC \* Coby Jay Jacinto \* Caridad Dagdagan \* Thomas Mita \* Marina Pescador \* Julie Manuel \* Medy Macalma \* Ralph Michael Balmilero

❖WEDDING BLESSINGS: Anjelica & William Mathis \* Christopher & Margaret Zumwalt

❖SACERDOTAL ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY: Rev Fr Edmund Barut (29) \* Rev Fr Pascual Abaya IV (25) \* Rev Fr Edgar Brillantes (41) \* Rev Fr Gus Acob (41) \* Rev Fr Tito Bonoan (41) \* Rev Fr John Macalisang (25) \* Rev Fr Adrian R. Gervacio (54)

❖WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Guillermo & Evangeline Bacani (38) Jayson & Ernafe Malla (6) \* Carlito & Aurelia Centino (39) \* Andres & Emerlinda Ibera (57) \* Carlito & Aurelia Centino (39) \* Rey & Minda Teocson (35)

❖SPECIAL INTENTION & THANKSGIVING: Marriage blessing – Steve & Jaizl Pinera > Christopher & Margaret Zumwalt \* Graduation - Rocine Felipe \* Thanksgiving - Matea Ranit & Ronnie McCamley > Corazon Orcino > Florentino Orcino > Dr. Leonard Odjinar > M/M Curtis & Teresita Erese > Seed-Faith Tours > 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, Aczon & Bacani families \* Special intention – Evenia & Jonathan Zumwalt > Kathy Ferreira > Robert Fernandez > 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 150<sup>th</sup> 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: Maria Luisa Montaus \* Roger & Aida Isidro \* Lydia Felipe & family \* Wilfred Soong

❖DECEASED: +Chris Andres \* +Glir Dagdagan +Mercedes Aspili \* +Alfredo Cacpal \* +Canuto Patoc \* +Olivia Fivella \* Dr James Terna \* +Sulpicio Ranit \* +Carlos Jacinto \* +Mariano & Manuela Balmilero \* +Dina Balmilero \* +Edgar Pagdilao \* +Juanito Carnate \* +Antone & +Olivia Fivella \* +Georgina Gomes \* +Angel Maekawa \* +Angel Martinez \* +Encarnacion Dumalan \* +Pablo Padunan \* +Maria Corazon Enriquez \* +Danny Florendo \* +Donald Yap \* +Florenda Bala \* +Clara Adlawan \* +Tomasa Tapat \* +Joseph Rene Mira \* +Sr Cecilia Santo Tomas, spc \* +Fr Theodos \* +Manuel & Mary Rodrigues \* +Adelaida Elisaga \* +Cipriano Pascual \* +Simplicio Canoneo \* +Sherwin D Mateo \* +Jacqueline Kahikina +Norberto Montaus Jr \* +Avelino Benzon \* +Candido, Romana, & Charlie Puzon \* +Honorio Gamiao \* +Emilio Corpuz, Tarcila, Rosita, Jerome, Arcangel, Maria, Elena \* +Jose & Dino Ballesteros, Maxima, Nicolas, Ambrocio, Paulino, Feliza, Pedro \* +Norberto Corpuz, Pilar Andam, Florentina Grande, Arcadio Nicolas, Isidro Suza \* +Deceased family & relatives of Celerina Pamaylaon \* +Encarnacion Fontanilla \* +Jose & Lydia Criste \* +Orlando Artates \* Excelcia Ramiro Aczon \* +Dolores Cachero \* +Fr. Lawrence Mampaey \* +Caroline & Martin Rodrigues \* +Felix & Cresencia Edmalin \* +Maria & Hospicio Corpuz \* +Jabez Goloran \* +Ren Ferrer \* +Frances Ortiz Sardinha \* +Andrew & Charlotte Sardinha \* +Orlando Artates \* +Bernardo Sr & Herminigilda Centino \* +Victor Momosea \* +Teresita Fontanilla \* +Remedios Pascua Manzano \* +Aidan Long \* +Tyler Paul Peralta \* +Fr Pol Calicdan \* +Diana Carol Clark \* +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



#### 150th Anniversary Commemorative T-Shirt presale orders

This is the final weekend you will be able to place a presale order for your 150<sup>th</sup> OLM Commemorative T- shirt. Members of the Finance Council and other team members are outside of the church to receive your presale t shirt order and payment. Take advantage of the discounted price by placing your presale order today. A limited number of extra shirts in various sizes will be ordered and sold at a higher price during the June distribution. Thank you.

#### PIOCESAN NEWS AND PIOCESAN NEWS

## 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 partnership 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.





#### Re Generous This Summer

The month of May means summer is right around the corner. There will be an urge to make up for the dark summer of 2020 with gusto. We head into a time when vacation planning is emerging, barbecues are a realistic activity, family reunions may actually be realized and trips to a favorite state park or beach may be eagerly anticipated. Christian stewards remain mindful, however, that even during this time, the need to be generous continues, especially to our parishes and dioceses. The Christmas spirit has always inspired us to share our material blessings with others. Cold weather also brings out our desire to make sure others are sheltered from winter storms. But often, food and clothing pantry shelves are not quite so full in the summer, even though people are still hungry and need clothing. Even in pre-pandemic times, social service agencies scrambled to fill

their rosters with. The purpose of every Catholic parish is to form disciples of Jesus. To fulfill that mission, we need change. We need more joyful evangelization, more generous stewardship, more gracious hospitality, more genuine faith formation, more conscious participation in the liturgy, more courageous social action, and more loving outreach. In most places, the Church is over-managed and under-led. To turn this around, we need clergy who are free to lead more and manage less. We need lay people to step up to manage more of the day-to-day operations so the clergy can be clergy and fulfill their pastoral ministries. When the clergy step back, the lay people are more likely to step up. Pastors can be pastors. Deacons can Pastoral Leadership volunteers during the summer. Parish outreach ministries have suffered this past year and need financial contributions to continue during the summer weeks. Christian stewards are well aware of summer needs, as well as being aware of their own need to give throughout the year. For Christian stewards, the spirituality of gratitude to God is part of their everyday lives and motivates their generosity. Let's not forget our parishes when we make our summer plans. Let's make sure to increase our gifts to make up for the past year. Also, many diocesan appeals take place in the spring and summer. Giving to the diocesan annual appeal is an excellent way to support the ministries of the local church that no single parish could undertake by itself. This summer may offer a chance to renew our quest for fun and relaxation in a way that the pandemic, the economy and closures would not allow last summer. Let us be mindful of our parishes, diocesan ministries and other charities that are in need of our support. A plan to continue our generous habits this summer can serve as a great blessing to those in need and serve as an authentic witness to the renewal of our Baptismal promises at Easter.

\*This is the first in a series of articles by Dr. Dan R. Ebener on leading stewardship and evangelization in the Catholic Church. They are based on his book, Pastoral Leadership: How to Lead in a Catholic Parish, published by Paulist Press and the Villanova University Center for Church Management. Dr. Ebener teaches at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa.

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



#### A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER for MAY **Come Holy Spirit!**

Open our eyes and ears to your ongoing presence within us and among us.

Give us the wisdom and compassion to be good stewards of each other as we work together to promote reconciliation, peace and the building of a better world. Break through the many barriers that divide nations and people.

Give us the strength to transcend our differences. And help us recognize the meaning of Pentecost so that we can more prayerfully and joyfully prepare the world

for that day when the Father returns his son, Christ Jesus, in glory. Amen.

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#### MASS ATTENDANCE

	<u>4/24-25/21</u>	4/17-18/21	
Sat 6:00pm	86A+5C	53A+1C	
Sun 6:30am	58A+0C	63A+0C	
Sun 9:00am	105A+11C	92A+17C	

## SACRIFICIAL OFFERING



Offertory	\$ 2	2,901.00	\$ 2,656.06	
Initial Offering	\$	3.00	\$ 0.00	
Repair & Maintenance	\$	45.00	\$ 13.00	
Retire Diocesan Priest				
Fund	\$ 1	1,862.00		
Baptism/Certificate	\$	125.00	\$ 270.00	
Religious Articles			\$ 2.00	
Reimbursement Check	\$	20.00		
Candles	\$	120.00	\$ 405.55	
Mass Intentions	\$	25.00	\$ 130.00	
Total	\$ 5	5,101.00	\$ 3,728.56	

"Respecting the Lord and not being proud will bring you wealth, honor and life." Proverbs 22:4

#### \*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 lifted up by Bishop Larry Silva starting April 3, 2021. However, those who feel not really able yet to come for reason of sickness are not forced to come. Nevertheless, they are highly encouraged to join the televised or livestreamed mass to fulfill their Sunday obligation.

\*At OLM, we provide the live-streamed Mass every Sunday at the 9:00am Mass. 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\*



#### OAHU RENT AND UTILITY RELIEF AVAILABLE

From the Office for Social Ministry

If you or someone you know is suffering from job or income loss due to the coronavirus, help is on the way! The City and County of Honolulu has just secured \$114 million in federal COVID-19 relief funds to launch a new **Rent and Utility Relief program** that becomes available to Oahu applicants beginning Easter Monday, April 5.

Hawaii's 9.2% unemployment rate is reported to be the highest in the country according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics February 2021 report. And although our economy is slowly reopening, the lack of job opportunities and delays in unemployment insurance payments have left many residents struggling to pay for food, shelter and basic household expenses. Depending on a person's financial situation, qualified 'Oahu applicants may receive funding for up to 12 months.

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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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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.

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

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## 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!

Most Reverend Larry Silva

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Bishop of Honolulu



#### **BISHOP'S CIRCLE**

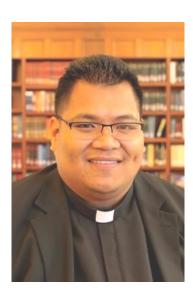
#### From the Office of Stewardship and Development

The Bishop's Circle helps strengthen the Catholic Church in Hawaii, and your participation helps support important ministries serving our Priests, our Youth and our Needy.

Please consider joining one of the Donor Societies. Members as of June 30 will be recognized in the Hawaii Catholic Herald and invited to a special gathering with Bishop Larry. A Mass will be said for all contributors to this year's appeal.

Give online at <u>CatholicHawaii.org</u> or by check payable to: The Bishop's Circle, 1184 Bishop St., Honolulu, HI 96813.

MAHALO for your generous stewardship of treasure!



## 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!

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#### **FACE** – FAITH ACTION NEWS

A Message from Faith Action's VP for Clergy

We are now over a year into the COVID-19 pandemic. It has impacted each of us in a different way. Some are mourning the loss of loved ones. Others are struggling to make ends meet. Many are lonely, tired, or overwhelmed. Meanwhile, all of us face the realities of racism and injustice that the pandemic has laid bare.

Our clergy have faced the pandemic with courage and ingenuity. We have learned how to livestream worship; we have offered spiritual care by phone; and we have organized food drives. It has not been easy.

As the new Vice President of Clergy for Faith Action, my goal has been to connect with our leaders while also recognizing the demands of ministry. In the last few months, I have had one-on-one conversations with most of our clergy to check in with them and update them on our work.

In addition, I have been meeting regularly with Rev. Sam Domingo, Rev. Neal MacPherson, and Cassie Chee, our new organizer, to discern next steps for clergy organizing. One exciting new initiative is an effort to reach out to early- and mid-career faith leaders. If you have someone in mind, please introduce us!

As a United Methodist pastor, I am celebrating the season of Easter with my congregation. It is a time when we remember that goodness and justice prevail over human brokenness, suffering, and death. As we return to our community organizing roots, I look forward to welcoming new people to join in our powerful work of living out our faith in the world. Thank you for all you do to make that possible.

Rev. Jessica Kawamura Wahiawa United Methodist Church

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#### FAITH ACTION PRESENTS FREE CLIMATE CHANGE WEBINAR

Faith Action's Environmental Justice Task Force is co-sponsoring a free webinar on climate change, where the most recent research data will be presented. The online event features national authority and professor of Earth Sciences at UH Manoa, *Dr. Charles "Chip" Fletcher*.

"Climate Change: Global Perspectives, Local Solutions"

May 8, 2021, 9:00am-10:30am

To register, go to:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZltcuyurT4qHtKca501BVkF1Tq7hyiwkoTW

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#### **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.

#### **†** OBITUARY

#### **+BARTOLOME G GALDONES, 93**

Funeral Service: May 3, 2021, 12:00pm at

Valley of the Temples Chapel

Interment: May 3, 2021, 12:45pm at Valley

of the Temples Memorial Park

#### +CLARA MACALINO ADLAWAN, 90

Funeral Service: May 7, 2021,

10:00am at Valley of the Temples Chapel

Interment: May 7, 2021,

11:00am at Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery

Memorial Mass: May 8, 2021, 10:00am at OLM Church

#### **+AMY & DANIEL GALICINAO**

Memorial Mass: June 24, 2021, 10:00am at OLM Church "Eternal rest grant unto the faithful departed, O Lord."

Heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.





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#### **FEAST DAY**

May 3 Sts. Philip and James, apostles

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May 5 Cinco de mayo

May 6 National Day of Prayer

May 7 First Friday, Benediction & Adoration of

the Blessed Sacrament after the 7:00am

Mass

May 9 Mother's Day — RE Mass 9:00am, but no

class

May 23 Last Religious Education class



#### **BAPTISMS**

Baptism Welcome to the children to the Sacrament of Baptism:

#### 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

#### **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.