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❖ CELEBRATING AND RENEWING OUR FAITH IN GRATEFUL STEWARDSHIP ❖



Third Sunday of Advent



Rev. Fr. Edgar B. Brillantes
Pastor



Rev. Fr. Adrian R. Gervacio
Pastor Emeritus

GAUDETE SUNDAY

"Rejoice in the Lord always!"



‡ DECEMBER 16-24 ‡

SIMBANG-GABI: Nine Days Before Christmas

‡ Sun-Fri: 6:30 PM * Sat: 6:00 PM ‡

SIMBANG-GABI

December 16-24: As a spiritual preparation for Christmas, we shall be celebrating the traditional *Simbang-Gabi*, meaning the 9 *Evening Masses*. Other churches would celebrate this tradition at dawn which is then called "*Misa de gallo*." We usually attend to so many things for Christmas such as shopping, buying gifts, decorating the home, holding family or group reunions and so on but let's not put aside the things that really matter. We are celebrating Christmas as the birth of our Savior so to Him we focus and pour out more attention and considerations. *Bishop Larry Silva* himself is presiding at these *Misa de gallo* and *Simbang-gabi* Masses in different churches all over the Diocese.

We invite every one to join us with joy and gladness in waiting and preparing our hearts for the coming of our saving King. It is in having Jesus reborn in our hearts that we truly experience the peace, joy and solemnity of the season. It involves some sacrifice and yet we do it with joyful and grateful hearts for all the Lord's blessings.

There will be no morning Masses during the *Simbang-gabi* except on Sundays so we can fill up the Church and feel once again the joy of gathering as a close-knit family of God.

During the Advent and Christmas seasons, we take time to reflect on the love of God for us in sending His Son to be one like us in order to save us. *Let us put Christ in Christmas!*

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LIVE-STREAMED MASS

*THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – December 12 @ 9:00 AM Mass

*Log in to www.Facebook.com/olmkalihi License no. 734524-A

"Rejoice in the Lord always, for the Lord is near."

*REMINDER: The Bishop has lifted 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 health and life-threatening issues, we are extending the livestreaming of the Holy Mass from our Church to bring them the Lord's Good News and blessings.

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Pastor's Corner

By Rev. Fr. Edgar B. Brillantes



Next Sunday's Reading Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading
Micah 5:1-4

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Second Reading
Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel
Luke 1:39-45

FOCUS: *Rejoice in the Lord always.*

As we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, our Liturgy of the Word emphasizes our call to rejoice. We rejoice because the Messiah is coming. We rejoice because God has fulfilled his promises. We rejoice because there is no more need for fear or anxiety. In Christ, we are fulfilled. Rejoice! One mightier is coming!

First Reading: *Zephaniah 3:14-18*

In the first reading, a joyful hymn praises God for his removal of judgment of his people.

Second Reading: *Philippians 4:4-7*

Saint Paul assures the Philippians that *the Lord is near*, and that they should *have no anxiety at all*.

Gospel: *Luke 3:10-18*

In the Gospel, John the Baptist tells the people about the Messiah to come who will be mightier than him.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS - SECOND COLLECTION

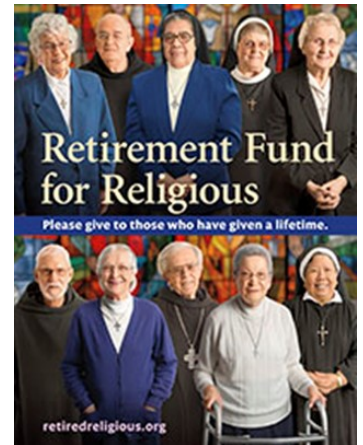
*DECEMBER 11-12

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

30,000 senior Catholic Sisters, Brothers, and Religious Order Priests benefit from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Most ministered in Catholic schools, hospitals, parishes, and social services, usually for little or no pay.

Today, hundreds of religious communities lack enough savings for retirement and elder-care. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious offers vital support for necessities, such as medications and nursing care. Please be generous.

Learn more at <https://retiredreligious.org/>



'OHANA IN CHRIST

THE ANNUAL APPEAL FOR THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN HAWAII

The 'OHANA IN CHRIST appeal has been launched by *Bishop Larry Silva* to ask the faithful Catholics in all parishes their generous support for the various needs and ministries of our Catholic Church in Hawaii. Your generous gift will especially help our Parish Priests and Deacons, Youth and Young Adult Ministry and those most in need. *Mahalo!*

An update of the diocesan-wide appeal came from *Mark Clark* of the Office of Stewardship and Development.

"Overall, the appeal is going well with total donations already exceeding last year's record of the Bishop's Circle Appeal and six parishes meeting their target goal.

Another 10+ parishes have raised 50% or more of their goal.

*The most recent "unofficial report" shows **Our Lady of the Mount** within \$400 of reaching its goal!*

CONGRATULATIONS and MAHALO to all the parish team!

More details to follow pending a finalized report.

Blessings, with much appreciation for your Stewardship of Treasure."

> If you have not done so, please mail your donation and pledge card using the enclosed self-addressed envelope or drop it at the collection basket at Mass. You may also give online at CatholicHawaii.org. If you didn't get your 'Ohana in Christ packet in the mail you may get from the pamphlet holders in the church.

> Please issue your gift-check to **'Ohana in Christ** - NOT TO OLM.

> MAHALO for your Generous Support * All Gifts are Important and Appreciated!

FAITH ACTION MESSAGE

Kathleen Jaycox <jaycox@hawaii.edu>
 Tue 12/7/2021 1:47 PM
 Aloha!



Our message this week is a holiday greeting from *Rev. Jessica Kawamura*, the clergy vice-president of Faith Action. She taps into what so many of us are feeling at this time.

Also, we want to remind our members that time still remains to join the Faith Action Climate Rally outside the State Capitol on Friday, Dec 17, from 4-5 p.m.

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

Kathy for the Communications Committee



FAITH ACTION HOLIDAY MESSAGE 2021

Dear Faith Action Family,

I hope that this message finds you and your loved ones safe and well. As I write, those of us who are Christian are observing the season of Advent. It is a time of anticipation as we await the coming of Christ. Amidst the brokenness of the world, we yearn for healing, reconciliation, and new beginnings.

This year, the COVID-19 pandemic has continued to impact our lives with unprecedented uncertainty, conflict, pain, and loss. My heart is with those recovering from recent storms and those who are suffering from the Red Hill water crisis. In moments like these, it can feel like progress is just too slow and justice an impossibility.

This year, many of us long for a deeper peace, hope, joy, and love. Our community organizing work is not easy. It requires patience and flexibility. It demands courage and perseverance. It challenges us to reflect on our own privileges and growing edges. And most of all, our efforts require faith and love that are greater than ourselves. This is true regardless of our particular faith denominations.

In closing, please join me in expressing our thanks to *Ashleigh* and our staff who have worked tirelessly this year to keep us engaged and connected. Thank you too for your faithfulness. May we all find rest and renewal this holiday season.

Many blessings,

Rev. Jessica Kawamura

Faith Action Vice-President for Clergy

PILGRIM IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



During the Parish Advent Mission at OLM on December 3, the Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe was brought by *Thomas Perreira* and *Dominic Olaso* of the Diocesan Evangelization Task Force. It was enthroned at the Church sanctuary where parishioners came to offer their veneration and prayed the First Day of her Novena. Her feast day is on December 12. Photo shot by *Fran Kovaloff*.

*This life size Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is an exact 100% replica copy of the original image at the Basilica in Mexico City. It was blessed in Mexico with the seal of the Bishop, and a serial # on it. Framed in the United States, the image first appeared at the 1st Marian Conference in 1994 at the Waikiki Shell. The last time this Official Image of Our Lady Of Guadalupe appeared in Hawaii was at the last Marian Conference at the Neil Blaisdell Arena.

"Am I not here who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not your fountain of life? Is there anything else you need?"
 —Our Lady of Guadalupe to St Juan Diego



DEVOTION TO SANTO NINO

The *Santo Nino Visayan Community* has started the novena in preparation for the feast day of Santo Nino in January 2022. They are holding their novena prayers at the Church for nine Fridays starting November 12 from 7:00-9:00 pm. On December 17, the novena will be at 5:00pm. Everyone is welcomed to join.





DIOCESE OF HONOLULU MEMORANDUM

Re: UPDATED COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Date: **Thu 12/2/2021**

To: **Pastors, Deacons, Ministry Leaders & Parish Office Staff**

From: **Diocesan Covid-19 Task Force**

Effective December 1, 2021, all four counties in the State of Hawaii began relaxing various COVID-19 restrictions. Each county now has the authority to make their own pandemic emergency orders and rules without prior approval by the governor or the director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. However, the Governor has stated that **wearing of masks indoors is still a requirement statewide.**

The protocols and guidance provided here aim to be inclusive of all – without having to disclose vaccination information – in order to encourage participation in the life of the Church while observing the safety and health guidelines set forth by the various counties. Pastors and the faithful should continue to observe sensible health precautions including continued sanitation protocols and hygiene. Thoughtful planning and communication to the parish community should precede the implementation of any changes.

In general, our activities fall under four categories: 1) Spiritual Services (Mass and other forms of public worship/liturgies), 2) Ministries, 3) Meetings, and 4) Social Gatherings.

Refer to your county's website for specific details.

* Hawaii Island County - <https://coronavirus-response-county-of-hawaii-hawaii-county-gis.hub.arcgis.com/>

* Kauai County - <https://www.kauai.gov/covid-19>

* Maui County - <https://www.maui-county.gov/2370/COVID-19-Coronavirus-Information>

* Oahu County - <https://www.oneoahu.org/>

1. Spiritual Services: Liturgies (Mass, prayer services, and other forms of public worship/liturgies)

There are different capacity allowances for spiritual services:

* Counties of O'ahu, Maui and Kaua'i: 100% church capacity allowed. Proof of vaccination not required. No physical distance requirements, although accommodations are highly recommended for those who are vulnerable to infection.

* Hawai'i Island County: Six feet distancing is still required. Household members may sit together, six feet away from other households/individuals.

The above capacity allowances also apply when using the church for the purpose of preparing persons to receive the sacraments.

* Masks: Masks must be worn at all times by all who participate at the Mass during the liturgical celebration as a mitigation effort.

2. Parish Ministries: In the spirit of synodality, we urge parish leaders to listen to the needs of their parishioners and find creative ways to accompany those who remain hesitant about gathering in-person for parish ministry programs. Ministries including faith formation that use school facilities must comply with applicable infectious disease prevention policies of the school. Similarly, official Associations of the Faithful (such as Catholic Scouting Committee groups) that use parish/school facilities must comply with applicable infectious disease prevention policies of their host parish/school. Associations of the Faithful are listed in the 2021 Directory of the Catholic Church in Hawaii.

* Masks: Masks must be worn while indoors and during interaction with others, whether indoors or outdoors. Household members may be seated together.

* Food: Communal food, potluck, or open food tables and group indoor dining are not permitted. Pre-packaged, take out or individual meals are suggested.

* Faith Formation: There are no changes to the State of Hawaii Department of Health guidelines for classroom settings. Thus, parish faith formation programs (i.e., 3 Eff. 12/2/2021 child/youth/family catechesis, catechumenal process, preparation for the sacraments, etc.) are to maintain COVID-19 processes and protocols currently in place.

* Ministry to the Sick and Homebound: Since this ministry includes entering private homes or health care facilities to offer the Holy Eucharist to health compromised individuals, the Church must take as many precautions as possible. This includes having a fully-vaccinated minister to visit the sick and homebound.

* Outreach and Food Pantries: Parishes providing outreach and food pantry ministries are to maintain COVID-19 processes and protocols currently in place.

* Retreats: Inquire with venue regarding capacity limits and proof of vaccination requirements. Overnight retreats are considered a high-risk activity due to prolonged exposure to attendees. If they must take place, retreat coordinators are to be conscientious regarding issues such as (but not limited to): sleeping arrangements, use and sanitization of shower facilities/bathrooms, meal service/snack and dining facilities, capacity limits and physical distancing requirements for indoor/outdoor activities and group transportation (such as chartered buses), and management of group activities such as singing, socializing, games, etc.

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3. Parish Business or Operational Meetings (includes parish advisory councils, business meetings, facility or safety meetings, etc.) Parish business or operational meetings must follow each county's indoor and outdoor maximum restrictions. Social distancing practices should be followed and masks are required indoors.

* The meeting capacity maximums are as follows as of December 1, 2021:

· O`ahu: No indoor or outdoor maximum, however must comply with vaccine/testing requirements if serving food.

· Kaua`i: Indoor maximum 40, outdoor maximum 100

· Maui: Indoor maximum 10, no outdoor maximum

· Hawai`i Island: Indoor maximum 25, outdoor maximum 40 Food: Communal food, potluck, or open food tables and group indoor dining are not permitted. Pre-packaged, take out or individual meals are suggested.

4. Social Gatherings Hospitality and fellowship activities following liturgies, classes, presentations, meetings, etc. are classified by the counties as "social gatherings." Like parish meetings, social gathering rules also have capacity maximums: · O`ahu: No indoor or outdoor maximum, however must comply with vaccine/testing requirements if serving food. · Kaua`i: Indoor maximum 40, outdoor maximum 100 · Maui: Indoor maximum 10, no outdoor maximum · Hawai`i Island: Indoor maximum 25, outdoor maximum 40

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GENERAL INFECTIOUS DISEASE PREVENTION MEASURES

* COVID-19 Exposure: The pastor or his delegate is to immediately report any on-site exposure to COVID-19. Call or text *Dara Perreira*, diocesan Director of Human Resources, at (808) 342-3241. *Ms. Perreira* will instruct the parish on next steps regarding quarantine and return to the workplace/ministry.

* Vaccinations: It is highly recommended that everyone who is eligible be fully vaccinated for COVID-19.

* Consistency in Practice: All employees and volunteers should know what to do when a participant is ill and be well versed with all policies, procedures, and practices regarding the parish's response to the pandemic.

* Signage: Post signs in highly visible locations to promote awareness of the parish's protective measures, policies, procedures, and practices such as proper hand washing, proper wearing of masks, physical distancing, and staying home when sick.

* Stay at Home if Sick: Educate all parents, employees, catechists, and other volunteers about the importance of staying home when sick.

* Checking In: Continue to screen all program participants, catechists, other volunteers, and visitors for general symptoms of illness and have a designated space for those who may need to isolate (never leave a minor unattended.) Process all persons who show signs of illness with the highest levels of confidentiality, dignity, and respect.

* Ventilation: When possible, open windows for greater natural air circulation.

* Avoid Sharing Items: Discourage the sharing of items that are difficult to clean or disinfect. Establish a cleaning schedule for all equipment, materials, and devices that must be shared.

* Separate Personal Items: Ensure that personal belongings are separate from others.

* Hand Hygiene: Encourage participants to frequently wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Adequate healthy hygiene supplies/products should be available such as soap, hand sanitizer, paper towels, tissues, disinfectant wipes, and no-touch/foot-pedal trash cans.

* Cleaning and Disinfection: Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces such as door handles, sink handles, light switches, etc. at least daily or between use as much as possible. Provide guides and schedules of when hands should be washed, and surfaces should be cleaned. All persons should wash their hands before entering the meeting space on any occasion. Restrooms should be checked regularly to ensure soap and towel dispenser are filled.

* Questions or concerns may be directed to the diocesan Covid-19 response team:

> Youth and Young Adult Ministry *Lisa Gomes* - lgomes@rcchawaii.org (808) 203-6743

> Office of Worship *Fr. Alfred Guerrero* alguerrero@rcchawaii.org (808) 988-6222

> Religious Education/Adult Faith Formation *Jayne Mondoy* jmondoy@rcchawaii.org (808) 203-6745

> Human Resources *Dara Perreira* dperreira@rcchawaii.org (808) 342-3241

STEWARDSHIP EXPRESSIONS

*GIVING AT CHRISTMAS

We enter these hope-filled and joyous seasons of Advent and Christmas yearning for some return to normalcy. Our own sense of gratitude leads us to a heightened awareness of those who struggle during this time as well, their hardship made all the more difficult for them as they see the wealth around them. As our economy gradually improves, the fact is that for millions of people, things are not getting better. Most of us are aware that the U.S. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) that was increased on October 1, has helped a great deal. But still, charitable food banks and pantries have seen a growing demand to assist the millions who are still in need. This is just one example of the continued blight of poverty. Homelessness and hunger are not the legacy Christian stewards want to bestow on our nation's children, nor on hungry children in nations throughout the world. During the Christmas season, it's especially important to remember our commitment to a Lord who comes to bring Good News to the poor. It can be tempting to neglect charitable giving as we focus on family gift-giving and the added expenses of the season. But as Christian stewards, we know that this is precisely the time when sacrifice for others expresses our gratitude for the sacrificial gift of Christ to the world. What can we do?

- Make a generous donation to an agency that distributes food such as your local food bank.
- Ask your parish, or local Catholic Charities, how you can assist a family who may need help at Christmas.
- Take the opportunity to educate your children about poverty, and help them to participate in giving trees and food drives at school.
- Discuss with your family how you might sacrificially limit spending on certain items in an effort to share more generously with those in need in your community.
- Explore how you can help address issues of poverty legislatively and practically by visiting the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

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



A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER OF ADVENT

Heavenly Father,

You give us this blessed season of Advent
as a gift of time to prepare

for the coming of the Christ Child.

But all too often we turn this gift

into a source of frenzy, stress and anxiety;

a time where we're apt to prepare

for a Christmas celebration

looking perfect on the outside,

but spiritually exhausting and without true meaning.

Restore in us that inherent quest

for quiet expectation and hope.

Show us the way to a more peaceful,
prayerful disposition

that makes us more open to a conversion of heart.

And give us the courage to let go of things

that are ultimately unimportant

to the true meaning of Christmas.

Help us be good stewards of this Advent season,

so that on the Feast of the Nativity,

we will be ready with our own sacred space

for the arrival of your Son, Jesus Christ,

in whose name we now pray. Amen.

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MASS ATTENDANCE

	<u>12/4-5/21</u>	<i>Thank you</i> <u>-28/21</u>
Sat 6:00pm	48A+1C	46A+2C
Sun 6:30am	60A+0C	74A+0C
Sun 9:00am	85A+13C	62A+6C
Immaculate Conception 12/8/21		
Wed * 7:00am	32A+0C	* 6:30pm 45A+0C

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

Offertory	\$ 2,844.40	\$ 2,881.03
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 410.00	\$ 66.00
Donation		\$ 500.00
All Souls Day		\$ 215.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 165.00	\$ 2,261.00
Catholic Comm. Camp. HD		\$ 15.00
Candles	\$ 92.00	\$ 464.00
Total	\$ 3,511.40	\$ 6,892.03

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."

Peter 4:10

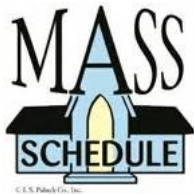


BEATING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- *Please refer to the latest directives provided by the Diocese Office of Worship.
- *As we resume our public celebrations of the Holy Mass on days and weekends, we continue to observe health and safety protocols of wearing face masks, observing hygiene practices and secure recommended vaccination and boosters.
- *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.
- *Those parishioners who feel not really able yet to come for reason of health issues 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.



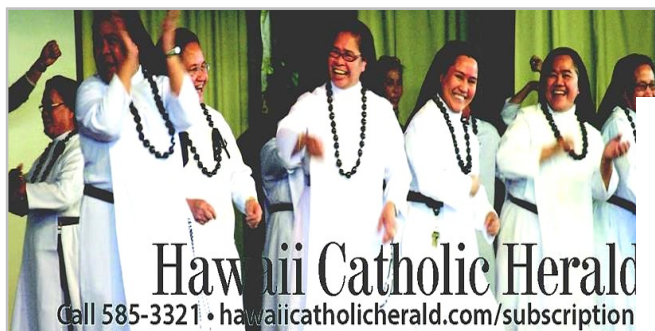
SCHEDULE OF MASSES

- *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.
- *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 possible, avail of the covid-19 vaccination.
- *Let's strive to stay safe, healthy and holy as we come back to the house of God and gather as one blessed family.



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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!



MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 5 > 9:00am Birthday - *Marichu Pe Benito; Sinenchy Joseph* * Wedding anniversary - *Alex & Marichu Pe Benito* * RM + *Cresencia Acosta*

Dec 7 > 7:00am Pearl Harbor 80th Anniversary + *For all those who perished in the attack*

Dec 9-17 > 7:00am RM + *Gloria Datulayta*

Dec 10 > 7:00am Birthday - *Miguel Canoneo* * RM + *Christine Silva*

Dec 11 > 6:00pm Healing & speedy recovery - *Kevin Ibera; Guy & Wayne Miranda; Those infected w/ covid-19* * Special intention - *For successful 'Ohana in Christ appeal; For the end of the covid-19 pandemic* * RM + *Urbano Fontanilla; +Gloria Datulayta;*

+ *Deceased Victims of the coronavirus pandemic; +Deported pastors, benefactors and parishioners of OLM*

parishioners of OLM

Dec 12 > 6:30am (Missa pro populo) Birthday - *Ruperto & Dionisio Pescador; Liberato Valdez; Vicente Velasco* * Healing - *Rudy Balmilero; Maria Pascual; William "Bill" Amoroso; Amando Flores; Caridad Dagdagan; Paul Valbuena; Guy & Wayne Miranda, Audrey Peralta; Ernesto Fiesta* * Special intention - *For successful 'Ohana in Christ Appeal; For the end of the covid pandemic* * Thanksgiving - *Joseph & Mila Llantero* * RM + *Gloria Datulayta; +Arsenia Uganiza; +Jaime Uganiza; +Tomas Uganiza; +Benny Ragonton; +Cresencia Acosta; +Nene Panganiban; +Deceased Victims of the coronavirus pandemic; +Deported pastors, benefactors and parishioners of OLM*

> **9:00am** Birthday - *Lilian Macaraeg; Sinenchy Joseph* * Wedding anniversary - *Steve & Lilian Macaraeg* * Healing - *Andrea Umblas; Pablo Collo; Jose Ceria; Rudy Balmilero; Lino & Aurora Cabico; Jewelle Deuz; Avelina Fralaide; Nicolas Ulep; Imelda Ruaburo; Jose Jandoc; Alfonso & Mary Villanueva & all those infected by the coronavirus disease* * Special intention - *For Antonio Umblas & family; For successful 'Ohana in Christ Appeal; For the end of the covid-19 pandemic* * Thanksgiving – *Gil & Vangie Bacani & family; Cora Orcino; Alex & Marichu Pe Benito; Silver & Marivic Palting; Cathy Purganan & family; Jose Cadiz & family; Benny Acosta & family; Thomas & Olivia Mita* * RM + *Cresencia Acosta; +Fr Amador Foz; +Amante Tabios; +Deceased victims of coronavirus pandemic; +Deported pastors, benefactors and parishioners of OLM*

Dec 13-15 > 7:00am RM + *Gloria Datulayta*

Dec 15 > 7:00am Birthday - *Roselani Ramones*

Dec 16 > 6:30pm RM + *Purie Cortez*

Dec 16-17 > 6:30pm RM + *Gloria Datulayta*

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DEADLINE: Please submit your **Mass intentions** by Thursday if you want them printed on time for the weekend Parish Bulletin and for orderly inclusion at the Prayers of the Faithful.

MAHALO: Thank you for your **offering of \$10.00 per one (1) day 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:** Kevin Ibera * Andrea Umblas * Pablo Collo * Ron Brillantes * Jose Ceria * Maria Pascual * Alice Schwengler * William "Bill" Amoroso * Rudy Balmilero * Lois Miyashiro-Tong * Jewell Deuz * Marie Schwengler * Fr Thomas Joseph * Gwen Zanellato * Amando Flores * Caroline Gruenhagen * Nicolas Ulep * Wayne Miranda * Guy Miranda * Amelia Pascual * Michael Schwengler Sr * Michael Schwengler Jr * Patricia McKinney * Imelda Ruaburo * Jose Jandoc * Ernesto Fiesta * Wally Aina * Avelina Fralalde * Florentino Orcino * Jason Orcino * Jake Andrew Afualo * Patricia Schwengler * Mark Schwengler * Paul Valbuena * Ropati Liua * Audrey Peralta * Caridad Dagdagan * Doren Gruenhagen * Andy & Marina Torio * Gwen Perry * Petronila Jandoc * Susan Reynon * Marilou Bruno * Lina Santos * Katrina Santos * Alfonso & Mary Villanueva * Jesse

Ulep * George Calizar * Marvin Moore * Jeanne Oshiro

❖ **BIRTHDAY:** Lilian Macaraeg * Norma Daligcon * Ruperto Pescador * Dionisio Pescador * Roselani Ramones * Miguel Canoneo * Frankie Cabral * Liberato Valdez * Vicente Velasco * Jesus Ulep * Malia Balbuena * Evangeline C Trocio * Daisy Madarang * Maria Concepcion Pe Benito * Jeanne Oshiro * Magdalena Diaz (74) * Federico Bitonio * Ronnie Grasparil * Francisca Tabonda (97) * Fanny Montemayor * Genevieve Atendido * Thaddeus James Capino Mares * Patrocenia Aguda * Shelly Marquez * Gerard Jesse Magbojos * Austin Jarret Gamiao * Ofelia Agliam * Teresa Siruno * Krystine Angela Bitonio Corrales * Kimberly Ann Bitonio Verzosa * Abraham Pascual * Cathy Sanchez * Marie Schwengler * Rudy Balmilero * Mary Charibine Arucan

❖ **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** Steve & Lilian Macaraeg * Cesar Flores Fajardo & Bernadette Dario Fajardo (50) * Alex & Marichu Pe Benito * Rizal & Celerina Fernandez (49) * Roger & Aida Isidro (53) * Urbano & Cresencia Acosta * Edward & Teresita Dayoan (59) * Virgilio & Lolita Lucas (47) * Tony & Ana Rarangol (50) * Oliver & Jessica Jacinto (19)

❖ **SPECIAL INTENTION & THANKSGIVING:** **Thanksgiving** – >Antonio Umblas & family >Tony & Gloria Peterson >Cathy Purganan & family >Novelyn Maneja >Ronnie Grasparil & family >Artates, Bacani, Aczon & Chesser families >Joseph & Mila Llantero >Alex & Marichu Pe Benito >Armelita Canoneo >M/M Jaime & Medy Macalma & family >Rose Domingo & family >Felicidad G Orsino >Linda Puzon >Gloria Rodrigues >Corazon Orcino >Belen Quinto >Jose Cadiz & family >Silver & Marivic Palting >Thomas & Olivia Mita >Urbano & Cresencia Acosta & family

Special intention – Alfreda Bucaneg * For the protection of the unborn & respect for life in all its stages; OLM Knights of Columbus Council 12935 * Special blessing for all supporters and donors of the "Save Our Convent" Fund Drive * For the success of the 'Ohana in Christ Appeal & Stewardship campaign at OLM * For all Seminarians and increase of priestly vocations in the Diocese * For the deliverance & healing of those afflicted with the covid-19 * For the end of the covid pandemic

❖ **RETIREMENT:** Adriano Daligcon

❖ **DECEASED:** +Purie Cortez * +Cresencia dela Cruz Acosta * +Fr Amador Foz * +Aurelio Raquedan Supapo * +Christine Silva * +Adela Fuster Bueno * +Isabela Kalua * +Simplicio Canoneo * +Paulino Corpuz * +Encarnacion Fontanilla, Flaton Fontanilla & Johnathan Tanaid * +Nicanor Bucaneg * +Ruben Villarin, Ana Aleth Francisco * +Felix, Catalina & Luciano Cabico * +Fausto & Elvira Raquino * +Cipriano, Maria, Calixto & Florencia Cadaoas * +Anastacia Cabico * Fortunato & Aniceta Capino * +Amante Tabios * +Socorro Pasamonte * +Espernito Agarma, +Rogelio Ramos, +Pablo, +Maria & +Ernesto Fernandez, +Wilson Salva * +Castle Kalani Koa Perez * +Elaine Ulep * +Jerome Agliam * +Pedro, Urbana, Virgilio, Orlando & Allan Artates * +Elaine Cruz * +Nene Panganiban * +Fr Etuale Etuale * +Deacon Andy Calunod * +Urbano Fontanilla * +Ricardo Manuel Baltazar * +Elaine Cruz * +Cecilio Buan * +Gerardo & Rogelio Agcaoli * +Reymundo, Maria, Leonora & Santos Acido * +Juan, Crisanta, Erlinda, & Pedro Tangonan * +Robert Kunichika * +Esperanza Ramos Nartatez * +Felicitas Aquino Kolo * +Fe Villareal Pintor * +Jerry Bristol Galupe * +Charles & Helen Newman * +Marlene Facuri * +Caroline & Martin Rodrigues * +For all the departed founders, Pastors, Religious, benefactors, donors & parishioners of OLM * +Our deceased family members, relatives and friends in the Memorial Book and Board * +Victims of the coronavirus pandemic, conflicts, crimes & natural disasters * For those who have nobody to pray for them * +Holy Souls in purgatory

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:



***GIFTS OF LOVE

❖ We acknowledge all generous monetary contributions which support our pastoral programs and ongoing projects as well as the basic operation of the Church through the regular Sunday offering envelopes and donations. We, the priests, the parish staff and leaders, deeply appreciate and gratefully acknowledge all dear parishioners who faithfully and steadily support our Church with their prayers, stewardship and personal involvement in our parish activities and programs.

***DONATIONS

Big MAHALO to –

**Silver & Marivic Palting* for their thoughtful donation of a new Samsung Smart TV Crystal UHD 70" for use in the Parish Hall for RE instruction and movie-viewing for the parishioners. It replaces the second-hand 75" Sony TV donated by *Fr. Adrian* in 2018.

**Thomas & Olivia Mita* for their donation of \$500.00 for the church and classroom doors repair project.

**Segundo Facuri* for his fourth-time donation of \$279.33 for the purchase of sanitizers and disinfectants used in the church.

**Felicidad G Orsino* for her donation of \$2000.00 for the church needs.

**William & Mitronia Amoroso* for their generous donation of \$1200.00 (10/3/21) for the Parish Repairs & Maintenance Fund.

*****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.

*****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 IMPROVEMENTS** – We are looking into replacing the termite-ridden and weather-worn doors in the Church, sacristy and in the parish hall. We are grateful for everyone's support and voluntary assistance.

❖**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, 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*.

***The Christmas lights were already put in place by *Frankie Cabral* up and around the cypress trees in front of the hall and from top to bottom of the belfry. *Doi Facuri* started installing the lights and decors in the Rectory. The hall interior and around the church and classrooms are next, *Roger Isidro* and *Adriano Daligcon* hung the star lantern on the Pastoral Center. Big *mahalo* to one and all!

❖**LITURGY** - The livestreaming of OLM Sunday Mass at 9:00am for the sake of those sheltered-in during the covid-19 lockdown will continue on via the OLM Facebook account and thru the kind services of the *Llamedo family*. The power-point projection at Mass includes the readings and responses together with sacred graphics. For added health protection, *Andy Llamedo* installed a flexi-glass barrier at the lectern.

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.

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.

*With joy and devotion, *Lito and Lia Centino* tend and beautify the side of the Hall, Rectory and Pastoral Center with garden plants that are robust and blooming.

**Eddie Lucero* is faithfully keeping 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. Fathers are a blessing, and we thank them for blessing us with lives of dedication, endurance, and love.

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!**❖



AWARDS BANQUET & RELIGIOUS APPRECIATION

***January 7, 2022 @ 5:30pm FilCom Center, Waipahu**

The Knights of Columbus State Council is sponsoring the prestigious Awards Banquet to honor all members and accord Appreciation to the Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters and Chaplains. This event is the first opportunity to gather and recognize the great work of the councils and their members. All the parish unit councils are invited and represented. Star Council Awards will be distributed. OLM Council 12935 delegation will be led by *Grand Knight Herman Monico*.

CONGRATULATIONS OLM COUNCIL 12935: Recipient of 4 Award categories -

***Star Council Award *Father McGivney Award * Founders Award *Columbian Award**

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Knight Florencio C. Sipalay reached 25 active consecutive years of membership and service to the Knights of Columbus Order meriting the “*KOFC Honorary Membership*” & “*KOFC Honorary Member of the 4th degree*”. **Congratulations Sir Knight Florencio**

FREE ONLINE MEMBERSHIP EXTENDED TO DEC 31, 2021

Since 1882, membership in the Knights of Columbus has been open to men 18 years of age or older who are "practical" (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. Since that time, the Knights of Columbus has understood "practical catholic" to mean a Catholic who accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.

PARISH INVOLVEMENTS

Some Knights have been for a long time serving as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers and Parking attendants during the Sunday Masses. They also participate in the novena devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help every Thursday.

They and their spouses and families also take part in the lighting of the Advent candles and in the traditional “*Simbang-Gabi*” which are novena Masses from December 16-24 in preparation for Christmas.



CLERGY, STAFF, MINISTRIES, COMMITTEES, & ORGANIZATIONS



CLERGY AND STAFF

- Pastor - *Rev. Fr. Edgar B. Brillantes*
- Pastor Emeritus - *Rev. Fr. Adrian R. Gervacio*
- Office Coordinator - *Bella Miranda*
- Religious Education Program - *Francisca Kovaloff (Meeting 3rd Sunday of the Month)*
- Bookkeeper - *Deacon Rafael Mendoza*
- Technology Consultant - *Jun Cortez*

PERSONNEL

- Custodian - *Lolito Dullin*
- Music Director & Choir Ministry - *Mary Ann Llamedo*
- COMMITTEE * MINISTRY * ORGANIZATION CHAIRPERSONS**
- Pastoral Council (*Meeting 4th Wednesday of the month*) / Stewardship Committee - *Marcelino Ulep*
- Education Committee - *Vacant*
- Finance Council - *Rebecca Jandoc*
- Liturgy Committee (*Meeting 4th Saturday of the Month*), Respect Life Ministry & Safe Environment Ministry - *Francisca Kovaloff*
- * Altar Server Ministry - *Alvin Baron*
- * Eucharistic Ministry - *Cleo Bala-Casino*
- * Environmental Decoration Ministry - *Cora Orcino*
- * Hospitality Ministry - *Mark Correia*
- * Lector Ministry & Receptionist - *Gloria Rodrigues*
- Outreach Coordinator & Family Fun Night - *Tom DeCorte*
- * Kokua & Food Pantry Ministry - *Becky DeCorte*
- Parish Planning and Building Committee - *Vacant*
- Youth Ministry / Young Adult Ministry - *Diena Peterson*
- Website & myParish App Administrator - *Mary Ann Llamedo*
- Ilocano Ministry & Choir (*Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help and Rosary Thursdays at 7:00pm*) - *Silverio Palting*

COMMITTEE * MINISTRY * ORGANIZATION CHAIRPERSONS, contd.

- Filipino Catholic Club (*Meeting 2nd Sunday of the Month*) - *Fe Go*
- Knights of Columbus (*Meeting 3rd Wednesday of the Month; Corporate Mass on the 4th Sunday of the month*) - *Herman Monico*
- Prison & Hospital Ministries - *Wilfred Soong*
- Stewardship Counter & Receptionist - *Linda Puzon*
- Cemetery Maintenance - *Kalolo Tuihalafatai*
- Santo Niño Devotion & Visayan Ministry - *Cleto Patoc*
- Parish Bulletin Editor - *Francisca Kovaloff*
- Rosary:** Before the weekday and Sunday 6:30am Masses
- Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction:** After the First Friday 7:00am Mass
- Mother of Perpetual Help Novena & Rosary:** Thursdays, 7:00pm in the Church
- Reconciliation:** Saturday: 5pm - 5:30pm or by appointment.
- Religious Ed. Classes:** After the 9:00am Mass.
- Catechists: *Evangeline Bacani, Fe Go, Mary Ann Goloran, Francisca Kovaloff, Lucille Mohika, Rosemary Mohika, Cathy Villanueva; Diena, Nikolas & Nicole Peterson*
- Confirmation & First Holy Communion:** Candidates must be baptized.
- Anointing the Sick:** Please call the Office for a priest. For emergency at the hospitals, please call 808-597-8779. The Chaplain for Straub and Kaiser Permanente Medical Center is *Fr. Francis Sanchez (808-738-2260)*. The Chaplain for Queen's and Kapiolani Medical Center is *Fr. Rico Benandez (808-295-3209)*.
- Kokua Ministry & Food Pantry:** Temporarily closed due to COVID restrictions.
- Contact the Rectory Office for the following:**
Telephone / Fax: 808-845-0828 * Email: olm@rcchawaii.org.
- >**Baptism:** Third Sunday of the month. No baptism during Lent
- * Baptism Team - *Mary Ann Goloran, Cathy Villanueva & Francisca Kovaloff*
- >**Marriage:** Couples are required to make arrangements *four months before* the wedding date. Diocesan policy requires couples to attend an Engagement Encounter Weekend.
- >**Wake and Funeral Services:** Before making arrangements with the mortuary.

PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEAST DAYS

- Dec 13 St. Lucy, virgin
- Dec 14 St. John of the Cross, priest & doctor of the Church

OTHER

- Dec 12 Filipino Catholic Club meeting, after the 9:00am Mass
- Dec 18 Liturgy Committee meeting, 9:00am, Parish Hall

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS

- Dec 11 6:00 PM - Manny & Rose Artates
- Dec 12 6:30 AM - Joseph & Mila Llantero
9:00 AM - Rowena & Zoie Peacock
- Dec 19 6:30 AM - Nerio Uganiza & Cely Domingo
9:00 AM - Thomas & Olivia Mita



SIMBANG GABI

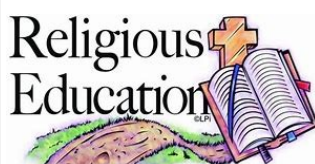
- Dec 16 6:30 PM - Angie Sera & Carol Chong
- Dec 17 6:30 PM - Florencio & Rosario Sipalay
- Dec 18 6:00 PM - Visayan Group
- Dec 19 6:30 PM - Silver & Marivic Palting
- Dec 20 6:30 PM - To Be Announced
- Dec 21 6:30 PM - TBA
- Dec 22 6:30 PM - Cleo Bala-Casino & Cora Orcino
- Dec 23 6:30 PM - Medy Macalma & Adoracion Padilla

COVID-19 VACCINATION AT OLM

Sign-ups after 9:00 a.m. Mass on 12/12
***For 5-year-olds & older; and booster shot for all adults.**
***On December 19, 2021 after the 9 a.m. Mass.**
 *Coordinated by *Dr Clementina Ceria-Ulep* and *Dr Agnes Malate* of the UH School of Nursing



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

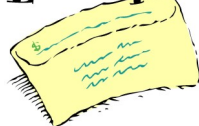


*The Religious Education children will have their Reconciliation Service after the 9:00am Mass this morning, December 12.
 *The children will be on Christmas break from December 19 until they resume classes on January 9, 2022.

2022 STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

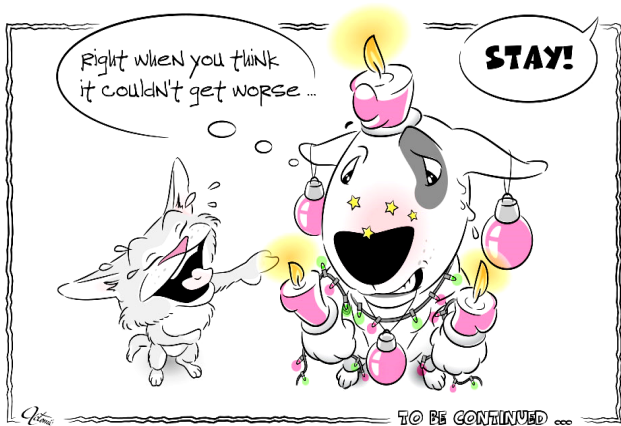
Next weekend, December 18 and 19, please pick up your 2022 Stewardship Offering envelopes before or after Mass. They will be on the table at the entrance of Church.

Offering Envelopes



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✝ OBITUARY

+CHRISTINE SILVA, 91
 Funeral Mass: December 10, 2021, 10:00am at OLM Church
 Interment: December 10, 12:00pm at Kaiulani Portuguese Cemetery



+AMANTE TABIOS, 49
 Funeral Mass: December 22, 2021, 11:00am at St. Anthony Church, Kalihi
 Interment: December 22, 1:00pm at Valley of the Temples Memorial Park

+CRESENCIA DELA CRUZ ACOSTA, 80
 Funeral Mass: January 8, 2022 at OLM Church
 Interment: January 8, 2022 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

BAPTISM

3rd Sunday after the 9:00am Mass

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 spiritual-

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 7:00am
 Saturday (Vigil): 6:00pm
 Sunday: 6:30am & 9:00am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday—5:00pm-5:30pm
 or by appointment