

# OUR LADY OF THE MOUNT CHURCH

## DIOCESE OF HONOLULU

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❖ CELEBRATING AND RENEWING OUR FAITH IN GRATEFUL STEWARDSHIP ❖



### Second Sunday of Advent



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Pastor



Rev. Fr. Adrian R. Gervacio  
Pastor Emeritus



## ADVENT SEASON

*"Prepare the Way of the Lord"*

† DECEMBER 8 †  
**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
† 2 MASSES: 7:00 am \* 6:30 PM †



### THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY IN ADVENT

During the Advent and Christmas seasons, we have a number of opportunities to reflect on and honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, who is not only the greatest saint in our Catholic family of faith, but the model of stewardship par excellence. Mary teaches us the meaning of stewardship by her own life witness.

On December 8, we celebrate the *Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*. This happens to be the patronal feast day of the United States of America. On this feast day we celebrate the conception of Mary in her mother's womb without the stain of original sin. Pope Pius IX proclaimed this truth on December 8, 1854, that Mary's preservation from original sin was a 'singular grace and privilege' given her by God. In anticipation of what God did for all in Christ, she alone was preserved from original sin "from the first moment of her conception."

On December 12 millions of Catholics in the Western hemisphere will celebrate the *Feast of Mary as Our Lady of Guadalupe*, who Saint John Paul II declared as the Patroness of the Americas. This year we observe the Third Sunday of Advent on December 12. So, many parishes will celebrate this Marian feast on Saturday, December 11. In 1531 she appeared to *Juan Diego* on a hill outside Mexico City. A life-size figure of the Virgin as a young, dark-skinned American Indian woman with the face of a mestiza was imprinted on his cloak. The image gave the indigenous people of the Americas assurance that our Blessed Mother was loving and compassionate toward them.



### LIVE-STREAMED MASS

\*SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – December 5 @ 9:00 AM Mass

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"Prepare the Way of the Lord."

\*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 Third (Gaudete) Sunday of Advent

**First Reading**  
Zephaniah 3:14-18

**Responsorial Psalm**  
Isaiah 12:2-6

**Second Reading**  
Philippians 4:4-7

**Gospel**  
Luke 3:10-18

**FOCUS:** Make straight a path unto the Lord!

Today we hear that John the Baptist proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. While repentance is a sobering act of admission of guilt, being forgiven of sin is a hope-filled relief that lifts the soul. Let us seek to prepare a straight path unto the Lord by pondering the *lofty mountains* we may have in our lives that need to be made low; and *the age-old depths and gorges* in our own character or soul that must *be filled to level ground*.

**First Reading:** Baruch 5:1-9

The poem of consolation from Baruch urges Jerusalem to look ahead in hope to days of God's justice and glory.

**Second Reading:** Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Saint Paul prays for an increase in virtue among the Philippians in preparation for Christ.

**Gospel:** Luke 3:1-6

In the Gospel, Luke places John the Baptist's ministry in historical context before describing his call for a baptism of repentance.

## SECOND COLLECTION: RETIREMENT FOR RELIGIOUS \*DECEMBER 11-12

Please support the second collection for the Religious who have given their lifetime in service to the Church and God's people. Thank you for your generosity.



## '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!



**PARISH ADVENT MISSION**

December 3: Early morning at 6:00am the replica of the Miraculous Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico was brought by *Thomas Pereira* of the St. Michael Center to OLM Church. She was carried and enthroned at the church sanctuary. *Pereira* related the historical background of the image and invited the parishioners to come and speak to the Blessed Lady as a Mother. In the presence of the blessed image, the people prayed the holy rosary every hour. At 3:00 PM, they recited the *Divine Mercy Chaplet* and the *First Day of the Novena to Our Lady*. At 5:00 PM, the *Visayan Community* led the *Novena to the Santo Nino*. At 6:00 PM, *Dominic Olaso* and *Thomas Pereira* conducted the *Advent Mission Reflection*. They cited the powerful assistance of the Blessed Mother in the task of evangelization and bringing unchurch Catholics back home to God's Church. Their personal experiences added much flavor to their presentation. The celebration of the *Sacrament of Reconciliation and Confession* followed. The faithful continued their veneration of the image and capped the day at 8:00 PM.



Photo: *Dominic Olaso, Fr. Edgar Brillantes, Thomas Pereira*



**VISIT OF THE PILGRIM IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

*Thomas Pereira* and *Segundo Facuri* carried and enthroned the replica of the Miraculous Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe at the OLM Church sanctuary.

\*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.

**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. Everyone is welcomed to join.



## STEWARDSHIP EXPRESSIONS

\*THE SEASON OF ADVENT:

### A FRUITFUL TIME FOR THE CHRISTIAN STEWARD

Probably nothing challenges a Christian steward's use of time as much as the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Each year, we marvel at the irony of it: a time to honor and ponder God's great mystery, the Incarnation, somehow falls prey to a time of stressful shopping, endless "to do" lists, strained checkbooks, and guilt over what's not getting done. Sometimes those nonstop Christmas tunes begin to grate on our senses.

How does the Christian steward answer this challenge to devote time to reflection and prayer while incorporating the best and most fruitful of our cultural traditions into this festive season? One suggestion would be to set aside a special time of reflection right at the beginning of Advent for determining what our priorities for the season will be. Set aside an hour and begin by rereading the Christmas story in the Gospel of Saint Luke. Ask God to help you know what is the most generous and beneficial use of time in God's service during this season. Ask for help in setting aside time for prayer each day. Don't be afraid to cross things off your "must do" list if they add stress to what should be a peaceful time.

Only you and God can determine the best use of your time. For instance, some people find annual Christmas cookie baking a reflective, creative time and a wonderful way to share. For others, it's a self-imposed burden and a sure-fire way to a messy kitchen and a calorie overload. Likewise, that extra party may be just what someone needs to unwind and commune with friends while for another it may be the gateway to exhaustion or a temptation to overindulge in food or drink. Ask God which traditions are life-giving for you, and be bold enough to leave the others behind.

"I just don't have time," is the frequent lament of the holiday season. But the Christian steward is aware that we all have the same amount of time, and to each is given an opportunity of returning the first fruits of that time back to God. The season of Advent offers just such a grace-filled opportunity.

*(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.



### MASS ATTENDANCE

	11/20-21/21	11/27-28/21
Sat 6:00pm	47A+2C	46A+2C
Sun 6:30am	70A+4C	74A+0C
Sun 9:00am	70A+11C	62A+6C
Thu 9:00am 11/25 Thanksgiving Day	103A+0C	

### SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

Offertory	\$ 2,566.00	Thank you 881.03
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 35.00	\$ 66.00
Donation	\$ 556.00	\$ 500.00
All Souls Day	\$ 35.00	\$ 215.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 210.00	\$ 2,261.00
Catholic Comm. Camp. HD	\$ 705.00	\$ 15.00
Baptism/Certificate	\$ 110.00	
Funeral	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Mass Intentions		\$ 175.00
Blessing		\$ 14.00
Knights of Columbus	\$ 30.00	
Parking	\$ 25.00	
Rebate	\$ 6.64	
Religious Articles		\$ 1.00
Candles	\$ 90.00	\$ 464.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,668.64</b>	<b>\$ 6,892.03</b>

*"Do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."  
Hebrews 13:16*



**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 keeping 6-ft distancing, hand-washing and hygiene practices, wear face mask and secure recommended vaccination.
- \*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. However, those 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.

**\*LET US KEEP PRAYING FOR DELIVERANCE FROM THE DEADLY VIRUS AND FOR THE SAFETY AND GOOD HEALTH OF EVERYONE\***



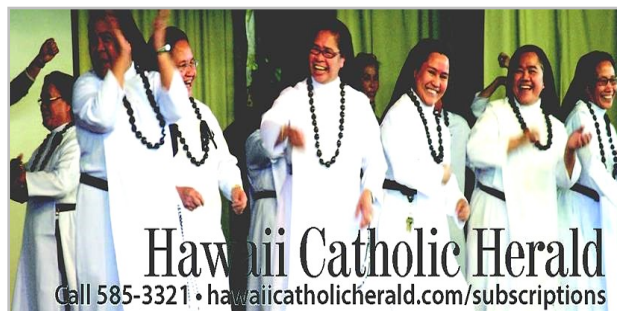
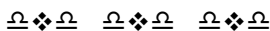
**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

- \*Weekday Masses (Mon-Fri) – 7:00 AM
- \*Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil Mass – 6:00 PM
- 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 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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## 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

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

**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](mailto:lgomes@rcchawaii.org) (808) 203-6743

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

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

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



**\*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**

Nov 28 > 6:30am Birthday - *Fanny Montemayor*

> 9:00am Thanksgiving & safe trip - *Cora Orcino* \* RM +*Adela Fuster Bueno*

Nov 29-Dec 7 > 7:00am RM +*Aurelio Raquedan Supapo*

Dec 4 > 6:00pm Healing & speedy recovery - *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*; +*Elizabeth Ragaza*; +*Aurelio Raquedan Supapo*; +*Deceased Victims of the coronavirus pandemic*; +*Departed pastors, benefactors and parishioners of OLM*

Dec 5 > 6:30am (Missa pro populo) Birthday - *Magdalena Diaz (74)*; *Fanny Montemayor* \* 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*; *Tony & Gloria Peterson* \* RM +*Cresencia Acosta*; +*Verlee Cadiz*; +*Nene Panganiban*; +*For all the souls in the Book of Remembrance & Memorial Board*; +*Deceased Victims of the coronavirus pandemic*; +*Departed pastors, benefactors and parishioners of OLM*

> 9:00am Birthday - *Evangeline C Trocio*; *Daisy Madarang* \* Healing - *Clero Patricia Umblas*; *Pablo Collo*; *Jose Ceria*; *Rudy Balmilero*; *Lino & Aurora Cabico*; *Jewelle Deuz*; *Avelina Fralalde*; *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 - *Cora Orcino* for safe trip; *Alex & Marichu Pe Benito*; *Silver & Marivic Palting*; *Cathy Purganan & family*; *Jose Cadiz & family*; *Benny Acosta & family*; *Thomas & Olivia Mita* \* RM +*Aurelio Raquedan Supapo*; +*Cresencia Acosta*; +*Nicanor Bucaneg & deceased relatives*; +*Amante Tabios*; +*Deceased victims of coronavirus pandemic*; +*Departed pastors, benefactors and parishioners of OLM*

Dec 6-7 > 7:00am RM +*Aurelio Raquedan Supapo*

Dec 8 > 7:00am Birthday - *Jeanne Oshiro*; *Marichu Pe Benito* \* Successful surgery & healing – *Kevin Ibera* \* RM +*Fr Etuale Etuale*

Dec 10 > 7:00am RM +*Christine Silva*

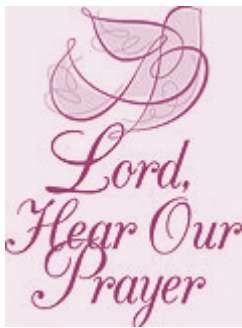
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**DEADLINE:** Please submit your **Mass intentions** by Thursday if you want them printed on time for the weekend Parish Bulletin and for orderly inclusion at the Prayers of the Faithful.

**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 \* Clero Patricia Umblas \* Pablo Collo \* Ron Brillantes \* Jose Ceria \* Amber Leau \* Kristin Leandro \* Maria Pascual \* Alice Schwengler \* Cresencia Acosta \* William "Bill" Amoroso \* Brian Okada \* Rudy Balmilero \* Lois Miyashiro-Tong \* Jewell Deuz \* Marie Schwengler \* Cleo Bala-Casino \* Fr Thomas Joseph \* Gwen Zanellato \* Sharon Underwood \* Mark Andrus \* Amando Flores \* Alejandria Gabriel Bautista \* Caroline Gruenhagen \* Kaleikaumaka Downey \* Nicolas Ulep \* Paula Manz \* 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 \* Norma Corba \* 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:** Norma Daligcon \* 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 \* Anderson Ramiscal

❖ **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** 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:** +Cresencia Acosta \* +Aurelio Raquedan Supapo \* +Christine Silva \* +Adela Fuster Bueno \* +Isabela Kalua \* +Simplicio Canoneo \* +Paulino Corpuz \* +Encarnacion Fontanilla, Flaton Fontanilla & Jonathan Tanaid \* +Nicanor Bucaneg \* +Ruben Villarín, 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 \* +Mu Afe \* +Mone Liutolo \* +Deacon Andy Calunod \* +Urbano Fontanilla \* +Ricardo Manuel Baltazar \* +Cecilio Buan \* +Gerardo & Rogelio Agcaoi \* +Ciriaco Madriaga \* +Rosela Madriaga \* +Pilar Ramirez \* +Teresita Fillon \* +Deceased family & relatives of Jose & Lolita Cadiz \* +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, +Molly Green \* +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, 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*.

\*\*\*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!**❖



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**\*Star Council Award \*Father McGivney Award \*Founders Award \*Columbian Award \* Safe Environment Compliant: (COMPLETED)**

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**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.

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**CORPORATE MASS**

The OLM KC Council 12935 held their regular Corporate Mass last Sunday, November 28, at 9:00am. *SK Cicero Seisdedos*, the KC Insurance Assistant General Agent attended and made a pulpit announcement about the KC Insurance products and their benefits to KC members and their families.

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**MORE PARISH INVOLVEMENTS**

Some members 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 are expected to participate in the Parish Advent Mission and in welcoming and venerating the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Church on December 3. 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.

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**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](mailto: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 6 St. Nicholas, bishop
- Dec 7 St. Ambrose, bishop & doctor of the Church
- Dec 8 Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Dec 9 St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
- Dec 10 Our Lady of Loreto
- Dec 11 St. Damasus I, pope

## OTHER

Dec 12 Filipino Catholic Club meeting, after the 9:00am Mass

## ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS

- Dec 4 6:00 PM - Rebecca Jandoc
- Dec 5 6:30 AM - Adriano & Norma Daligcon  
9:00 AM - Alex & Marichu Pe Benito

## FAITH ACTION MESSAGE

Kathleen Jaycox <jaycox@hawaii.edu>  
Mon 11/29/2021 7:58 PM  
Aloha!



Our message for this week is an invitation to all units. Please encourage your members to join in a vigil organized by the Environmental Justice Task Force. It will be held at our state capitol on Friday, December 17, from 4-5 p.m. As always, we thank you for all that you do on behalf of social justice.

Kathy for the Committee—✧ ✧ ✧ ✧

### CARING FOR CREATION: COME TO THE VIGIL

\*By Susan Gorman-Chang, Environmental Justice Task Force Chair

The 26th United Nations Climate Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow, Scotland has ended. As people of faith, we must continue to focus on healing our earth and caring for all living things. We must keep our national and local leaders committed to doing the same.

As a way to sustain that caring, Faith Action's Environmental Justice Task Force will hold a *Climate Vigil* on Friday, December 17, 2021, 4:00-5:00 PM at the Hawaii State Capitol. We invite Faith Action members and their family and friends to come and stand with us.

We will share readings, songs, and posters, and hold up candles as a visual reminder of the reality of climate change and the responsibility of people of faith to protect, guard, and steward the gifts of Creation.

Faith Action unit representatives, please find members to attend. Signify your favorite event or thought of the season through a poster, a color, an object, a short saying, etc.

## ☺ L.O.L. /LaughOTHER



## ✝ OBITUARY

### +JERRY BRISTOL GALUPE, 49

Funeral Service: December 6, 2021, 12:00am at Valley of the Temples Chapel

Interment: December 6, 1:00pm at Valley of the Temples Memorial Park

### +CHRISTINE SILVA, 91

Funeral Service: December 10, 2021, 9:30am at Oahu Mortuary Chapel

Interment: Dec 10, 12:00pm at Kaiulani Portuguese Cemetery

### +CRESENCIA ACOSTA, 80

Funeral Mass: December 18, 2021, at OLM Church  
Interment: December 18, 2021

*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

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