



# OUR LADY OF THE MOUNT CHURCH

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† Celebrating 152 years and renewing our faith in grateful stewardship! †



## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



Pastor  
Rev. Fr. Edgar B. Brillantes



Pastor Emeritus  
Rev. Fr. Adrian R. Gervacio

❖ A BLESSED & JOYOUS CHRISTMAS TO ONE & ALL ❖

+ CHRISTMAS MASSES +

Vigil Mass: December 24 @ 6:00 PM

Midnight Mass: December 25 @ 12:00 AM

Day Mass: December 25 @ 9:00 AM



### SOME REMINDERS



\*Parish calendars for the Year 2023 will be distributed one to each family after the Christmas Masses. The Stewardship offering envelopes for 2023 shall also be ready for pick-up after all the Masses.

\*Potluck Fellowship follows after the Christmas Vigil Mass on December 24. It's our parish *ohana noche buena* and everyone is welcomed to join and bring and share their favorite dishes.

\*Come and participate in the solemn Masses to celebrate the birthday of the Son of God and Savior of the world.

\*In this year of Eucharistic Revival we shall make the Holy Eucharist the center of our celebration for Christmas. Christ did not only come to earth on his birthday on the first Christmas day nor on the Last Judgment but he comes to us daily in the Holy Mass where he is reborn in our hearts and lives.

\*In the Eucharist, we encounter Jesus and when we receive Him He truly becomes the Emmanuel which means "God-is-with-us."

\*We sincerely appreciate each one for making our Advent, Simbang-Gabi and Christmas liturgies solemn, grace-filled and meaningful and our fellowships cordial and family-like. May this Christmas be truly blessed, joyful and beautiful to every one of us.



### FINANCIAL REPORT: FISCAL YEAR JULY 2021-JUNE 2022

Enclosed is the Financial Statement for the Year 2021-2022. Please try to go over them and see if there are discrepancies or questions you might want to raise. Contact *Rebecca Jandoc*, the Finance Council chair, if you have questions or need more information.





## Pastor's Corner

By Rev. Fr. Edgar B. Brillantes



### Next Sunday's Reading

*Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

**First Reading**  
*Numbers 6:22-27*

**Responsorial Psalm**  
*Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8*

**Second Reading**  
*Galatians 4:4-7*

**Gospel**  
*Luke 2:16-21*

**FOCUS:** Christ lights the way to freedom and salvation.

In a world of darkness, we wander blindly, getting ever more lost. John's Gospel brings hope to a dreary world. The word *light* appears five times in the space of five verses. Christ, the true light, has come to save us. Turn to Jesus, the Word made flesh; let him fan your flickering candle into a steady glow to light the path to salvation. God waits with open arms.

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 52:7-10*

The prophet Isaiah rejoices to announce the Good News of salvation; God is redeeming his people.

**Second Reading:** *Hebrews 1:1-6*

In the second reading, the author writes that God has spoken to his people through his Son, who sits at his right hand and is worshipped by the angels.

**Gospel:** *John 1:1-18*

In the Gospel, Jesus is introduced as the Word who in the beginning was with God, creating all things. He now becomes flesh and dwells among us.

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

from Fr. Edgar & Fr. Adrian

## JOYOUS CHRISTMAS



We have come once again as parish *ohana* to celebrate the birthday of our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. We honor Jesus for coming among us as Emmanuel, bringing God in our midst. More than ever, we need a Savior to free us from all kinds of threats to life, health and security and from all those troubles afflicting the world such as economic crisis, wars, political instability, crimes, poverty and the like. We wholeheartedly thank God too for protecting us from the deadly pangs of the covid pandemic amidst the loss of thousands and millions of lives all over the world. We need to have faith and confidence that only in God can we overcome all these evils lurking around us.

Indeed, we are grateful to God that we were able to steer steadily the ship of our parish amidst the raging storms in life. You were there to continue with your stewardship, especially in helping us meet and even surpass our quota in the first *Annual Ohana in Christ* appeal. By your steady contribution and donations, we kept our daily operation going and our pastoral programs running. For all these amazing gestures of your generous support and love for our church and for us your priests we thank God unceasingly. We showed this grateful spirit in our joint devotion and solemn joy in celebrating the Simbang-gabi Masses and fellowships. There was this oneness of spirit in creating brotherhood, camaraderie and joyful sharing among us. And we pray that this amazing blessing will continue on and prevail in our relationships and service to the Church.

We shall continue to keep all of you in our humble prayers especially in the Holy Eucharist that you may receive from above the gifts of peace, joy and love. We shall continue to express our gratitude to you all in our devotion and dedication to serve your spiritual needs. May this Christmas bring upon you and your dear ones more divine blessings now and throughout the year.

*We rejoice, honor and celebrate this holy season with families, friends, parishioners and YOU!*

*Let us live by FAITH...*

*Grow in GRACE...*

*Walk in LOVE.*



**A Blessed Christmas &  
A Grace-filled New Year**



## Annual Finance Council Report to Parishioners



Dear Parishioners:

*Greetings Our Lady of the Mount Ohana!* Your finance council is pleased to share that for the fiscal year July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, that through everyone's generosity we exceeded the budgeted income of \$180,605 by \$41,205. Total income collected was \$222,125.



See **The Statement of Activities Reports-2022 (July 2021-June 2022 vs. Budget 2021-2022 and July 2021-June 2022 vs. Prior Year)** on the following page.

The actual Offertory Collection was higher than budgeted. However, the actual offertory Collection is lower than the prior year due to the Anniversary offering in 2020-2021 but nothing in 2021-2022. Other Regular Income was higher than budgeted. However, the Other Regular Income was lower than the prior year due to lower funeral services done in 2021-2022. Usual (non-scheduled) Income was higher than budgeted. However, Usual (non-scheduled) Income was lower than the prior year due to the PPP1 loan forgiveness income recognized in 2020-2021

For Expenses. The actual Employment Costs were lower than budgeted due to the late hiring of our youth minister; Property and Liability Insurance were lower than the prior year. Supplies and Other Services are higher than the budget (higher than the prior year) due to the installation of the TV monitors in the Church in 2021-2022. These were covered by donations (Non-scheduled Income) Contributions and Assessments were higher than the prior year due to higher Income reported in 2019-2020 (\$256,919), which was the basis for the diocese assessment calculation.

Your Finance Council along with Fr. Edgar would like to thank everyone for their generosity to that support your parish needs and activities. We are most grateful. The required financials are attached to this bulletin announcement.

*Respectfully submitted by*  
*Rebecca Jandoc, Chairperson (pictured)*  
*Eileen Elido, Recorder*  
*Janie Baron, Member*  
*Francisca Kovaloff, Member*  
*Yvonne Tuihalafatai, Member*

## SIMBANG-GABI FELLOWSHIPS



### SIMBANG-GABI FELLOWSHIPS

Every Simbang-Gabi Mass from December 16-24, there were designated lead Mass and Fellowship sponsors which were mainly the councils, ministries and organizations in the Church. They chose among themselves the Advent candle-lighters at Mass. For the fellowship, every parishioner pitched in with their delightful and favorite dishes which everyone enjoyed. Music thru video and karaoke singing was provided by *KC Grand Knight*

*George Roberts* and *KC Silver Palting*. Many hidden talents came out and enlivened the occasion with their voices. They made our Simbang-gabi both solemn and fun. We are grateful to each one for the amazing camaraderie and spirit of sharing that were manifested. (contd.)



## YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORT - STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

### July 2021-June 2022 vs Budget 2021-2022

	Jul '21 - Jun 22	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
40000 · OFFERTORY COLLECTION	176,382	152,200	24,182	115.89%
42000 · OTHER REGULAR INCOME	15,869	10,900	4,969	145.59%
45000 · REVENUE SUBJECT TO GET	930	0	930	100.0%
47000 · USUAL (NON-SCHEDULED)INCOME	28,944	17,505	11,439	165.35%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>222,125</b>	<b>180,605</b>	<b>41,520</b>	<b>122.99%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
50000 · EMPLOYMENT COSTS	98,426	106,152	(7,726)	92.72%
51000 · PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	6,865	6,626	239	103.6%
51500 · PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE	28,112	28,211	(99)	99.65%
51700 · LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	3,550	4,500	(950)	78.89%
52000 · SUPPLIES & OTHER SERVICES	32,580	27,400	5,180	118.91%
52900 · FUNDRAISING EXPENSE	83	0	83	100.0%
53000 · REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	2,446	27,300	(24,854)	8.96%
54000 · UTILITY	14,339	13,500	839	106.21%
55000 · CONTRIBUTIONS & ASSESSMENTS	40,800	41,085	(285)	99.31%
57000 · GENERAL EXCISE TAX	642	0	642	100.0%
58000 · DEPRECIATION	0	4,673	(4,673)	0.0%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>227,842</b>	<b>259,447</b>	<b>(31,605)</b>	<b>87.82%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(5,717)</b>	<b>(78,842)</b>	<b>73,125</b>	<b>7.25%</b>

### July 2021—June 2022 vs. Prior Year

	Jul '21 - Jun 22	Jul '20 - Jun 21	\$ Change	% Change
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
OFFERTORY COLLECTION	176,382	173,688	2,694	2%
OTHER REGULAR INCOME	15,869	18,113	(2,243)	(12%)
REVENUE SUBJECT TO GET	930	0	930	100%
USUAL (NON-SCHEDULED)INCOME	28,944	38,815	(9,871)	(25%)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>222,125</b>	<b>230,616</b>	<b>(8,491)</b>	<b>(4%)</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
EMPLOYMENT COSTS	98,426	95,391	3,035	3%
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	6,865	1,713	5,152	301%
PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE	28,112	30,109	(1,997)	(7%)
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	3,550	750	2,800	373%
SUPPLIES & OTHER SERVICES	32,580	23,334	9,246	40%
FUNDRAISING EXPENSE	83	3,138	(3,055)	(97%)
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	2,446	8,786	(6,340)	(72%)
UTILITY	14,339	13,431	908	7%
CONTRIBUTIONS & ASSESSMENTS	40,800	21,948	18,852	86%
TAXES	642	812	(171)	(21%)
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>227,842</b>	<b>199,412</b>	<b>28,430</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(5,717)</b>	<b>31,204</b>	<b>(36,921)</b>	<b>(118%)</b>

# SIMBANG-GABI FELLOWSHIPS, contd.



## OLM 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 on-going 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.

\*\*\***STEWARDSHIP APPEALS** – Our appreciation and gratitude to *all dear Parishioners* who responded to our appeal during the covid-19 pandemic with their continued stewardship by mailing or dropping their offering envelopes or Mass intention offerings to help defray the needs and expenses of the parish.

We also acknowledge the continuing support of each one to the 'Ohana in Christ Annual Appeal that helps our parish meet its quota.

\*\*\***CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO THE CHURCH** – In the spirit of Christmas sharing, the following shared their blessings with our church:

> *Felicidad Orsino* made a Christmas donation of \$1000.00 to the Church to help defray its financial obligations.

> *Floribel & Robert Helin* offered \$260.00.

> *Anonymous donors teamed up to foot the bill for the parish calendar orders.*

> Many others stepped up as *Simbang-gabi sponsors* and offered whatever amount. May God reward you all abundantly.

\*\*\***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** – There are some wall fans in the Church that stopped functioning due to wear and tear and need immediate replacement especially in this time of hotter and steamier temperature. With our parishioners' stewardship offerings and donations we should have sufficient funds to make the purchase as soon as possible.

> We are most grateful to *M/M Adriano & Norma Daligcon* for being the first to step up to donate for this project in the amount of \$2000.00.

> *Elpidio & Angelita Sera* pitched in \$100.00.

> The securing and installation of the fans are handled by our parish volunteers – *Jun Cortez, Adriano Daligcon and Roger Isidro*. Our heartfelt gratitude goes to them.

> The parking lanes needed again some repainting and so *Kalolo Tuihalafatai* who had been doing it every two years came to do it and finished before the rain poured out. Big *mahalo* to everyone for being good stewards.

❖**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.

> Putting on the seasonal decorative Christmas lights in the church belfry, rectory, hall, pastoral center and the evergreen trees were *Frankie Cabral, Doi Facuri, Roger Isidro and Adriano Daligcon*.

❖**LITURGY** – Our Music minister, *Mary Ann Llamedo*, is inviting interested members of the choir at Mass. Their practice is held every Saturday at 10:00am.

We are glad and grateful that *Zoie Peacock* and *Audrey Peralta* can come to assist Mary Ann in playing the keyboard especially in her absence.

We continue to have powerpoint projections of the readings and hymns on the TV monitors thru the kind services of the *Llamedo family* and assisted by *Jun Cortez, Marc, Clem & Dave Ulep*.

❖**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 \* Carolyn 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 and red hibiscus blooming with flowers thru regular pruning and watering.

\*Under the hot & steamy sun of August, some members of the Ilocano Ministry spent gardening time at the Church makai side cultivating and replacing dried-up plants with new ones. Many thanks to *Renato dela Rosa \* Cora dela Rosa \* Julieta Walsh & Gil Bacani* for their hard work.

\*\*\*Our parish is always welcoming and open to any parishioner who wants to serve in the councils, committees, ministries, organizations, clubs, prayer groups and donor societies and share your God-given talents and gifts to keep our Church going. You may submit your name at the parish office or contact our pastor. God bless and reward you abundantly.



**WE TAKE PRIDE IN SHARING OUR TIME, TALENT AND SERVICES AS GOOD AND FAITHFUL STEWARDS FOR THE GREATER GLORY OF OUR LOVING GOD.**

**❖TO ALL THE GOOD STEWARDS, OUR SINCERE THANK YOU!❖**



**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER**



Come, Lord Jesus!  
 Make us good stewards of Advent.  
 Strengthen our faith; calm our fears.  
 Come, Lord Jesus!  
 We hear John the Baptist's cry.  
 Open our hearts.  
 Give us humility to repent.  
 Come, Lord Jesus!  
 Let us walk in your light!  
 Show us how we prepare your way  
 and make straight your paths.  
 Come, Lord Jesus!  
 We give you thanks and praise,  
 for the shining star and angelic host,  
 for Mary and Joseph, good stewards, both.  
 Come, Lord Jesus!  
 We rejoice and are glad!  
 For the Good News you bring  
 And God's glory you revealed.  
 Come, Lord Jesus!  
 Amen.

*(Lifted from International Catholic Stewardship Council e-bulletin, December 2022)*

**STEWARDSHIP EXPRESSIONS**

**CHRISTMAS: A STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION ON SHARING**

"Bah! Humbug!" was the attitude of Ebenezer Scrooge toward the two gentlemen who came looking for a Christmas donation to help the poor and homeless in the streets of London. "All I want to do is eat, drink and be merry!" was the attitude of the rich fool in Jesus' parable. Neither the wealthy but miserly Scrooge in Charles Dickens' classic, *A Christmas Carol*, nor Jesus' miserly fool in the Gospel of Luke (Luke 12:16-21), would find good company with Christian stewards who know those attitudes draw us away from God, not closer. As we await the coming of Jesus at Christmas, the Advent season is the perfect time to reflect on our own attitudes toward the things we possess and our need to share with others who are less fortunate.

There is, of course, no season quite so full of wild abundance as the Christmas season. We are entering a joyful, exuberant time, full of music, family, parties, good food and friends. But every Christian steward knows that there is a shadow side to abundance, particularly material abundance, which brings its own challenges.

Poverty, in North America and indeed worldwide, is growing, not diminishing. In the United States alone, one in six Americans now lives below the poverty line. The poor among us become invisible and the poverty that overtakes them becomes a scourge that brings a whole host of societal problems such as hunger, homelessness, crime and domestic violence.

Moreover, a culture that is focused on consuming more and more and built on satisfying the self and ignoring the needs of other people is a culture that impoverishes the soul. A preoccupation with our own wants and possessions fosters a spiritual poverty that has no room for the Lord at its center. That kind of spiritual poverty neglects the true meaning of Christmas in its joy and abundance. Despite the great spiritual significance of this feast, the season becomes a time of material excess.

Scrooge told his charitable solicitors that he wished to be left alone, and all the rich fool wanted was to be left alone with his material abundance. Christian stewards know that these attitudes are not compatible with being followers of Christ Jesus. Let us embrace the joy and the delightfulness of the Christmas season and at the same time remain mindful that the true joy of Christmas is not tied into the wealth of goods under the tree, but to the abundance of love and generosity that fill our hearts and spill out to others, especially those most in need of our generous spirit.

*(Lifted from International Catholic Stewardship Council e-bulletin, December 2022)*



**MASS ATTENDANCE**

	<u>12/17-18/22</u>	<u>12/10-11/22</u>
Sat 6:00pm	103A+3C	53A+0C
Sun 6:30am	40A+0C	60A+0C
Sun 9:00am	62A+18C	90A+25C
Simbang-Gabi 6:00pm & 6:30pm		
<b>12/16</b>	106A+2C	<b>12/21</b> 114A+14C
<b>12/17</b>	103A+3C	<b>12/22</b> 98A+1C
<b>12/18</b>	93A+2C	<b>12/23</b> 93A+3C
<b>12/19</b>	103A+3C	<b>12/24</b>
<b>12/20</b>	97A+4C	



**SACRIFICIAL OFFERING**

	<u>12/17-18/22</u>	<u>12/10-11/22</u>
Offertory	\$ 2,499.00	\$ 3,033.53
Immaculate Conception		\$ 1,480.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 65.00	\$ 27.00
Holy Christmas	\$ 563.00	
Donation	\$ 35.33	\$ 1,260.00
'Ohana in Christ Donation		\$ 20.00
Retirement Fund for Religious		\$ 1,851.00
Use of Hall		\$ 300.00
Mass Intentions		\$ 20.00
Filipino Catholic Club	\$ 10.00	
Candles	\$ 55.00	\$ 65.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,277.33</b>	<b>\$ 8,056.53</b>



**† REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

❖**GOOD HEALTH / SUCCESSFUL SURGERY:** Ronald Santos \* Fr Edgar \* Chita Magbojos \* Antonio D Mateo \* Rochelle Taylor \* Rosario Valdez \* Estelito Umblas \* Mike, Theresa & Marie Schwengler \* Nelie Puzon \* Doren Gruenhagen \* Wilmer D Diaz \* Rachel Soong \* Wilfred Soong \* Connie de Santos \* Cipriana Luczon \* Bruce Anguay \* Fuli Fernandez \* Kasandra Camille Mina Raquel \* Amando Sr & Palmas Flores \* Francisca Gascon \* Lawrence Ligot \* Alfredo Jandoc \* Grace Rivera \* Petronila Jandoc \* Jose Jandoc \* Marie Therese Castillo \* Faith Ivy Claro \* Belen Quinto \* Rudy Balmilero \* Juliet Hobson \* Amando Flores Jr \* Vanessa Egan \* Matilde Serbania Pascua \* Roselani Ramones \* Benny Ursulum \* Logan Isidro \* Florentino & Jason Orcino \* Yvonne Fukumoto \* Maria Pascual \* Nicolas Ulep \* Imelda Ruaburo \* Paul Valbuena \* Ropati Liua \* Caridad Dagdagan \* Andy & Marina Torio \* Susan Reynon \* Marilou Bruno \* Katrina Santos \* Alfonso & Mary Villanueva \* Jesse Ulep \* George Calizar \* Jeanne Oshiro



❖**BIRTHDAY:** Krystle T Parinas \* Fr Spa Silva \* Margaret Telles \* Lydia Felipe \* Brison Canoneo \* Miguel Canoneo \* Roselani Ramones \* Marilyn Chee \* Marichu Pe Benito \* Jacob Roberts \* Concepcion Castro \* Jeffrey Lucas \* Aiden Lucas \* Evangeline Trocio \* Daisy Serquinia \* Jeanne Oshiro \* Frankie Cabral \* Francisca Tabonda (98) \* Isabel Cadiz \* Armelita Canoneo

❖**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** Emmanuel & Rose Belinda Artates (31) \* Ely & Andrea Aguada (50) \* Caroline & Doren Gruenhagen \* Luis & Isidra Bautista (49) \* Alex & Marichu Pe Benito \* Roger & Aida Isidro (53) \* Rizal & Celerina "Mila" Fernandez (50) \* Segundo & +Marlene Facuri \* Edward & Teresita Dayoan (60) \* Virgilio & Lolita Lucas (48)

❖**SAFE TRIP & VACATION:** Segundo Facuri \* Mary Ann Goloran \* Armelita Canoneo \* Adriano & Norma Daligcon \* Rowena Adela Bitonio

❖**SPECIAL INTENTION & THANKSGIVING:** Thanksgiving – Gwen Zanellato >Mary Ann Goloran >Joseph & Mila Llantero >Cora, Bryan Andaya & family >Clemente Fontanilla >M/M Liberato & Rosario Valdez & kids >Benny Acosta >Nato & Adoracion Laguer >Virgilio & Lolita Lucas >Jun & Caridad Cortez >Artates, Bacani, Chesser & Aczon families >Lito & Lia Centino >Cora & Renato dela Rosa >Teocson family >Cathy Purganan & family >Silver & Marivic Palting >Alex & Marichu Pe Benito >Thomas & Olivia Mita

**Special intention** – Keisha Umblas \* Good health for Damon, Brielle & Kian \* Nelson & Shirley Manlolo & family \* Andy & Chita Magbojos \* Gladys Sedeno & family \* OLM FCC officers & members \* Nazario & Alicia Balbuena \* Chester & Shantil Centino \* Bella Miranda & family \* For peaceful resolution of War in Ukraine \* OLM Knights of Columbus Council 12935 \* For benefactors & donors of OLM Projects \* 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

❖**DECEASED:** +Avelina Orcino Fralalde \* +Orencio Bernardino \* +Remigio Dasalla \* +Caroline & Martin Rodrigues \* +Helen & Jack Tui \* +Derna Kim \* +Purie Cortez \* +Victoriana Bacani ^ +Urbana Artates \* +Andres B Malong \* +Hilario Elar Sr \* +Maria Elar \* +Leopoldo Elar \* +Josefina Cayabyab \* +Vivencio Malong Sr \* +Felisa Malong \* +Valeriana Fabro \* +Teodulo & Maximo Balbuena \* +Primitivo & Magdaleno Teves Sanchez \* +Tito Ulep \* +Marcela Ulep \* +Policarpo Agustin \* +Glir Dagdagan \* +Filomena Galo Umblas \* +Felix Umblas \* +Rizza Eugena Bactol Go \* +Nefoa Lemana \* +Uldarico Calso \* +Fr Etuale Etuale \* +Elizabeth, Jack & Faye Ragaza \* +Raquelita Fiesta \* +Jesusa Prado \* +Evangeline Salvador \* +Fr Vicente Avila \* +Fr Patrick Freitas \* +Cecilia Chica \* +Linda Kamai \* +Elaine Cruz \* +Candido, Romana & Charlie Puzon \* + Honorio Gamiao \* +Cresencia Acosta \* +Aurelio Raquedan Supapo \* +Pedro & Virgilio Artates \* +Cesario, Loreta & Maria Pascual \* +Ely, Rose & Alan Lee Purganan \* +Gaudencio Garcia \* +Maurillo & Rosalinda Gregorio \* +Pio, Consuelo, Jovito & Bessie Alcantra \* +Conrado Benitez \* +Raymond Sedeno Jr \* +Anastacio & Rosa Umblas \* +Felix Edmalin \* +Cresencia Edmalin \* +Mariano & Manuela Balmilero \* +Rose Garcia \* +Eufemio Sr & +Trinidad Cortez \* Religious, benefactors, donors & parishioners of OLM \* +Victims of the coronavirus pandemic, wars, crimes & natural disasters \* +Holy Souls



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✠ ✠ ✠ VIVAT JESUS! ✠ ✠ ✠







# Mass INTENTIONS

**Dec 16 > 6:30pm** Birthday - *Dennis Lewellen Jr \* Healing - Petronila & Jose Jandoc Jr \* Thanksgiving - Bacani family*

**Dec 16-24 > 6:30pm** Special intentions - *Mass & Fellowship sponsors; Liturgical ministers & Advent candle-lighters*

**Dec 17 > 6:00pm** Healing - *Nelie Puzon \* RM +Excelcia R Aczon; +Marvin E & Marvin B Voss*

**Dec 17-25 > 6:30pm** RM +*Orencio Bernardino*

**Dec 18 > 6:30am** Healing - *Gascon family*

**> 9:00pm** Safe trip - *Jaime Macalma \* Thanksgiving - Marianne Macalma*

**Dec 19 > 6:30pm** Birthday - *Marilyn Chee \* Safe trip & vacation - Segundo Facuri \* RM +Urbana Artates; +Joseph Castro*

**Dec 19-20 > 6:30pm** Healing - *Fr Edgar*

**Dec 19-21 > 6:30pm** RM +*Remigio Dasalla*

**Dec 19-Jan 2 > 6:30pm/9:00am** RM +*Avelina Orcino Fralaide*

**Dec 20 > 6:30pm** Wedding anniversary - *Eliseo & Andrea Aguada (50); Zosima (Revi) & +Alfredo Acidera (52) \* Special intention - Tom & Becky de Corte & Kokua ministry \* RM +Alfredo Acidera*

**Dec 21 > 6:30pm** RM +*Oriol, Dolores, Edgar, Amante, Larry, Jerry & Bert Aguinaldo*

**Dec 22 > 6:30pm** Birthday - *Lydia Felipe; Brison Canoneo \* Wedding anniversary - Emmanuel & Rose Belinda Artates (31) \* Safe trip - Bella Miranda*

**Dec 22-30 > 6:30pm** RM +*Roque Caraang*

**Dec 23 > 6:30pm** Birthday - *Albert Lewellen \* Healing - Martin Hee \* Wedding anniversary - Andrea & Eliseo Aguada (50)*

**Dec 24 > 6:00pm** Birthday - *Fr Spa Silva; Margaret Telles \* Good health - Damon, Brielle & Kian \* Healing & speedy recovery - Nelie Puzon; Ronald Santos; Connie de Santos; Those infected w/ covid-19 \* Thanksgiving - Renato & Cora dela Rosa; Felicidad Orsino; Artates, Bacani, Chesser & Aczon families \* Special intentions - For the Mass & Fellowship sponsors & Christmas candle-lighters – the Santo Nino Devotional Group; Chester & Shantil Centino; For the end of the covid-19 pandemic & the war in Ukraine \* RM +Tessie Fontanilla; +Romana Puzon; +Victoriana Bacani; +Urbana Artates; +Roque Caraang; +Orencio Bernardino; +Deceased Victims of the covid pandemic, wars & disasters; +Departed pastors, benefactors and parishioners of OLM*

**Dec 25 > 12:00mn** Healing & Speedy recovery - *Mike, Theresa, & Marie Schwengler; Martin Hee; Rochelle Taylor; Connie de Santos; Alfredo Jandoc; Petronila Jandoc; Amando & Palmas Flores; Logan Isidro; Caridad Dagdagan; Roselani Ramones \* Thanksgiving - Joseph & Mila Llantero; Gwen Zanellato \* Special intentions For the end of the covid pandemic & war in Ukraine \* RM +Roque Caraang; +Caroline & Martin Rodrigues; +Deceased Victims of the covid pandemic, wars and disasters*

**> 9:00am** Wedding anniversary - *Elias & Tina Fernandez (50) \* Healing & speedy recovery - Cipriana Luczon; Martin Hee; Francisca Gascon; Antonio Mateo; Estelito Umblas; Rosario Valdez; Florentino Orcino; Nelie Puzon; Amando Flores Jr; Bruce Anguay; Jose Jandoc; Juliet Hobson; Rudy Balmilero; Imelda Ruaburo; Alfonso & Mary Villanueva; Jeanne Oshiro; all those infected by the coronavirus disease \* Special intentions - For the end of the covid pandemic & the war in Ukraine \* Thanksgiving - Aida Avecilla; Renato & Cora dela Rosa; Silver & Marivic Palting; Benny Acosta; Cathy Purganan \* RM +Tessie Fontanilla; +Romana Puzon; +Avelina Orcino Fralaide; +Orencio Bernardino; +Anastacio & Rosa Umblas; +Roque Caraang; +Andres Malong; +Glir Dagdagan; +Deceased Victims of the covid pandemic, wars and disasters; +Departed pastors, benefactors and parishioners of OLM*

**Dec 24-Jan 1 > 7:00am** RM +*Romana Puzon*

**Dec 26-30 > 7:00am** RM +*Roque Caraang*

**Dec 26-Jan 2 > 7:00am/9:00am** RM +*Avelina Orcino Fralaide*

**Dec 28 > 7:00am** Wedding anniversary - *Caroline & Doren Gruenhagen*

**Dec 29 > 7:00am** RM +*Helen & Jack Tui; +Derna Kim*

**Dec 30 > 7:00am** Thanksgiving - *Jessica Aguirre Asai, Jhon & June Genevieve Asai Aguirre*

**Dec 31 > 6:00pm** RM +*Bessie Soong*

**Jan 1 > 6:30am** RM +*Lil Perry; +Stephen & Gregory Rodrigues*

*\*Let us continue praying for our pastor's complete recovery and for the health of everyone.*

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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!*

**'OHANA IN CHRIST PROGRESS REPORT**

(Covering July 1-November 30, 2022)

Aloha Dear Pastors & Parish Staff,

Special blessings for all you do - especially at this special and busy time of the year!



All's good as we are slightly ahead of last year – along with kudos to new parishes over goal – **Blessed Sacrament, Honolulu \* Immaculate Conception, Ewa \* St. Rita, Haiku \* St. Jude, Kapolei**

# of Direct Gifts no longer reflected \* Leading parish in each Vicariate is highlighted

Note: report is also posted at: <https://www.catholicahawaii.org/12075>

Please let me know of any questions or requests for assistance / extra “second collection” envelopes (see sample attached).

Much Mahalos for all you do!!!

**It's also a good time to encourage the “stewardship of treasure” in your parish communications.**

**Examples include:**

-add extra “giving” envelopes in your pews for visitors

-insert an appeal in your bulletin, emails, and/or website

-promote the benefits of online giving &/or planned giving (Wills)

**-and especially** a reminder to IRA owners who are age 70 1/2 or older can make a tax-free charitable contribution to \$100,000 per year (\$200,000 for married couples filing jointly) directly from an IRA to an eligible charity without paying income tax on the transaction. For full details, please contact your financial advisor.

**Merry Christmas!**

Mark Clark

Diocesan Director - Stewardship & Development \* 808-203-6723

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**REMINDERS IN THE TIME OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**



\*We need to keep connected with our Almighty God who can put a definitive end to this pandemic and allow us to return unscathed to our normal lives.

\*Let's come back to church and celebrate in person God's love and presence in the liturgy especially in being nourished spiritually by His Word in the Scriptures and His Body and Blood in Holy Communion. Let's strive to stay safe, healthy and blessed as we gather as a parish *ohana* in church. Let us continue to pray for one another and for the whole world.

**\*LET US KEEP PRAYING FOR DELIVERANCE FROM VIRUS INFECTIONS AND FOR THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF EVERYONE\***



**\*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.

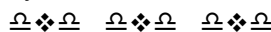
St. Marianne Cope said, *“I am not afraid of any disease,”* because she was confident in your power to save.

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!





## 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*  
 Faith Formation Program Coordinator - *Francisca Kovaloff*  
*(Meeting 3rd Sunday of the Month, after class)*  
 Technology Consultant - *Jun Cortez*  
 Bookkeeper - *Deacon Rafael Mendoza*



### PERSONNEL

Custodian - *Lolito Dullin*  
 Music Director & Choir Ministry - *Mary Ann Llamedo*

### COMMITTEE \* MINISTRY \* ORGANIZATION \* CHAIRPERSONS

Pastoral Council *(Meeting 4th Wednesday of the month, 6:00pm)*  
 / Stewardship Committee - *Marcelino Ulep*  
 Education Committee - *Marichu Pe Benito*  
 Finance Council - *Rebecca Jandoc*  
 Liturgy Committee *(Meeting 1st Tuesday of the Month, 6:00pm)*,  
 Respect Life Ministry & Safe Environment Ministry — *Francisca Kovaloff*  
 \* Altar Server Ministry - *Alvin Baron*  
 \* Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Comm. 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*  
 Website & *myParish App* Administrator - *Mary Ann Llamedo*  
 Ilocano Ministry & Choir - *Silverio Palting (Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help and Rosary, Thursdays at 7:00pm)*  
 Filipino Catholic Club - *Fe Go (Meeting 2nd Sun of the Month, after the 9:00am Mass)*  
 Knights of Columbus - *George Roberts*  
*Corporate Mass 9:00am, 4th Sun of the month; meeting after*  
 Prison & Hospital Ministries - *Wilfred Soong*  
 Stewardship Counter & Receptionist - *Linda Puzon*  
 Cemetery Maintenance - *Kalolo Tuihalafatai*  
 Santo Nino Devotion & Visayan Ministry - *Florencio Sipalay*  
 Parish Bulletin Editor - *Francisca Kovaloff*  
 Youth Ministry / Young Adult Ministry - *Diena Peterson*

**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.

**Faith Formation Classes:** After the 9:00am Mass

*(Summer break—May 29 to September 11, 2022)*

Catechists: *Evangeline Bacani, Fe Go, Mary Ann Goloran, Francisca Kovaloff, Lucille Mohika, Rosemary Mohika, Cathy Villanueva*

**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.

### myParish App - Be smart!

Have instant access to what is happening in our parish and have \*prayers, \*scripture readings and \*current church news in the palm of your hands through *myParish App*. Go to your app store and **search for "myparish" or you can text "app" to "88202"** and you will receive a link to download. Once installed you can choose *Our Lady of the Mount* as your parish and view the app; download is **free**.



**Update**

**Youth & Young Adult Ministry**

Visit us on Facebook or Instagram to know more details about the OLM Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

**Social Media Platforms**



Facebook:  
Our Lady of the Mount Youth & Young Adult Ministry



Instagram:  
@ourladyofthemount\_youth

Contact:  
Diena Peterson  
 Email: [dpeterson@rcchawaii.org](mailto:dpeterson@rcchawaii.org)  
 Phone: (808)861-7660

# PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FEAST DAY

- Dec 26** St. Stephen, The First Martyr
- Dec 27** St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
- Dec 28** Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- Dec 29** St. Thomas Becket, bishop and martyr
- Dec 30** Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
- Dec 31** St. Sylvester, pope

## OTHER

- Dec 26** Christmas Holiday, Office is closed
- Dec 29** Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help  
7:00 PM
- Dec 30 - Jan 7, 2023** - Visayan Group 9-day Novena,  
7:00 PM
- Jan 2** New Year's Holiday, Office is closed

## 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
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## ✠ OBITUARY



### +ORENCIO BERNARDINO

Wake service: January 9, 2023, 6:30 PM,  
at Miliani-Mauka Memorial Park Chapel  
Funeral Mass: January 10, 2023 at  
St. Elizabeth Church, Aiea  
Interment: January 10, 12:00 PM at Valley of the Temples

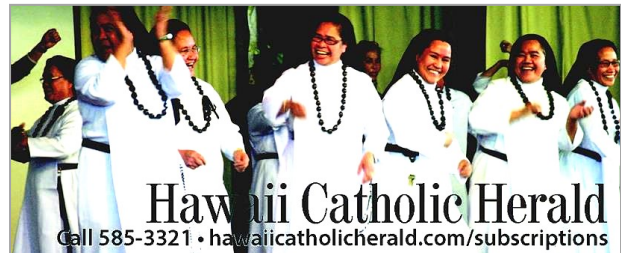
### +EVANGELINE MAGAOAY SALVADOR, 74

Funeral Mass: January 14, 2023, 10:00 AM, at Our Lady of the Mount Church  
Interment: January 14, 12:00 PM at Valley of the Temples

### +DESY SERNA IPALARI, 70

Funeral service: February 25, 2023, 10:30 AM, at Miliani-Mauka Mortuary Chapel  
Interment: February 25, 11:30 AM at Mililani Memorial Park

*“Eternal rest grant unto the faithful departed, O Lord.”*  
Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.



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## ☺ L.O.L. (Laugh Out Loud) ☺



## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP BEWARE OF SCAMMERS

If someone phones, texts, or emails you saying that the bishop or a member of clergy needs you to purchase gift cards for him, it is probably a scam, and you are advised not to respond.

## 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

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Weekday Masses: Monday to Friday - 7:00am  
Weekend Masse: Saturday (Vigil) - 6:00pm \* Sunday - 6:30am & 9:00am

## RECONCILIATION

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

## MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Our Lady of the Mount parishioners are a multicultural welcoming parish; 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 & spirituality.