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† CELEBRATING 153 YEARS AND RENEWING OUR FAITH IN GRATEFUL STEWARDSHIP! †



Pastor  
*Rev. Fr. Edgar B. Brillantes*

“So The Last Will Be  
First, And The First  
Will Be Last.”  
Matthew 20-16



Pastor Emeritus  
*Rev. Fr. Adrian R. Gervacio*

**PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY**

*Come, join us  
FATHERS!  
Let's celebrate!*

ALLOW US TO EXPRESS OUR  
GRATITUDE FOR YOUR SERVICE TO  
OUR CHURCH

**PARISH FELLOWSHIP**  
September 24, 2023—11:00 AM  
Parish Hall

We honor our Pastors at OLM, Fr. Edgar & Fr. Adrian, and all priests on this special day.  
May Christ the Eternal High Priest bless them and their pastoral and spiritual ministry.



CELEBRATING PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY 2023

From: Honorio, Fr. Gregorio <ghonorio@rcchawaii.org>

To: Pastors & School Administrators

Aloha!

**Priesthood Sunday is celebrated on September 24, 2023.** Priesthood Sunday is a special day to honor the priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the central role of the priesthood in the Church's life. With priests, we can receive Jesus in the Eucharist. St. Augustine said, "O wonderful the dignity of priests; in whose hands the Son of God is made flesh as in the womb of the Virgin." Priesthood Sunday is designed to be an event led by the laity. The US Council of Serra International coordinates and sponsors this nationwide event.

Please do not wait until your priest/s retires or moves to another assignment to celebrate their services. Like Father's Day, let Priesthood Sunday be the one day a year when we make it a point to make priests feel truly appreciated and special.

On behalf of Bishop Larry Silva and Monsignor Gary Secor, thank you for all you do for our priests.

Mahalo,

*Rev. Gregorio Honorio Jr.*

Vicar for Clergy



# Pastor's Corner

By Rev. Fr. Edgar B. Brillantes



## Next Sunday's Reading Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading**  
Ezekiel 18:25-28

**Responsorial Psalm**  
Psalm 25:4-9

**Second Reading**  
Philippians 2:1-11

**Gospel**  
Matthew 21:28-32

**FOCUS:** God rewards generously those who place their trust in him.

In the Gospel, the workers hired first entered into a legal contract with the owner. Those hired later were promised *what is just*. They trusted in the owner's concept of "just." Those hired last weren't promised anything, yet they went to work. The landowner was generous to all who labored for him, giving to all what he chose to give.

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 55:6-9*

Isaiah proclaims that God's ways are above our ways, and his thoughts are above our thoughts.

**Second Reading:** *Philippians 1:20-24, 27*

Saint Paul writes that he longs to be with Christ, yet wishes to remain on earth to minister in his name.

**Gospel:** *Matthew 20:1-16*

The Gospel passage tells of the vineyard owner who hired laborers throughout the day and yet paid them all the same.

## OLM PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL – OUTGOING & INCOMING MEMBERS

### FINANCE COUNCIL



After serving for years and even beyond their two terms, the current members of the Parish Finance Council are turning over the baton to incoming fresh blood. We take this time to extend collectively as a parish our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the hardworking, patient and persevering parishioners who willingly and joyfully shared their time and expertise to manage the financial resources of our parish. Our sincere thanks for their outstanding performance and services go to – *Rebecca "Becky" Jandoc (Chair) \* Eileen Elido (Recorder) \* Members – Jane Baron \* Fran Kovaloff \* Yvonne Tuihalafatai.*

We also wish to take this opportunity to welcome the new members who bravely stepped up to the plate – *Kathy Ferreira (Chair) \* Randy Rivera (Recorder) \* Member - Rosemary Mohika.* May the Lord bless and guide them as good stewards. The council is still open for one or two more willing souls to be part of the team and help manage the budget, income and expenditures of our parish. Please step up and help make our church financially healthy and keep going.

Our parish bookkeeper, *Deacon Raffy Mendoza*, remains in his post and *Fran Kovaloff*, our office manager, also stays on in the council and to both of them we convey as well our utmost gratitude for their valuable services. We all continue serving our church for the greater glory of God.



## NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL: 2022-2025

### "Let's be Eucharistic Stewards"

The second phase of the National Eucharistic Revival declared by the US Bishops Conference is the **Year of Parish Revival** which began on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, June 11, 2023. On this new season of grace, we are praying together the Eucharistic Revival Prayer in all the Masses.

One of the fruits we anticipate from the National Eucharistic Revival movement is a greater unity within the Catholic Church. Let us join our brothers and sisters from all heritages and backgrounds in earnest intercession as we ask God to pour out an overflowing measure of grace and healing throughout the next year of this movement.

**"Eucharistic Stewardship"** is a prominent theme in the fifth chapter of the United States Catholic Bishops' pastoral letter *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*. The bishops teach us that Catholics are called to make the Eucharist a priority in their communal life of prayer, worship and action. The bishops maintain that to be a follower of Jesus Christ one must be a good steward of the Eucharist each and every day.

In implementing the Eucharistic Revival program, the Dioceses and parishes have their coordinators and point persons. In the Diocese of Honolulu, *Fr. Ese'ese Ace Tui* is the Coordinator and in OLM Parish, *Fran Kovaloff* is the point person.







**Rev. Fr. Edgar B. Brillantes**  
**Pastor**

Fr. Brillantes was born in Trinidad, Davao del Sur, Mindanao, Philippines to parents Augusto and Tita Brillantes. He is the eldest of 8 children. Father started his seminary formation at the Immaculate Conception Minor Seminary in Vigan, Ilocos Sur. He attended St. Louis University, Baguio City; then Immaculate Conception Major Seminary; ICST Seminary, Northern Luzon; ordained a priest on April 14, 1980 in San Juan Bautista Parish, Ilocos Sur. Later he went to St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, Italy. Father arrived in Hawaii on August 6, 1999 and was incardinated in the Diocese of Honolulu in April, 2008. Father served at St. John the Baptist, Kalihi, St. Joseph and Malia Puka O Kalani parishes in Hilo; Our Lady of Sorrows in Wahiawa; and Sts. Peter & Paul in the Ala Moana District. On July 1, 2014, Father was assigned at Our Lady of the Mount Church as Pastor and is to the present.



### The Beautiful Hands of a Priest

— Author Unknown

We need them in life's early morning, we need them again at its close.

We feel their warm clasp of true friendship, we seek them when tasting life's woes.

At the altar each day we behold them, and the hands of a king on his throne

are not equal to them in their greatness; their dignity stands all alone.

And when we are tempted and wander to pathways of shame and of sin,

It's the hand of priest will absolve us – not once, but again and again.

And when we are taking life's partner, other hands may prepare us a feast,

But the hand that will bless and unite us is the beautiful hand of a priest.

God bless them and keep them all holy for the Host which their fingers caress. When can a poor sinner do better than to ask Him to guide thee and bless?



**Rev. Fr. Adrian R. Gervacio**  
**Pastor Emeritus**

Fr. Gervacio was born in Bacarra, Ilocos Norte, Philippines. Father was ordained to the priesthood on March 18, 1967. He arrived in Hawaii in August 1975. For five years, Father ministered to the Filipino communities in the diocese. He travelled to parishes and mission churches, working in each parish for a month. He served as associate pastor at Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa. In June 1977, Father was incardinated into the Diocese of Honolulu. In 1986, Father was granted to be commissioned as a U.S. Navy chaplain. After 20 years, Father retired from the Navy with the rank of Lt. Commander. Father served at St. John Apostle and Evangelist Church in Mililani. In June 2007, Father was assigned as Pastor of Our Lady of the Mount Church. He retired from active ministry in June 2014 and remains at Our Lady of the Mount Church as Pastor Emeritus.



# EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH THE SISTERS OF SACRED HEARTS

From the Sisters of Sacred Hearts at St. Anthony Retreat Center



**COME, LET US ADORE THE LORD!**

To live our mission more fully and in union with the Eucharistic Revival in the Church, the **Sisters of Sacred Hearts at St. Anthony Retreat Center**, located at 3351 Kalihi Street, would like to invite the faithful to participate in our Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament on two occasions.

- 1) **Thursday before the First Friday of each month from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.** Our Sisters in the Pacific, Massachusetts, India, Indonesia, and the Philippines keep a continuous 24-hour adoration before the Blessed Sacrament on this day each month for local and worldwide intentions, and
- 2) **The Third Thursday of each month from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.** for the faithful in Hawaii, especially for the intentions of local families. We encourage you to attend the Holy Hours as families because in the words of Father Peyton, *"families who pray together, stay together."* Individuals are, of course, also most welcome.

Together may our relationship with Jesus deepen and bring about the Reign of the Sacred Heart in our hearts, in our homes, and in the world!

## STEWARDSHIP EXPRESSIONS

### BISHOP'S LETTER

Dear faithful stewards,

This fall I bring to an end my tenure as the Episcopal Moderator of the International Catholic Stewardship Council. It has been a great pleasure to welcome so many of you to ICSC conferences throughout the years and I have always looked forward to meeting you, praying with you and experiencing a time together with you that has always proved fruitful.

I have been attending ICSC conferences for more than 20 years and I can honestly say that each time I have gathered with you I have learned something new and gained spiritual nourishment, so that when I returned to my own episcopal ministry I have felt renewed, invigorated and strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

I encourage everyone to join us this year in Orlando, Florida, as ICSC celebrates its 61st annual stewardship conference. The theme for the conference is *Eucharistic Stewardship: Responding with Grateful Hearts*. In this year, when so much is being done to focus our attention on the great gift of the Eucharist, I'm sure you will find this to be a very appropriate theme. The Bishops of the United States have invited us to reflect more deeply on the gift of the Eucharist. This year's conference will give us an opportunity to experience and appreciate in a special way Christ's presence among us in each day's Eucharistic liturgies. We will reflect, too, on how the Eucharist informs our response in faith as good stewards of God's abundant gifts.

We recognize the spiritual connection between the Eucharist and stewardship. The Bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship calls us to consider a life of *"Eucharistic stewardship."* Once we have embraced stewardship as a way of life, we naturally call others into conversion and a deeper appreciation of the Eucharist by our hospitality and by the witness of our lives.

As I look back on my tenure with ICSC, I am very grateful for all who have dedicated so much of their time, talent and treasure to help us advance the Gospel's unique perspective on stewardship. I also wish to thank each of you for the dedication you show to your own ministries in your parishes and dioceses for being good stewards of the Church. The witness you offer by your faithful service encourages others to listen to the Lord's call and to participate in His redemptive activity.

Please join me in October for a few days filled with shared wisdom, laughter, inspiration and the spiritual nourishment that will help us be even more fervent disciples in Christ's name.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

*Most Reverend Donald F. Hanchon*, Bishop Emeritus, Archdiocese of Detroit \* Episcopal Moderator of ICSC



### SACRIFICIAL OFFERTORY



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**MASS ATTENDANCE**

	<u>9/9 - 10/23</u>	<u>9/16 - 17/23</u>
Sat 6:00pm	56A+2C	55A+8C
Sun 6:30am	56A+0C	75A+0C
Sun 9:00am	100A+13C	90A+26C
Sun 5:30pm, 9/17, Ilocano Mass	- 64A+7C	

	<u>9/9 - 10/23</u>	<u>9/16 - 17/23</u>
Offertory	\$ 3,295.38	\$ 2,651.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 122.00	\$ 45.00
Support Maui	\$ 4,295.00	
Baptism Gifts	\$ 500.00	
Donation-Santo Nino Grp.	\$ 88.00	
Sunday School Regis.		\$ 210.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 750.00	\$ 60.00
FCC Registration		\$ 20.00
Religious Article		\$ 7.00
Rebate-Mastercard	\$ 10.76	
Candles	<u>\$ 531.00</u>	<u>\$ 110.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u><b>\$ 9,592.14</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 3,103.00</b></u>





Co COUNCIL 12935

ASSEMBLY 1577

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Be Bold \* Be Catholic \* Be a Knight and Make a Difference!

*Congratulations* to the OLM Knights of Columbus Council 12935 for completing their project of erecting a memorial structure for the unborn amidst garden plants on the mauka side of the Church. The Plaque of the Unborn is displayed on top. Everyone is invited to stop by and say a prayer for all the children who were not given the chance to see the light of day. They are praying for us too as our *angelitos* and *angelitas* or little angels.

✦ ✦ ✦ VIVAT JESUS! ✦ ✦ ✦

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## The Office of Clergy Presents:

### ST. IGNATIUS & WELLNESS

Workshop for Priests & Deacons

By FR. ROY PERREIRA, SJ, PHD

Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Laulima Conference Room, St. Stephen Diocesan Center  
(6301 Pali Highway, Kaneohe, HI 96744)

These continuing times of uncertainty and rapid change could have an adverse effect on our overall health and cause a paralysis of action. How do we cope? What tools do we have in our toolkit to help us journey through these uncertain times? The answer lies in accessing the best from neuroscience and spirituality.

St. Ignatius lived in very similar times of a rapidly changing world. His writings supplemented by the knowledge gained from cutting edge neuroscience of the 21<sup>st</sup> century will be the focus of the talk.

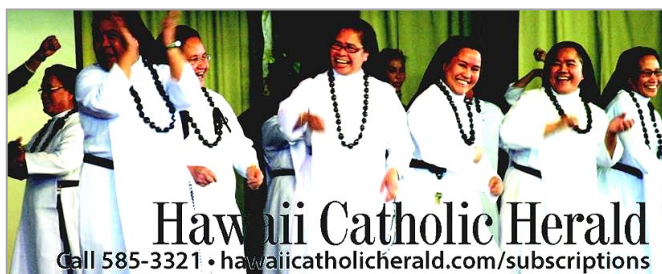
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### STEWARDSHIP PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER

Lord Jesus Christ,

As we begin to shift from summer schedules to autumn demands, teach us to recognize you, and help us follow you amidst our busy life. Open the Scriptures to us that we may know you, see you, hear you – in the voices of friends and family, in the ministries of our parish, in the proclamation of the Word, and in the Breaking of the Bread. Teach us to be good stewards, that we may use your gifts wisely and care for all those you place in our path. Encourage us, when we are overwhelmed. Strengthen us, when we are frightened. Challenge our complacency. Help us make this new season a time of spiritual renewal, hope, and action to proclaim the Gospel in our words and in our deeds. For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

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## ILOCANO MASS

After a 3-year hiatus due to the covid-19 pandemic, the Ilocano Mass at OLM was resumed on September 17, Sunday. It coincided with the 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the OLM Mother of Perpetual Help Novena which was spearheaded by the *Ilocano Ministry* and being held every Thursday at 7:00pm in the church. A festive fellowship in celebration of the Marian devotion anniversary was served and enjoyed by all present. The troubadour, *Ping Lopez*, provided the musical entertainment. The Ilocano Mass will be celebrated monthly and the novena is prayed weekly through the OLM Ilocano Ministry under the leadership of *Silverio & Marivic Patting*. *Madaydayaw ti Dios ti agnanayon! Agbiag! Mabuhay!*

## PICTORIALS





# ILOCANO MASS CELEBRATION

## PICTORIALS #2



## 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 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.

❖ With grateful hearts we thank the Board & entire membership of *Irmandade de Nossa Senhora do Monte* for their generous donation of \$10,000.00 to our Church in honor of our Patroness feast and parish anniversary **on August 15**.

❖ We thank *M/M William & Mitronia Amoroso* for their recent donation of \$1,150.00 to the Repair & Maintenance Fund on the Feast of Corpus Christi on June 11.

❖ *Mrs. Angelita Sera* gave \$500.00 to OLM Repair & Maintenance Fund. God bless a generous spirit.

\*\*\***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 parishioners to the **'Ohana in Christ Diocesan Annual Appeal** that helps our parish meet its quota and support the diocesan operations and programs.

\*\*\***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

\*\*\**Roger Isidro & Carlito Centino* put a temporary board to cover the gap left open due to broken jalousies in the parish hall.

\*\*\**Jun Cortez* fixed the technical problems with the computers in the stewardship counters' room.

❖**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.

\*\*\**Kalolo Tuihalafatai and his crew* erected the concrete structure for the Memorial marker of the Unborn, The *OLM Knights of Columbus* completed it by affixing marble slabs around it. We appreciate everyone for their generous sharing of time, skills and resources.

❖**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 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 – *Consolacion Caraang \* Becky DeCorte \* Aida Isidro \* Rosie Jacinto \* Dorie Mina \* Caroline 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 and checks and locks the gate and building doors at the end of the day.

\*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. As grounds and maintenance man, *Lito* has been maximizing the garden spaces with lawn grasses and sweet camote vines.

\**Eddie Lucero* is faithfully keeping the yellow and red hibiscus blooming with flowers thru regular pruning and watering.

\*Four volunteers spent their Wednesday morning (May 24) cleaning and replanting some decorative plants around the church – *Gil Bacani \* Cora dela Rosa \* Renato dela Rosa \* Julieta Walsh*. You are always welcome to join them next time.

\*\*\*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 ❖**





## † REMEMBER IN PRAYER

❖ **GOOD HEALTH / SUCCESSFUL SURGERY:** Marie Schwengler \* Delfin Barsatan \* Rudy Balmilero \* Gene Lumantas \* Federico Boy Bitonio \* Teresa Siruno \* Melinda Duyonghirong \* Theresa Schwengler \* Kira Niotta \* Grace Bolneo & family \* Audrey Peralta \* Nelie Puzon \* Veda Nerisa Esdicul \* Francisco Acidera \* Frances Gascon \* Moses & Cristina Andres \* Jovencita Raganit \* Gladys Conrath \* Alfredo Javines \* Mevelyn Acosta \* Roberta Christensen \* Elnora Romero \* Fran Kovaloff \* Alice D Schwengler \* Jayla Raquel Ventura \* Isabel Cadiz \* Jacob Tognaci \* Myrna Agbayani \* Alfonso & Trini Agamao \* Michael Schwengler Jr \* Robin Therese Johnson \* Florentino Orcino \* Marina Pescador \* Gil Acido \* Seitasi Ah Kui \* Mila Beltran \* Normand Roberts \* Rogelio Ojerio \* Belen Quinto \* Latai Holeva Manupuna \* Rachel Soong \* Matea Ranit \* Bobbie Walker \* Petronila Jandoc \* Juanita Palting Cacanindin \* Rochelle Taylor \* Tom DeCorte \* Mike & Marie Schwengler \* Bruce Anguay \* Alfredo Jandoc \* Faith Ivy Claro \* Vanessa Egan \* Rose-lani Ramones \* Logan Isidro \* Maria Pascual \* Nicolas Ulep \* Imelda Ruaburo \* Ropati Liua \* Caridad Dagdagan \* Andy & Marina Torio \* Marilou Bruno \* Alfonso & Mary Villanueva \* Jesse Ulep \* George Calizar \* Ruperto Pescador



❖ **BIRTHDAY:** Michael Schwengler Sr & Jr \* Aurelia T Centino \* Earl Gamiao \* Megan K Leong \* Gianne Atendido \* Elsa Castro \* Brielle Bacani Aczon \* Fr. Adrian Gervacio \* Annie Pinera \* Dennis L Lewellen Jr \* Quinton Leong \* Aurea Macalisang \* Luida Susa \* Rose Dafang \* Augusto Balmores \* Evelyn Ranit \* Kelli Goo \* Jenna & Cresencia Paranada \* Fran Kovaloff \* Paula McHardy \* Angelica Palmaria \* Jewel Riu & Sophia Nicole Atendido \* Bishop Larry Silva \* Julieta Walsh \* John I Martinez \* Jayson Canoneo \* Maria Lourdes Carmen \* Victoria de Santos \* Nazario Balbuena \* Mark Correia \* Brian Schwengler \* Rose Jean LaGuardia \* Christopher Chesser \* Theresa Schwengler \* Ma. Victoria Carmen \* Gilbert Bacani

❖ **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** Nazario & Alice Balbuena (18) \* Liberato Jr & Kathleen Valdez \* Jayson & Bridget Canoneo (24) \* Glen & Vicky Chee Hiramoto \* Krystle & Paul Parinas (13) \* Constantino & Mevelyn Acosta (9<sup>th</sup>) \* Juriz & Fe Go (45)

❖ **SAFE TRIP & VACATION:** Cipriana Luczon \* Fr. Adrian Gervacio \* Paul Amiel Palmaria \* Paul George Trocio

❖ **THANKSGIVING:** Jun & Caridad Cortez >Darnell Gamiao >Joseph & Mila Llantero >Erlinda Ceria-, Grelyn, Sheila & Barryne Rosario >Liberato & Rosario Valdez >Andy Magbojos >M/M Jaime Macalma >Constantino & Mevelyn Acosta >Elsa Castro >Linda Puzon >Fe & Juriz Go >William & Mitronia Amoroso >Consolacion Caraang >Armilita Canoneo >Nazario & Alicia Balbuena >Carlito & Aurelia Centino >Thomas & Olivia Mita >Alex & Marichu Pe Benito >Cora & Renato dela Rosa >Cora, Bryan Andaya & family >Benny Acosta >Artates, Bacani, Chesser & Aczon families >Cathy Purganan & family >Silver & Marivic Palting

❖ **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Jervis Villa (Passing the Bar) \* Matilde Abida \* Irmandade de Nossa Senhora do Monte \* Bill & Joan Amoroso \* Audrey Peralta \* Diena Peterson \* Chester & Shantil Centino \* Wilfred Soong \* Theresa Schwengler \* Michele Schwengler \* Steven Schwengler \* Jun & Caridad Cortez \* Angelita Saga \* Anna Brown Simon \* Fe Go & OLM FCC \* Jocelyn Ramiscal \* Llamedo & Flores families \* Michael Schwengler Sr & Jr \* Brian & Mark Schwengler \* Diena Peterson & OLM Youth Ministry \* Theresa Schwengler \* Tom & Becky de Corte & the Kokua Ministry \* Chester & Shantil Centino \* Bella Miranda & family \* OLM Pastoral Council officers & members \* FCC officers & members \* OLM Knights of Columbus Council 12935 \* For the victims & survivors of the Maui disaster \* For benefactors & donors of 'OIC Diocesan Appeal & OLM Projects \* For all Seminarians and increase of priestly vocations in the Diocese \* For the success of the National Eucharistic Revival \* For the deliverance & healing of those afflicted with the covid-19 \* For peaceful resolution of the war in Ukraine

❖ **DECEASED:** +Rudy, Helen, Marlene, Grandal & Chad Pang \* +Priscilla Sternberg \* +Catalino Tolentino \* +Lewis Hershey \* +Gabriela Carmelo \* +Audell Currie \* +Tessie Fontanilla \* +Donald & Marian Gomes \* +Reynaldo V Centeno \* +Robert Jay \* +Geore Trocio \* +John Nino Trocio \* +Jose & Lydia Criste \* +Ronald Chun \* +Maria Goloran \* +Lorenzo G Carmen \* +Leoncia C Carmen \* +Cresencia Edmalin \* +Rolando Gubatan Sr \* +Modesto Bautista \* +Sr Anita Mendoza, SHF \* +Mary Sabog Alvaro \* +Lisiate Sole \* +Leonardo Sescon Jr \* +Francisco Rodrigues \* +Ana Francisca Mateo \* +Dionisia Legaspina Fabro \* +Motiana Bernard \* +Aurelio Sagayaga \* +Caren Soong Kanakaole \* +James Soong \* +Cres Paranada \* +Feliza, Johnny & Santiago Asistente \* +Pastor, Malwenda & Walter Balbuena \* +Emiliana, Primitivo & Magdaleno Teves Sanchez \* +Tito, Marcela, Irineo & Angelina Ulep \* +Susan dela Cruz \* +Benny Montemayor \* +Flaton Fontanilla \* +Encarnacion Fontanilla \* +Jonathan Tanaid \* +Laureana, +Angela & +Nicolas Balbuena \* +Juanita Abellana \* +Numeriano Abellana \* +Goldie Paula P Toraja \* +Ely Purganan \* +Rufina Arreola Buenafe \* +Pablo Gelacio Jr \* +Jose Jandoc Jr \* +Joe & Millie Josol \* +Adeline "Addie" Freitas \* +Mary Benigna Oliveira \* +Jose Goloran \* +Lolita Torralba \* +Casey Domingo \* +Urbana Artates \* +Virgilio Artates \* +Pascual & Rufina Simeon \* +Filomena Carlos \* +Constance & Regina de Santos \* +Meliton L Mangrobang Jr \* +Edith, Henry & Anthony Santos \* +Luciano Lucero Jr \* +Lino Cabico \* +Aleja Acosta \* +Aurelio Acosta \* +Erlinda Acosta \* +Sophia Angelita Acosta \* +Simplicio Canoneo \* +Maximo Balbuena \* +Pedro Bolanos \* +Calixto Abaya \* +Juana Ugalino Uclusin \* +Pio & Consuelo Alcantra \* +Jovito Alcantra \* +Conrad Benitez Sr. \* +Religious, benefactors, donors & parishioners of OLM \* +Victims of the coronavirus pandemic, wars, crimes & natural disasters \* +Holy Souls in purgatory



Sept 1-30 > 7:00am Special intention - For all the victims, casualties & residents affected by the Maui wildfire disaster \* RM +For the earthquake and flood victims in Morocco and Libya  
 Sept 17 > 9:00am Healing - Teresa Siruno; Melinda Duyonghirong \* Special intention - Alex & Marichu Pe Benito \* RM +George Trocio; +John Nino Trocio  
 > 5:30pm (Ilocano Mass) Special intention - 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mother of Perpetual Help Novena \* Wedding anniversary - Nazario & Alice Balbuena (18) \* Thanksgiving - Joseph & Mila Llantero; Artates, Bacani, Aczon & Chesser families; Norma & Adriano Daligon; M/M Vicente

Velasco; Liberato Valdez & family; M/M Silverio Palting; Renato & Cora dela Rosa \* RM +Avelina, Marina, Magdalena, Benjamin, Isabelo & Martina Orcino; +Valeriano, Leilani & Helen Andaya

Sept 17-24 (Sundays only) > 9:00am Healing - Rudy Balmilero \* RM +Cresencia Edmalin

Sept 18-22 > 7:00am Healing - Gene Lumantas; Rudy Balmilero; Federico Bitonio

Sept 18-21 > 7:00am RM +Robert Jay

Sept 18-23 > 7:00am RM +Reynaldo V Centeno

Sept 18-26 > 7:00am Special intention (Passing the Bar) - Jervis Villa

Sept 18-30 > 7:00am RM +Leonarda, Nicolas & Rosalina Palting; +Jose, Sofia, Jacinta & Marta Palting

Sept 20 > 7:00am Birthday - Joann Thilgen \* RM +Betsaida Vila

Sept 20-24 > 7:00am RM +Audell Currie

Sept 21-22 > 7:00am Healing - Delfin Barsatan \* RM +Gabriela Carmelo

Sept 23 > 6:00pm Healing & speedy recovery - Rudy Balmilero; Petronila Jandoc \* Special intentions - of passing the Bar by Jervis Villa; for Chester & Shantil Centino \* For all priests and for a meaningful celebration of Priesthood Sunday; For victims, casualties & residents affected by the Maui wildfires; earthquake in Morocco; flooding in Libya \* Thanksgiving - Jun & Caridad Cortez \* Safety of all travelers, vacationers & deployed military \* RM +Reynaldo Centeno; +Cresencia Edmalin; +Audell Currie; +Leonarda, Nicolas & Rosalina Palting; +Jose, Sofia, Jacinta & Marta Palting +Departed pastors, benefactors and parishioners of OLM

Sept 24 > 6:30am (Missa pro populo) Birthday - Earl Gamiao \* Healing & speedy recovery - Nelie Puzon; Frances Gascon; Alfredo Javines; Alice Schwengler; Fran Kovaloff; Isabel Cadiz; Marina Pescador; Ruperto Pescador; Mila Beltran; Tom de Corte; Rochelle Taylor; Logan Isidro; Caridad Dagdagan; Alfonso & Trini Agama; Roselani Ramones; Moses & Cristina Andres \* Safety of travelers & vacationers & those deployed in the military \* Thanksgiving - Darnell Gamiao; Joseph & Mila Llantero \* Special intentions - Bill & Joan Amoroso \* For all priests and for a meaningful celebration of Priesthood Sunday; For victims, casualties & residents affected by the Maui wildfires; earthquake in Morocco; flooding in Libya \* RM +Audell Currie; +Tessie Fontanilla; +Catalino Tolentino; +Motiana Bernard; +Goldie Paula Toraja; +Deceased Victims of the covid pandemic, wars and disasters

> 9:00am Healing & speedy recovery - Rudy Balmilero; Gene Lumantas; Federico Bitonio; Teresa Siruno; Mevelyn Acosta; Florentino Orcino; Seitasi Ah Kui; Belen Quinto; Latai Holeva Manupuna; Imelda Ruaburo; Delfin Barsatan; Alfonso & Mary Villanueva; all those infected by the coronavirus disease \* Safety of all travelers, vacationers & deployed military personnel \* Thanksgiving - Armelita Canoneo; Olivia Mita; Alex & Marichu Pe Benito; Corazon Orcino; Cathy Purganan \* Special intentions - Matilde Abida; For all priests and for a meaningful celebration of Priesthood Sunday; For victims, casualties & residents affected by the Maui wildfires, earthquake in Morocco and flooding in Libya \* RM +Cresencia Edmalin; +Maria Goloran; +Lisiate Sole; +Betsaida Vila; +Leonarda, Nicolas & Rosalina Palting; +Jose, Sofia, Jacinta & Marta Palting; +Deceased Victims of the covid pandemic, wars and disasters; +Departed pastors, benefactors and parishioners of OLM

Sept 1-30 > 7:00am Special intention - For all the victims, casualties & residents affected by the Maui wildfire disaster

Sept 25 > 7:00am Birthday - Aurelia T Centino \* RM +Lewis Hershey; +Catalino Tolentino

Sept 25-26 > 7:00am Special intention (Passing the Bar) - Jervis Villa

Sept 28 > 7:00am Birthday - Michael Schwengler Sr & Jr \* Healing - Marie Schwengler

Sept 29 > 7:00am RM +Priscilla Sternberg

Sept 30 > 7:00am RM +Rudy, Helen, Marlene, Grandal & Chad Pang

\*Let us continue praying for the health of everyone.



**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!*

## 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.





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‘OHANA IN CHRIST



Aloha Pastors and Parish Office Staff,

Like past years, each parish office will receive a "Parish Kit" in September to help promote 'Ohana in Christ on the weekend of September 30/October 1. The kit will contain a cover letter, posters, and return gift envelopes (...with Bishop's Letter and Donor Card enclosed). New this year, a banner (of the poster) and stand will also be provided. The banner is 6' tall with grommets for ease of hanging, so the stand is optional. Also note the projected timeline below. Many thanks for your continued support and prayers, Mark (808) 203-6723

2023/2024 'OIC Timeline:

- September 1 > Parish Kits shipped to each parish for pre-launch promotion (...video/audio links to follow)
September 20 > Letter from Bishop mailed to all past 'OIC donors who gave "direct"
Sept 30/Oct 1 > Pastors promote 'OIC at all Masses via testimony, video/audio & distribution of "Return Gift Envelopes"



'OHANA IN CHRIST PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS FOR 2023/2024 APPEAL

Aloha Pastors and Parish Staff,

Blessings with many thanks for all you do!

To help promote this year's 'OIC appeal (...along with your parish kit materials) please post, link, and share accordingly:

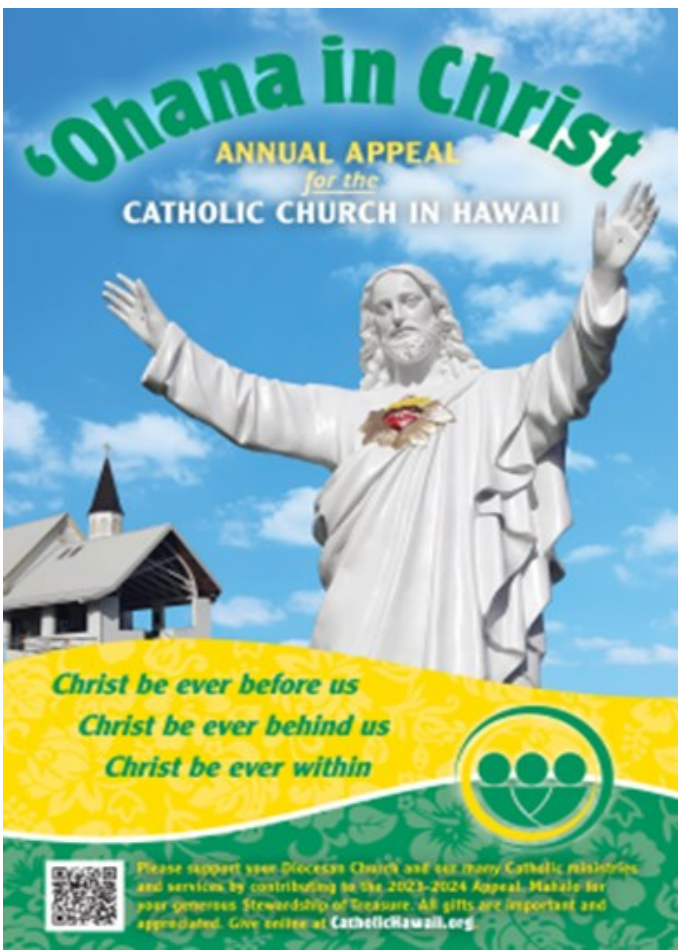
'OIC Video:

- YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OqEXJfMczXo
Vimeo: https://vimeo.com/user148622704/oic2023?share=copy
...also posted on Diocesan website: https://www.catholichawaii.org/12075

Attachments:

Bishop's audio message: mp3 file (...includes optional plug by Keith Tamashiro, Chair - Diocesan Stewardship & Development Commission)

- 'OIC Poster to post (PNG) or share (PDF)
Bishop's 1st Ask Letter to post (PNG) or share (PDF)
FAQs to post (PNG) - for PDF, see Bishop's letter
Logo & Banner: two versions (JPG)
Stay tuned for further 'OIC updates.



MAHALO!

Mark Clark
(808) 203-6723



PARISH CALENDAR

- September 24 > Priesthood Sunday
September 29 > Clergy Conference on Ignatius & Wellness
October 7 > Eucharistic Rosary Relay Congress \* Feast of the Most Holy Rosary





# 'Ohana in Christ

## THE ANNUAL APPEAL *for the* CATHOLIC CHURCH IN HAWAII

September 2023

Aloha to All,

Peace be with you!

*May the Spirit of Christ be our hope through the day,  
be our guard through the night, our companion on the way.*

**Song of St. Patrick, Marty Haugen**

Each day, the Catholic Church in Hawaii shares the Spirit of Christ throughout our 'Ohana of parishes, schools, social agencies, and communities across the Islands. This is all possible thanks to your generous response to our Catholic mission and the call to Witness to Jesus.

Beyond the good works at each parish, the annual '**Ohana in Christ** appeal helps us respond to the material and spiritual needs of the greater church. As detailed in the list below, funds raised support many important services and ministries throughout the Diocese of Honolulu that no single faith community could meet alone.

I am deeply grateful for the ways you have contributed to this work in the past. Once again, I humbly ask for you to prayerfully consider making a generous gift to this important appeal. Please know that I pray for you and your loved ones each day - and will remember all donors in a special Mass.

In the Spirit of Christ - and together as '**Ohana in Christ** - we can and will respond to the Lord's call and continue to build His Kingdom.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Larry Silva*

Most Reverend Larry Silva  
Bishop of Honolulu



P.S. For more information on how to live out the Church's mission, or to make a gift to help your parish reach its 'OIC goal, please visit [catholichawaii.org](http://catholichawaii.org). MAHALO!

### Your donations are critical in helping to provide these ministries and services:

#### Priests & Deacons

- Professional development
- Recruitment & assignment
- Permanent Deacon Formation
- Clergy health & wellness needs

#### Parish Services

- Staffing & Training
- Finance & Insurance
- Savings & Loan
- Safe Environment
- Stewardship & IT
- Cemetery & Real Estate
- Emergency Preparedness

#### People Programs

- Youth & Young Adult
- Catholic Schools
- Adult Faith Training
- Catholic Social Ministry
- Food & Shelter Assistance
- Evangelization & Respect Life
- Hospital & Prison Ministries

#### And Much More

- Hawaii Catholic Herald & Diocesan eCommunications
- Cathedral Basilica, Chancery, & St. Stephen Diocesan Center
- Pope Francis & United States Conference of Catholic Bishops



## MAUI CATHOLIC SUPPORT UPDATE

### **MINISTRY OF PRESENCE: A stream of deacons and priests descends on Lahaina bringing spiritual comfort**

09/13/2023 BY [HAWAII CATHOLIC HERALD](#)

By Patrick Downes and Jennifer Rector, *Hawaii Catholic Herald*



A smile. A wave. A hug. A bottle of water. An attentive and compassionate ear. A shoulder to cry on. A prayer.

A ministry of presence.

A steady stream of priests and deacons from across the diocese has been making its way to west Maui to provide spiritual support for the victims of the Lahaina wildfires, the worst natural disaster ever to hit the state of Hawaii.

Called the Maui Mercy Mission, it was initiated 10 days after the tragic fires leveled Lahaina town, killing at least 115 people, with a letter from Bishop Larry Silva to Hawaii's deacons and priests.

"Many of those affected by the fire simply need someone to talk to, to pray with them, and to comfort them," he wrote. There is also a need to bless the bodies of the dead in the temporary morgue if families request it, he said. "I am asking all the priests and deacons, whether on Maui or on other islands, to consider lending spiritual support by going to Maui for a day or two to be present to those in need and to offer prayer, spiritual counsel, and your presence," the bishop said.

The bishop also asked the priests and deacons to donate their airfare.

Ground transportation and overnight accommodations, if needed, would be arranged.

The bishop asked the recently retired Father Arnold Ortiz to coordinate the mission's logistics.

About 15 deacons and three wives were part of the first wave of Maui "missionaries," said Father Ortiz, not including those from Maui and elsewhere who have come on their own. By Aug. 30, about 10 Oahu and neighbor island priests and another five or six from the mainland have participated in the Maui mission, including Bishop Silva.

"The Maui priests, deacons and sisters, of course, have been the primary source of help," led by Msgr. Terrence Watanabe, vicar of Maui, he said.

Maui Deacon Chris Ribucan of Kahului is the primary mission organizer on the island, arranging transportation from and to the airport and getting the clergy to the mission stations, which are open tents where the ministry is offered, advertised by signs that read "Spiritual Assistance: Prayer, Guidance and Sacraments."

"The primary services are spiritual comfort and prayer, counseling, sacraments, computers and daily supplies," Father Ortiz told the Hawaii Catholic Herald by email.

#### **More stations considered**

By Aug. 30, two stations were set up, one at Napili Park, "around the corner" from Sacred Hearts Church in Kapalua, and the other at Lahaina Gateway Center. More mission stations were being considered for the hotels where more than 4,000 people have found shelter.

"Most important for the Diocese of Honolulu is to have a strong presence," Father Ortiz said.

"It's heart wrenching to see the ruins of the fire, but gratifying to see people coming ... for help," he said.

"One of the deacons listened long and patiently to a person tell her story about how she lost everything. We saw the stress on her face and in her demeanor, but just telling her story to someone who really cared was important for her to begin to find a sense of calm and peace," Father Ortiz said.

But this is just the beginning, he said. "I believe we recognize now this mission effort will be needed for many years."

"It's important we stay organized and encourage volunteers to be flexible," he said. "Over time, the process for managing the missions will be refined as they will most likely continue to grow in number."

Deacon Michael Weaver, director of the diocesan Office for Deacons, went on mission Aug. 28. "The day I went over, we were in Napili Park in Kapalua. It's one of the major staging areas for aid."

"As Deacon Chris said to us that morning on the ride from the airport, 'There's no to-do list or boxes to check off. Just do what you think is best.'"

"Since our tent was near the parking lot, I spent a great deal of time just saying 'Hi' to people as they came in, answering their questions as to where they needed to go for help," the deacon said. "Some stopped to talk and asked who we were. Others just walked by."

Next to the station was a child day care center. Parents would drop off their kids then stop to chat.

"Deacon Savili Bartley from Waianae spent a great deal of the day walking around the park, talking to people," Deacon Weaver said. "We always knew where he was because we could hear his laugh!"

Around midday, a woman in her 30s came over after dropping off her son at day care. "I'm tired. Can I sit here for a while?" she asked. The deacon welcomed her and gave her a bottle of water.

"She just sat quietly for about 10 minutes," Deacon Weaver said. He got her a plate lunch from a food booth close by. "She took it and ate quietly, looking over at me and smiling. After about 20 minutes, she had finished the lunch, got up and smiled, shook my hand, and left."

A little later in the day, a woman came over and said, "I'm not Catholic, but I really need to talk to someone." Deacon Chris Ribucan sat her down and got her some water. She told him of how she had gone through multiple evacuations — the most recent one based on a false rumor — from her still undamaged house. "I can't take this!" she told Deacon Ribucan who let her talk, commenting occasionally, "as she just let her feelings out."

"Thirty minutes later, she was calmer and laughing," said Deacon Weaver. "She hugged Chris, who said a prayer with her, shook my hand and Father Arnold's as well, and walked quietly off. She turned as she got to her car and waved."

"That's pretty much how the day went," said the deacon.



# PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FEAST DAY

- Sep 26** Memorial of Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
- Sep 27** Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
- Sep 28** Memorials of St. Wenceslaus, Martyr;  
St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
- Sep 29** Feast of St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael, Archangels
- Sep 30** Memorial of St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

## OTHER

- Sep 24** Priesthood Sunday; potluck fellowship in the parish hall after the 9:00AM Mass; all are invited
- Sep 29** Clergy Conference on Ignatius and Wellness
- Sep 30/Oct 1** 'Ohana in Christ Annual Appeal Fund Drive
- Oct 6** First Friday, Eucharistic Adoration after the 7:00AM Mass
- Oct 8** OLM Diocesan Rosary Congress 6-Hour Relay, \*12Noon to 6:00PM
  - \*12 noon to 1PM - **Catechists / Youth Ministry**
  - \*1PM to 2PM - **Prison Ministry/Outreach Ministry**
  - \*2\*PM to 3PM - **Ilocano Choir/Knights of Col.**
  - \*3PM to 4PM - **Fil Catholic Club / Visayan Grp.**
  - \*4PM to 5PM - **Pastoral Council, Stewardship Council, Finance Council**
  - \*5PM to 6PM - **Liturgy Committee**

## † OBITUARY



**+RUFINA ARREOLA BUENAFE, 92**  
Wake Service – October 4, 2023, 6:30 PM @ Mililani Downtown Mortuary Chapel

Funeral Mass – October 5, 2023, 10:45 AM @ OLM Church  
Interment – 1:00 PM @ Valley of the Temples Memorial Park

**+AURELIO CADIZ SAGAYAGA, 90**

Funeral Service – October 5, 2023, 6:30 PM @ Mililani-Mauka Mortuary Chapel  
Interment – October 6, 10:00 AM @ Mililani-Waipio Memorial Park

*“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them.”  
We extend our heartfelt prayers and sympathy to the grieving families.*

## OLM DEVOTIONS

Come and spend some time with the Lord in church as a community to pray for peace in the world, for the end of the covid pandemic and for God’s blessings on your home and family.



**Every First Friday – Eucharistic Adoration from 7:30am-8:30am.**

**Every Thursday – Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Holy Rosary at 7:00pm.**

**Every Friday— Novena to Santo Nino at 6:30pm.**



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**(Laugh Out Loud)**  
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## 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

Third Sunday after the 9:00am Mass

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Weekday Masses: Monday to Friday - 7:00am  
Weekend Masses: Saturday (Vigil) - 6:00pm \* Sunday - 6:30am & 9:00am  
Ilocano Mass: 3rd Sunday - 5:00pm

## 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.