



Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS:

Monday - Friday: 6:30 A.M.

Saturdays: 7:00 A.M.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 P.M.
(Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Sunday: 6:30 A.M., 8:30 A.M.,
11:00 A.M., & 5:00 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
(unless noted in bulletin)

Perpetual Adoration Chapel
Open 24 Hours a Day - 7 Days a Week

Thursdays Before First Fridays
Holy Hour at 7:00 P.M.

First Friday Mass / Sacred Heart Devotion
Mass at 6:30 A.M.
(unless noted in bulletin)



MISSION: Our Lady of Good Counsel is a Christ-centered Parish enlightened by the Holy Spirit, guided by the Scriptures, Tradition and the Sacraments of the Holy Catholic Church; through the Stewardship of time, talent and treasure, seeking to renew and maintain love, family unity and Christian values throughout the community.

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 26 & 27, 2017



This week's Readings: Isaiah 22:19-23; Psalm 138:1-3, 6, 8; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

Next week's Readings (Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Sept. 2-3, 2017):
Jeremiah 20:7-9; Psalm 63:2-6, 8-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus Asks Us: 'Who Am I for You?' Says Pope

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Pope Francis said, "Today he looks straight at us and asks, 'Who am I for you?' As if to say: 'Am I still the Lord of your life, the longing of your heart, the reason for your hope, the source of your unfailing trust?'" Along with Saint Peter, he said, "We too renew today our life choice to be Jesus' disciples and apostles. He prayed that all may recognize not just in words, but with actions and lives."

"Prayer is the water needed to nurture hope and increase fidelity. Prayer makes us feel loved and it enables us to love in turn. It makes us press forward in moments of darkness because it brings God's light. In the Church, it is prayer that sustains us and helps us to overcome difficulties."

"A church that prays," he said, "is watched over and cared for by the Lord. When we pray, we entrust our lives to him and to his loving care. Prayer is the power and strength that unite and sustain us, the remedy for the isolation and self-sufficiency that lead to spiritual death."





Do You Really Believe?

Have you ever asked yourself who Jesus is? It would be interesting to know what our responses or answers would be if asked about this question. If we are indeed asked, we may gather a lot of ideas, thoughts, understanding or even hearsays about who Jesus is. This is the result when he asked his disciples who people think he is. That he is John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets. None of these names would make or reveal Jesus' identity. So he asked his disciples the same question but addressed to them directly. He wants his disciples to know him well and better be since they are called to follow. Among the twelve, Peter says, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

We wonder where that answer came from. Where would Peter get such a remark? But Jesus revealed that his answer was not coming from anyone or somewhere else but from his heavenly Father. Truth was revealed to Peter and he held on to this truth until his mission on earth ended. He had bumps along the way. He doubted at the time when Jesus walked on water. And the saddest part was when he denied him when his master was being condemned to death. But in the end, he succeeded until he himself experienced a tragic death like his master was being crucified upside down. With Peter's profession of faith, he was entrusted with the keys of the Kingdom. That whatever he bounds

on earth will be bound in heaven. Whatever is loosed on earth will be loosed in heaven. Jesus gave Peter authority and that through this, he will lead the Church and to pass on till today as exercised by the Holy Father, Pope Francis. Jesus' question led his disciples to answer a personal understanding and profession of faith of who he was. We may be more privileged because truth has already been revealed through Peter's answer. The matter is, have we really accepted this truth that would manifest our commitment and faithfulness to Jesus' teachings? Hearsays about Jesus do not really give impact on our lives. It is because it does not come from our inmost being. But if we have faith like Peter that indeed Jesus is the Son of the living God, we allow ourselves to be formed accordingly. And in doing so, we have a faith that is true as manifested by our words and deeds.

You see, not only that the question about knowing Jesus is essential to us but also that knowing leads to believing. And when we have this kind of faith, we hold on to it for it will keep us going through amidst the challenges we face in life. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church Paragraph 183 states and teaches us, "faith is necessary for salvation."

If Jesus stands in front of you now and asks, "Who do you say that I am?" What would be your answer?



(Above L-R: Izabela Moncada, Brandon Mones, Kamalani Tabbal, Fr. Pascual, Nick Rivera, Ana White, Joshua Alcisto, Alyssa Bautista, Micah Alcisto, Anthony Bautista)

Vanessa Alcisto (mom): The Altar Server ministry has taught my son, Joshua Alcisto, great responsibility, leadership, and the true meaning of honor for being part of the holy celebration. In turn, he has brought what he has learned in his ministry to Saint Louis School (SLS). It has been heartwarming to hear of stories shared by SLS Campus Ministry staff about his contributions. One particular story is that of Fr. Alan DeLong, Campus Ministry Director, talks about on more than one occasion. He asked his assistant Fr. Patrick McCaid about recent purchases of bells used for mass. Fr. Pat's response was, *"well, Joshua said that we need to buy new bells."* Another story was about him being persistent on using incense during mass on a Feast Day. With the guidance and support of a strong and passionate leader in Rose Sumida, OLGCA Altar Server ministry remains robust. Auntie Rose has had a profound impact on Joshua's spiritual growth and understanding of the importance of being an altar server.



Dillon Sumida: The foundation of my Catholic faith started at a very young age and answered the call to altar serve after receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion. My journey of faith and stewardship continues to evolve tremendously because this ministry instilled in me the meaning of discipleship.

(Left: Dillon serving at Marymount California University 2017 Graduation Mass. Right: Andrew serving at Maryknoll High School 2016 Graduation Mass.)

ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY

The purpose of an Altar Server is assisting the principal celebrant in the celebration of the Holy Mass. *"The hidden beauty of this ministry is the fruits of their labor beyond the altar. They grow in their Catholic identity, build character and create lifelong "Sister-Brotherhood" relationships. It truly is an ohana ministry,"* said Rose Sumida, co-coordinator.

(Below L-R: Tara Sumida, Andrew Ancheta, Caity White, Nick Rivera)



Janet Ancheta (mom & co-coordinator): My son Andrew has been an Altar Server at OLGCA Church for eleven years. At an early age, the seed to be an Altar Server was planted in his heart by Fr. Paulo Kosaka. Andrew began serving right after receiving his Sacrament of First Holy Communion at age seven. He has continued on with it all throughout grade school, middle, and high school, eventually becoming the Altar Server Coordinator at Maryknoll High School. This ministry has helped Andrew grow a deeper love and appreciation of the Catholic faith, a more in depth understanding of the Mass, and a deeper love for God, people, and service. It also taught him leadership skills, accountability, communication, and teamwork. Most importantly, it has helped him grow in virtues of service, love, patience, and reverence. Andrew plans to continue Altar Serving as he attends Chaminade University in the Fall, and plans to apply as a Master of Ceremony for the Diocese of Honolulu.

Please call the Parish Office at 455-3012 for more information.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL SCHOOL WELCOMES NEW TEACHERS

by Mrs. Chantelle Luarca
Interim School Principal



Melody Anzai was born and raised on Oahu. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Humanities concentration in Art and Religious Studies from Chaminade University.

She has worked at OLGC School as a preschool teacher assistant, after school care program leader and summer program teacher. Miss Anzai has worked with children for over five years as a Korean language pre/kindergarten teacher, first Holy Communion catechist, altar service coordinator, vocation ministry coordinator, and director of religious education at the Korean Catholic Community of Hawaii. She has been blessed to witness how Catholic education can provide students.

"I believe that each child has unique characteristics, backgrounds and talents. It is important to not only nurture each child's intelligence, but also their social, emotional and spiritual growth. Teaching at OLGC school allows me to include all of these areas in my lessons across the curriculum. Joining OLGC School is a blessing. I feel that God has a plan for me and I am walking in faith to do his work. I am excited to develop positive relationships with our students, faculty and the OLGC ohana."

Catherine Garnsey hails from Cold Spring, NY, a small community 50 miles north of New York City on the east side of the Hudson River across from West Point Military Academy. After a house fire in 2014, she and her family moved to Mililani, HI to live with her Army Special Forces son and his ohana until the house could be re-built. Catherine and her husband and high school sweetheart, Rob, liked Oahu so much that they decided to sell the NY house and stay in Hawaii. They are parishioners of St. John Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church in Mililani.

Catherine has a BA in Behavioral Science from Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry, NY, along with both New York State and Hawaii State teaching licenses in Elementary Education (grades K-6) and Special



Education (grades K-12). She also holds a Masters of Religious Education from Franciscan University in Lodi, NJ. Her career began 17 years ago teaching 3rd grade at St. Joseph's School in Croton Falls, NY. Catherine is delighted to be the new Grade 3 teacher at Our Lady of Good Counsel School. *"My students are wonderful and the pastor, faculty and staff are so gracious and supportive,"* she says. *"I know that God sent me to teach at this school because it feels like I have come home again."*



Kathleen Weber and her husband have lived on the Windward side of Oahu for two years with their four year old daughter. She is originally from Perth in Western Australia and has lived in the United States for 6 years. Her education includes a Bachelor of Education (major: Accounting), a Graduate Certificate in Business (major: Human Resource Management) and she is currently completing her Master of Education (major: Educational Leadership).

The bulk of her teaching career has been teaching Information Technology and Business Education at Iona Presentation College in Perth. This is an order-owned school of the Presentation Sisters with an enrollment of 1,000 girls. In her thirteen years at the College, she went from classroom teacher to Head of Grade Twelve to Career and Enterprise Coordinator. Earlier in her career, she worked for the Sisters of Mercy and also lived in the United Kingdom, teaching at Guernsey Grammar School.

In her role at Our Lady of Good Counsel, she will be assisting in the implementation of the Chromebook program and instructing K-8 students in Information Technology. *"The challenges of this position are exciting and I am looking forward to integrating digital devices across the curriculum at Our Lady of Good Counsel."*

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

AUGUST 26

Richard Kaipo Tavares	1971
Louis Baga Cocsan	1993
Ashleyn Castillo	1996
Rosalio Gorme	2001
Pilot Raskey	2004
Pablo Estocondo	2007
Manuel Samuel Simmons	2016

AUGUST 27

Jacinth Costa	1962
Baby Girl A Agliado	1969
Hugh McKenzie	1985
Nicolas Gacayan Ancheta	1991
Emilia Villasenor	2000
Irene Natividad Viernes	2002
Mercedes Ynalvez	2004
Eduarda Damo Asuncion	2009

AUGUST 28

Baby Girl B Agliado	1969
Camila Gaheton	1972
Bernard Jelf	1974
Tsumae Chang	2007
David Tobias Louis	2014

AUGUST 29

Michael Vendiola	1961
Matthew Vendiola	1961
Ceriaco Isidro	1970
Serena Helene Calleon	1972
George Travens	1988
Flora Faustina Barcelo Sarile	1994
Arcadio Cubero	1996
Bruce Allen Gomes	1998
Ellen Misae Nakamura	2005
Dilikano Oyamot	2009
Macaria Katherine Aiello	2016

AUGUST 30

Francisca Gabayan	1976
Taylor Ann Silva	1993
Pablo Opiana Panen	1995
Lorraine Duarte Dittle	1999
Glynis Gerene Berndt	2016

AUGUST 31

Edward Newcomb	1964
Miulang Rebecca Kuhlmann	1965
Conrad Fernando Martinez	1972
Jacinto Andaya	1973
Evelyn Eleniki Smith	1986
Peter Celestine Kaho'opi'i Jr.	2008
Cynthia Gallegos	2012
Osamu "Sammy" Sugimoto	2013

SEPTEMBER 1

William Ho'omana	1978
Kathleen Barco	1986
Christine Gouveia	1998
Margaret Cassaro	2001
Beatrice Hiroko Iha	2006
Prisca Cabudol Ben	2011
Jonathan Tanaid	2012

MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

Please call the Parish Office to have your intentions added to our schedule.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

7 a.m. Birthday blessings for Abundio Cabe & Lovelyn Cabe.
For the eternal repose of the souls of Belen Lopez,
Juan & Anita Brozas & Daniel Sailer

5 p.m. Blessings & healing for Layne Luke

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

6:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Good Counsel

8:30 a.m. Blessings for Oscar Pascual. Healing for Elvi Pascual.
Birthday blessings for Mila Ben. For the eternal repose
of the souls of Ernest Labarios Jr., Florentino &
Fermina Aquino, Dorino Cacace, Alvin Fejarang,
Herbert Cambra, Lorenzo Balbin Jr., Alejandra Balbin &
Romulo Balbin

11 a.m. For the eternal repose of the souls of Belen Lopez,
Juan & Anita Brozas, Sally Santos & Maria Remedios Almero

5 p.m. Special intentions for Meliton, Marieta & Ruskin Bond
Blessings & healing for Sam Balicanta & Demi Lee Moniz
For the eternal repose of the soul of Shane Bradley Harding

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

Birthday blessings & good health for Jess Quibilan Sr. Birthday blessings for Adam
Agustin. For the eternal repose of the souls of Juan & Anita Brozas

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

Birthday blessings & peace for Lance Tabije. For the eternal repose of the souls of
Felicidad Matias, Juan & Anita Brozas

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

Special intentions & thanksgiving for Edi Cabico. For the eternal repose of the souls
of Francisco Bartolome, Felicidad Matias & Glynis G. Berndt

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

Special intentions & thanksgiving for Edi Cabico. For the eternal repose of the soul
of Felicidad Respicio Matias

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Special intentions for the Perpetual Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament. For the
eternal repose of the souls of Joselito "JG" Respicio & Felicidad Respicio Matias



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

You can gift wrap your tithe in a personalized envelope! Please contact our Parish Office for details. **Thank You for your continued generosity!**

GENERAL OPERATING FUND

July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018	\$ 832,000.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 16,000.00

COLLECTIONS for August 19 & 20, 2017

Tithing from Collection Envelopes	\$ 11,811.60
Loose Collections	\$ 7,420.55
Online Giving: August 7-11, 2017	\$ 3,605.05
Year to Date Budget	\$ 786.00
Year to Date Receipts	\$ 128,000.00
Difference	\$ 104,586.90
Number of Tithing Envelopes Rcvd	\$ (23,413.10)
	240

BUILDING FUND

Current Building Fund Balance	\$ 530,924.97
Collections for August 19 & 20, 2017	\$ 288.00
Online Giving: August 14-18, 2017	\$ 92.00
Phase III Construction Goal	\$ 3,000,000.00
Amount to Goal	\$ (2,469,075.03)

CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND

Current Church Maintenance Balance	\$ 184,861.27
Collections for August 19 & 20, 2017	\$ 242.00
Online Giving: August 14-18, 2017	\$ 142.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS

OLGC School	\$ 4.00
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GOOD SAMARITAN STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

St. Paul reminds us in today's second reading that the ultimate origin of everything is God. Since everything comes from God, we are God's own. We can never put God in our debt. There is absolutely no negotiating with God. Every good deed we perform is grace.

Good stewards realize they are created and called to make the beauty, greatness, compassion and justice of God and his gifts known throughout the world. The stewardship question for us is whether we are willing to embrace this call, acknowledge our dependence on God and give our lives over to him completely for this purpose.

TITHING GUIDE

Here is a helpful guide for tithing to our Parish based on 5% and 10% tithes of your total income.



ANNUAL WEEKLY

INCOME	10%	5%
\$10,000	19.23	9.61
\$15,000	26.84	14.42
\$20,000	38.46	19.23
\$25,000	48.07	24.03
\$30,000	57.69	28.84
\$40,000	76.92	38.46
\$50,000	96.15	48.07
\$60,000	115.38	57.69
\$70,000	134.62	67.31
\$80,000	153.85	76.92
\$90,000	173.08	86.54
\$100,000	192.31	96.15
\$125,000	240.38	120.19

MONTHLY

10%	5%
83.33	41.66
125.00	62.50
166.66	83.33
208.33	104.16
250.00	125.00
333.33	166.66
416.66	208.33
500.00	250.00
583.33	291.66
666.67	333.34
750.00	375.00
833.33	416.66
1041.67	520.33

ANNUALLY

10%	5%
1000.00	500.00
1500.00	750.00
2000.00	1000.00
2500.00	1250.00
3000.00	1500.00
4000.00	2000.00
5000.00	2500.00
6000.00	3000.00
7000.00	3500.00
8000.00	4000.00
9000.00	4500.00
10000.00	5000.00
12500.00	6250.00



ONLINE GIVING



*Remember us
in your will.*

Our Lady of Good Counsel is extremely grateful to those individuals who have made, or have expressed an intention to make a gift to our future ministries in their will. Such a gift is among the most far reaching and valuable contributions. If you are considering leaving your gift as a will or bequest and would like more information, please call (808) 455-3012

PARISH/SCHOOL HOURS & INFORMATION

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Closed 12 noon to 1 p.m. for lunch
and on holidays

PARISH ADDRESS & INFO

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SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday
7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday
7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

SCHOOL ADDRESS & INFO

1530 Hoolana Street
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Fax: (808) 455-5587

PARISH ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

6 - 8:30 p.m.	Spirit & Grace Choir	Church
7 p.m.	Baptism Class	Center
7 - 9 p.m.	Choir Concert Mtg	Mtg Rm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

5 - 9 p.m.	AHG	PC
7 - 9 p.m.	Samoan Choir	Church

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

8:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Outreach	Center
2 - 6 p.m.	YAFM Homeless Ministry	PC I
6 - 9 p.m.	Filipino Ministry	Center
6:30 - 9 p.m.	Charismatic Prayer Grp	Church
7 p.m.	Finance Committee	Rectory
7 - 9 p.m.	YAFM	Mtg Rm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

8:15 a.m.	School Mass	Church
4:30 - 6 p.m.	Blessed Mother PG	Church
5 - 6 p.m.	Y & YA Choir	Mtg Rm
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Spirit & Grace Choir	Church
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Neocatechumenal Way	Mtg Rm
7 - 9 p.m.	YA	Center

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

NO SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

8 - 9 a.m.	Ohana Homebound Ministry	Mtg Rm
8 - 10 a.m.	Breakfast Grp	Center
8 - 1 p.m.	Eileen Okabe Funeral	Church
9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Samoan Choir	Mtg Rm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

9:45 - 10:45 a.m.	Religious Ed Classes	School
12 - 2 p.m.	Catechist Mtg	Center
12:15 p.m.	Baptism	Church
2 - 4:30 p.m.	CYM (MS)	PC
5 - 9 p.m.	CYM (HS)	PC

CHURCH & SCHOOL STAFF DIRECTORY

Rev. Father Pascual Abaya IV
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Rev. Father Alfred Omar Guerrero
Parochial Vicar

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Interim School Principal

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School Secretary

Mrs. Nellie Enos
School Receptionist



LITURGICAL CATECHESIS

by Rev. Alfred Omar B. Guerrero
Parochial Vicar/Director of Liturgy



The Second Vatican Council taught that the Eucharistic sacrifice is the “source and summit of the Christian life.” If this is true, essentially our Christian lives should be centered on the sacred liturgy. We gather Sunday after Sunday, and for some daily, for the celebration of the Mass, but do we understand what we do? Coming soon to our weekly bulletin will be a section on Liturgical Catechesis. The liturgical catechesis will seek to lead our community to maturity of faith in seeking understanding. Liturgical catechesis aims also to uncover the meaning of the symbolic action that we fully and actively participate in every mass. But most of all, the articles and liturgical tidbits are to help us delve deeper into the mystery of Christ and to support conversion that results in a life lived in faith, hope, and charity.

Word of the Week: **Mass** (from the Latin dismissal “Ite, Missa Est”- Go, it is sent) An ancient name for the Eucharist. Unbloody re-presentation of Jesus’ sacrifice at Calvary, and principle celebration of the Church’s public worship.

FAITH in ACTION

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

The first session for the next RCIA classes will be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. All adults interested in receiving initiation rites of Baptism, First Communion and/or Confirmation, as well as those baptized Christians who wish to be received into the Catholic Church, are encouraged to attend. Anyone interested in understanding why we Catholics do what we do are also welcomed.

In order for a person to receive any of the three (3) sacraments in 2017, he/she must be enrolled and participating in RCIA by the Rite of Welcoming in October. For more information, contact the Parish Office (808) 455-3012.



WELCOME INFORMATION



ANOIDTING OF THE SICK:

If you are seriously ill, or will be undergoing surgery, please contact the Parish Office.

BLESSINGS:

Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements for blessings of home, cars, boats, etc.

CANDLES:

Candles are available for purchase upon request.

CHANGE of ADDRESS:

Please notify the secretary of any changes.

FUNERALS:

Please contact the Parish Office before making arrangements with the mortuary.

NEW PARISHIONERS:

Welcome to OLGC Parish! Please register and join in our Parish activities.

SACRAMENTS of INITIATION:

INFANT BAPTISM: Please contact the Parish Office to make an appointment with the priest. Parents should apply at least one month prior to the Baptismal Preparation Program.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION &

CONFIRMATION: Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION for ADULTS (RCIA): Please contact the Parish Office if you are a baptized Christian of another denomination wishing to become Catholic, or if you wish to receive the Sacraments of Initiation.

SACRAMENT of MATRIMONY:

Please contact the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance for an appointment with a priest. This appointment should take place before any other arrangements are made.



BISHOP LARRY SILVA

At the National Cemetery of the Pacific in Punchbowl, there are murals mapping out the various battles of World War II. On one of them, a general is quoted as saying that war is fundamentally a theological problem. In other words, if we put God first, we may have conflicts, but they will lead not to destruction and violence but to growth. As we look at the many divisions in our nation and in our world, and as we look at divisions within our families, we can shout out for solutions of our own choosing, but like the shouts of the Canaanite woman, they will probably go unheeded and unaddressed. But if we first approach with faith and humility, going to the Lord's mountain to worship, the Lord will be only too happy to heal us and to cast out all our demons of selfishness and pride. That is why what we are doing here is so important, not just for ourselves, but for the healing of the entire world. Just as God chose the tiny nation of Israel as his instrument of revelation not just for their sake but so that his house could be a house of prayer for all peoples, our little voices of praise and thanksgiving here can be exactly what is needed for the transformation of our world.