



# Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish

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.

## MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 6:30 a.m.  
Saturday: 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.

## 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

Thursday Before First Friday  
Holy Hour at 7:00 p.m.

First Friday Mass  
Sacred Heart Devotion  
Mass at 6:30 a.m.  
(unless noted in bulletin)

## PARISH OFFICE

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

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## The Epiphany of the Lord

JANUARY 5 & 6, 2019



This week's Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Next week's Readings: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9b-10;  
Acts 10:34-38 or Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

## JESUS, OUR GUIDING LIGHT

**O**ur celebration of Christmas can never be complete without the festivities that are involved in the mysteries of the Christ-Child. Since the day we remembered and celebrated Jesus' birth, we, like the angels sang songs of adoration and praise, our hearts filled with joy and eyes sparkled with hope. This Sunday, Magi from the East come to adore and offer their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, worthy gifts offered to the King. What maybe so striking in this story of the Magi is that, they are guided by a star that brings them to the place where the Child is born. The star that lights in darkness serves as the sign post where they find who they are searching for.

As we continue to celebrate the glorious Nativity of the Lord, may we like the Magi be

guided not by the stars that light at night but by Jesus, the Light of life. Our world is overwhelmed with darkness brought about by sin. For our world to live in the light again, let Christ, the Emmanuel, shine through us and in us. Let us allow Him to be the Shining Star on how to live our lives. And, in this journey of faith and life, soon, we will get to share God's goodness forever, here and now.

Though our Christmas celebration ends, may it be the beginning of our role to manifest Him wherever we may be, at home, work, church and our neighborhood. Like the Magi whose focus was on the light, may our eyes be fixed on Christ to guide and strengthen our faith to persevere in our journey towards God's Kingdom.



## FROM the PASTOR'S DESK

**Reverend Pascual Abaya IV  
Pastor**



## LIFELONG CATECHESIS

**Reverend Ernesto A. Juarez Jr.  
Parochial Vicar  
Director Of Liturgy**

"Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." Matthew 2:11

**T**oday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany. It is celebrated either on January 6 or the Sunday between January 2 and January 8 or according to the decision of the episcopal conference. Epiphany is from the Greek word epiphainein which means reveal or manifestation. What we celebrate today is that the Lord made Himself manifest to the whole world. After revealing Himself to the shepherds of Bethlehem, He is revealed to the three wise men coming from the East to worship, adore and offer Him gold, frankincense and myrrh and this is an affirmation that

Epiphany symbolizes universal salvation. The Magi, Three Wise Men or Three Kings as we may popularly call them are the first fruits of the Gentiles and they lead all the peoples of the earth towards the star of Bethlehem.

The gifts of the Magi were symbolic of the importance to that of Jesus' birth, the gold representing his royal standing; frankincense his divine birth; and myrrh his mortality. As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany may we be reminded like the three wise men or three kings that no matter how rich or wise we are, we are not gods, let us not play God. Let us remain humble and everything will fall into place.

God is good. All the time!



**Pope Francis**  
@Pontifex

Let us welcome God's love in the Christ Child, and let us commit ourselves to making the world more humane and worthy for the children of today and tomorrow.

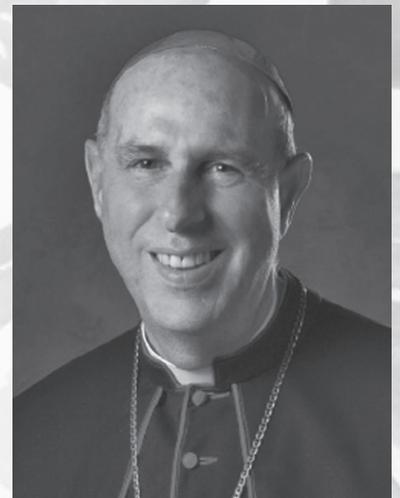
4:30 AM - 28 Dec 2018

Looking at Jesus we see the face of the God who is Love, and we learn to recognize Him in the faces of our brothers and sisters.

4:30 AM - 27 Dec 2018

**M**ake-believe and fantasy. Myth and mystery. To many, this is what Christmas is all about. They do not necessarily object to these things, because who does not like to escape from reality from time to time and indulge in pure fantasy to distract oneself from the cares and routines of life? Who is not delighted by stories as diverse as a red-nosed reindeer and a choir of angels, or a jolly Santa Claus and a babe in a manger? Who does not enjoy twinkling lights and joyful music? But when all is said and done, Christmas, for many, is a delightful diversion that must be packed away soon after December 25. To hold onto it much longer would be to give credence to the incredible and to escape from reality, which is always much more stark and mundane.

Yet we who believe know – know! – that what we celebrate today is no mere myth, no feeble fantasy. It is a reality so powerful that it is hard to believe, difficult to grasp, and definitely counter-cultural. It is our joyful celebration that the God who made us, and against whom we continually turn in our sin, our violence, and our pride, is so madly in love with us wayward sinners that he wanted to become one of us. He wanted to be able to speak our human language, live our human life, and even suffer the consequences of human sin, so that he could whisper, speak, or shout the eternal Word that is God: Love! He wanted his presence to be a healing presence that turns us from sinners to saints. He wanted to free us from the false freedom of being self-proclaimed gods ourselves to the true freedom of bowing down to worship the God who alone can teach us true love.



## BISHOP'S MESSAGE

**Bishop Larry Silva**  
Diocese of Honolulu

# Week of Joy

By Chantelle Luarca, School Principal

The students are currently enjoying a two and a half week Christmas vacation with their families after a very busy second quarter! During the first week of the vacation, students had the opportunity to enroll in our “Week of Joy” program which was led by Ms. JoAnn Pamplona and Miss Nellani Tabada. Sixteen students participated in Advent and Christmas themed activities and were able to spend a week off with the good company of their peers. The week ended with a journey to Ward Theater where the individual students were able to choose between two movies. They kicked their feet up in the reclining seats, munched on concession stand treats, and shared an appreciation for good times with friends and their two thoughtful teachers!



# THE COMMUNION of SAINTS



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## ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

### FEAST DAYS:

February 22 (Chair of Peter)

June 29 (Sts. Peter & Paul)

November 18 (Dedication of the  
Basilicas of Peter & Paul)

Peter was a Galilean from Bethsaida, was married, a fisherman, a brother to the apostle St. Andrew. His name was Simon, but our Lord, on first meeting told him that he should be called Kephas, whose English translation is Peter (rock). He was the first Pope, the "Rock" on which the Church was founded. As a spokesman for the disciples, Peter made a sublime profession of faith: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

At the last supper, Jesus predicted that Peter would deny Him before the rooster crowed the next morning. Following the arrest of Jesus, Peter denied knowing Him three times, and after the third denial, the rooster crowed, recalled the prediction of Jesus and wept bitterly.

Peter was crucified in Rome under Nero between AD 64 & 68. He was crucified upside down at his own request, since he saw himself unworthy to be crucified in the same way as Jesus. It is believed that St. Peter was buried where the Basilica of St. Peter was later built, beneath the high altar. "

## MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

Please notify the Parish Office a **week in advance** to have your intentions added to our schedule.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

7:00 a.m. For the eternal repose of the souls of Nicky Akina, Maximo, Luciana & Demetria Cabe

5:00 p.m. Blessings for the members of the Filipino Ministry. For the eternal repose of the souls of Daniel K. Sailer & William Collins

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

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

8:30 a.m. For the eternal repose of the souls of Antero, Amanda & Regina Ulep, Primo & Aurelia Antolin, Liberato C, Viduya, Nancy Saloricma & Dominica Ardon

11:00 a.m. For first wedding anniversary blessings of Christopher & Aimee Joyce Clemson. Good health & healing for the Silva family. Special intentions for Meliton & Marieta Ramirez & the Military. For the eternal repose of the souls of Daniel K. Sailer, Maximo, Luciana & Demetria Cabe, Maura B. Iliscupidez, Primitiva Valimento & Adelina Aquino

5:00 p.m. For the eternal repose of the soul of Nicky Akina

### MONDAY, JANUARY 7

For the eternal repose of the souls of Amado Casupang, Dorothy Saffery, Daniel K. Sailer & Nicky Akina

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

No Mass Intentions

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

No Mass Intentions

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

No Mass Intentions

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

No Mass Intentions



# 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, 2018 to June 30, 2019 \$ 804,000.00  
 Weekly Goal \$ 15,500.00

**COLLECTIONS for DECEMBER 29 & 30, 2018** \$ 16,361.49  
 Tithing from Collection Envelopes \$ 9,886.30  
 Loose Collections \$ 4,291.19  
 Online Giving for December 24-28, 2018 \$ 1,321.00  
 Christmas Donations \$ 410.00  
 Miscellaneous Holiday Donations \$ 453.00  
 Year to Date Budget \$ 418,500.00  
 Year to Date Receipts \$ 456,999.86  
 Difference \$ 38,499.86  
 Envelopes 240

## BUILDING FUND

Current Building Fund Balance \$ 740,345.70  
 Collections for December 29 & 30, 2018 \$ 1,164.25  
 Online Giving for December 24-28, 2018 \$ 327.00  
 Phase III Construction Goal \$ 3,000,000.00  
 Amount to Goal \$ (2,259,654.30)

## CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND

Current Church Maintenance Fund Balance \$ 209,107.07  
 Collections for December 29 & 30, 2018 \$ 48.00  
 Online Giving for December 24-28, 2018 \$ 242.00

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

OLGC School \$ 431.00



## GOOD SAMARITAN STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's second reading we hear Saint Paul teach the community at Ephesus that God's revelation had come, not just to their community, but to others as well; that a broader community of believers was being allowed to exercise stewardship over the Good News. Good stewards recognize that it is our life together as a Eucharist community that we find ever new vistas and insights into God's vast universe of love and mercy. If we take time to listen to one another, we discover stories of faith beyond our own. Pause this week to converse with others, listen to their prayers, and observe acts of kindness and generosity. See if you can gain an understanding of God and the world that you have not experienced or known before.

## TITHING GUIDE

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



ANNUAL INCOME	WEEKLY		MONTHLY		ANNUALLY	
	10%	5%	10%	5%	10%	5%
\$10,000	19.23	9.61	83.33	41.66	1000.00	500.00
\$15,000	26.84	14.42	125.00	62.50	1500.00	750.00
\$20,000	38.46	19.23	166.66	83.33	2000.00	1000.00
\$25,000	48.07	24.03	208.33	104.16	2500.00	1250.00
\$30,000	57.69	28.84	250.00	125.00	3000.00	1500.00
\$40,000	76.92	38.46	333.33	166.66	4000.00	2000.00
\$50,000	96.15	48.07	416.66	208.33	5000.00	2500.00
\$60,000	115.38	57.69	500.00	250.00	6000.00	3000.00
\$70,000	134.62	67.31	583.33	291.66	7000.00	3500.00
\$80,000	153.85	76.92	666.67	333.34	8000.00	4000.00
\$90,000	173.08	86.54	750.00	375.00	9000.00	4500.00
\$100,000	192.31	96.15	833.33	416.66	10000.00	5000.00
\$125,000	240.38	120.19	1041.67	520.33	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.

# THIS WEEK AT OLGC

## MONDAY, JANUARY 7

7 a.m. - 9 p.m.	School Science Fair	PC
9:30 a.m.	PC Nursing Home Prayer Service	Off Site
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Spirit & Grace Choir	Mtg Rm

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

7 a.m. - 2 p.m.	<b>Communion Service (Priests Retreat)</b>	
2 - 9 p.m.	School Science Fair	PC
5 - 9 p.m.	School Play Rehearsal & Setup	PC2
6 - 9 p.m.	AHG	School
6:45 - 9 p.m.	RCIA	Center
7 p.m.	CYM Team Meeting	Mtg Rm
7 - 9 p.m.	Baptism Class	Church
	Samoan Choir	PC1

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

8 a.m. - 6 p.m.	<b>Communion Service (Priests Retreat)</b>	
8:30 - 11:30 a.m.	School Play Set up	PC2
6 - 9 p.m.	Outreach	Center
7 p.m.	Charismatic Prayer Group	Church
7 - 9 p.m.	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	Center
	YAM	Mtg Rm

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.	<b>Communion Service (Priests Retreat)</b>	
4:30 - 6 p.m.	School Play Setup	PC2
6 - 9 p.m.	Blessed Mother Prayer Group	Church
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	CYM Retreat Team	PC1
	Spirit & Grace Choir	Mtg Rm

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

8 a.m. - 6 p.m.	<b>Communion Service (Priests Retreat)</b>	
4:15 - 9 p.m.	School Play Set Building	PC2
4:15 - 9 p.m.	YAFM Night	PC1
	60th Imua Event	PC2

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

8:30am - 12 p.m	Fellowship Ministry Meeting	Center
9 - 10:30 a.m.	RE HC Workshop	PC
9:30 a.m.- 12 p.m.	Samoan Choir	PC2
12:30 - 2 p.m.	Pajimula Wedding Rehearsal	Church
2 - 4 p.m.	Diaz Wedding Rehearsal	Church
2 - 4 p.m.	CPREP	Center

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

9 - 11:30 a.m.	<b>Fellowship after all AM Masses</b>	
12 - 4 p.m.	Religious Ed Classes	School
12:15 p.m.	CYM Retreat Planning	Mtg Rm
2 - 4:30 p.m.	Baptism	Church
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	CCYM MS	PC
	CYM HS	PC

# CHURCH & SCHOOL STAFF DIRECTORY

**Rev. Father Pascual Abaya IV**  
Pastor

**Rev. Father Ernesto A. Juarez, Jr.**  
Parochial Vicar

**Dcn. Thomas Miyashiro**  
**Dcn. Efrain Andrews**  
**Dcn. Raymond Lamb**  
Permanent Deacons

**Mrs. Lisa Saito**  
Secretary

**Mrs. Winnie Lee**  
Secretarial Assistant

**Ms. Pam Falasco**  
Director of Religious Education

**Mrs. Leilani Asuncion-Tagupa**  
Asst. Coord. of Religious Education

**Ms. Laurie Munoz**  
Youth & Family Ministry Coordinator

**Mr. Jonathan Rewein**  
Maintenance

**Ms. Mary Pat Waterhouse**  
Finance Committee Chairperson

**Mr. Keith Yoshida**  
Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson

**Mrs. Chantelle Luarca**  
School Principal

**Mrs. Teri Nicolas**  
School Secretary

## WELCOME INFORMATION

**ANOINTING 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.

**CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** 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.



### *Heartfelt Gratitude*

I would like to say THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart to all of you, our Reverend Fathers and Deacons, our Vibrant and Various Ministries coming together and individual parishioners for your Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure. Our celebrations for the wondrous festivities of our faith had been much-admired by our visitors and our own parishioners for the well-organized liturgies, decorations and fellowship. If all of us come together and share whatever we have and can do, we reap good fruits from our good labor. You have done a wonderful job. It goes to show how much you love Jesus and Mary and, of course, our Parish Ohana, Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Kudos!

Special thanks to Fr. Alfred who shared his priesthood, his ministry and his friendship. May God continue to bless, guide and inspire him in his new parish. I wish you all the best.

Last but not least, thank you for your personal greetings and generous gifts this Christmas. I am so overwhelmed by your love and care. May the Lord bless you and wishing you all a Grace-filled New Year 2019!

Fr. Pascual

### *Thank You!*

We, your Deacons, are very thankful for the many gifts we received during this Christmas Season. We are so blessed to be serving you as deacons. From our families to yours, we continue to wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a Holy New Year!

Deacon Efrain, Deacon Tom, and Deacon Ray

### *"Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!"*

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year! Thank you so much for the Christmas greetings, the abundance of food, the generous gifts, and the heartfelt prayers during these holy days of the Christmas Season. May the Lord bless you always!

Fr. Alfred Omar

### *"My Soul Proclaims the Greatness of the Lord"*

Mary's magnificat symbolizes her deep gratitude to God that in her humanness she was chosen to bear God's child through the Holy Spirit. May we imitate Mary that even in her fears she was so grateful for everything, she was so humble that even if she is the mother of God she remained silent.

As a new member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish Ohana, I would like to extend my sincerest and deepest gratitude to all of you for sharing your time, talent and treasure. "Each one must give as he/she has decided in his/her heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." And thank you for opening the door for me to be part of the mission of building the kingdom of God.

God is good. All the time!

Fr. Ernie