



# 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: 6:30am

Saturday: 7am

Saturday Vigil: 5pm

(Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Sunday: 6:30am, 8:30am, 11am & 5pm

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4pm - 5pm

(unless noted in bulletin)

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Open 24 Hours a Day - 7 Days a Week

Thursday Before First Friday

Holy Hour at 7pm

First Friday Mass

Sacred Heart Devotion

Mass at 6:30am

(unless noted in bulletin)

## PARISH OFFICE

Monday - Friday 8am to 4pm

Closed 12 noon to 1pm

for lunch and on holidays

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## OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL SCHOOL

Monday - Friday 7:30am - 3pm

Wednesday 7:30am - 1:30pm

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### DECEMBER 7 & 8, 2019



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Reverend Father  
Santhosh Thottankara SS.CC.

Today's readings remind us that Advent season is real. Our preparation should not be a routine that we just go through every year just for the sake of it or to fulfill an obligation. The Church through John the Baptist strongly reminds and invites us to look seriously into this season of waiting. It is a time of preparation for Christ's coming. We are not to be lost in the external decorations, meals and gifts but rather make the serious internal preparation of cleansing oneself and one's soul for the birth of Christ. Let us not pretend and be self-righteous by saying I am Catholic and I fast and pray regularly. We should rather enter in humility and let the Holy Spirit touch and guide us to proper repentance and conversion of our lifestyle and liberate us from addictions that estranged us from the love of God. "Repent the kingdom of God is near." It is only through sincere examination of our conscience and openness can we have true repentance and contrition. May we be able to welcome the spirit of repentance, make amends with one another, recognize how sinful we are and how far away we are from God. Seek His mercy through proper prayers and sincere repentance. Seeking His forgiveness through the sacrament of confession is the concrete manifestation of our repentance. May the Holy Spirit touch us. May our Lady of Good Counsel intercede for us.



# 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 a priest or a deacon. 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.

## READINGS

**This week's Readings:** Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

**Next week's Readings:** Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; Psalm 146, 6-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 2-11

## THIS WEEK AT OLGc

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 The Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30am	Mass	Church
8:30am	School Mass	Church
10am - 2pm	School Rehearsal	Church
6pm - 7pm	Shazzy	PC2
6:30pm - 8:30pm	Spirit & Grace Choir	Mtg Rm
7pm	Mass	Church

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

8am - 2pm	School Rehearsal	Church
6pm - 9pm	RCIA	Center
5:30pm - 6:45pm	Y & YA Choir	Mtg Rm
6:30pm - 8:15pm	AHG Awards Night	PC
7pm - 9pm	Samoan Choir	Church

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:30am - 9am	School Adoration	Church
9am - 2pm	School Rehearsal	Church
8:30am - 11:30am	Outreach	Center
1:30pm - 4pm	School Production	PC
6pm - 7pm	Shazzy	PC2
6pm - 9pm	Charismatic Prayer Group	Church
7pm	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	Rectory

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

8am - 2pm	School Advent Rehearsal	Church
5pm - 9pm	Reconciliation	Center
7pm	Reconciliation	Church

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:15am	School Mass	Church
10am	School Advent Play	Church
6pm - 7pm	Shazzy	PC2
6pm - 8pm	Baptism Class	Center

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

8am - 9pm	Misa de Gallo Set Up	PC
9:30am - 12pm	Samoan Choir	Church
4pm - 5:30pm	Y & YA Choir	Mtg Rm
5pm	School Mass/Baptism	Church

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:30am - 7:30pm	Misa de Gallo Set Up	PC2
8:30am - 10:30am	Children RCIA	Mtg Rm
9:45am - 10:45am	Religious Ed Classes	School
12:30pm - 2pm	Children's Choir Practice	Mtg Rm
12:30pm - 2pm	Cohesiveness Meeting	PC1
3pm - 4:30pm	CYM MS Class	PC
6:30pm - 8:30pm	CYM HS Class	PC

## CHURCH AND SCHOOL STAFF DIRECTORY

**Rev. Father Santhosh Thottankara SS.CC.**  
Pastor

**Rev. Father Joseph Pasala SS.CC.**  
Parochial Vicar

**Dcn. Thomas Miyashiro**  
**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

**Mrs. Nellie Enos**  
School Receptionist



RECOMMENDATION

## The story of Mary ... live, love, learn and leave a legacy

By Mark Clark  
*Special to the Herald*

As a young girl, Mary was baptized in her neighborhood Catholic church and went on to attend the parish school, sing in the choir, and marry her sweetheart at the altar in the presence of her beloved church family. Mary also raised her children faithfully in this parish community, and for over 60 years contributed every week to the church offertory and its special causes. As a widow, she continued to be a very grateful and giving person. Earlier this year, Mary died and left \$1 million in her will to a worthy nonprofit organization down the street.

Why then, one might ask? The explanation is simple. She was asked somewhere, sometime, somehow, by somebody to consider including them in her estate plan. In turn, she came to understand the need and responded in kind to the request.

This Mary's story is fictional, but at the same time, all too familiar.

Here's a word of advice to our pastoral leaders, this is not complicated. In fact, it's scriptural: "Ask and you shall receive." (Luke 9:11)

This story is also about doing something when we are asked. So, consider yourself asked — that is, to think about including your Catholic parish, school or service organization the next time you update your will or living trust. If your estate plan is still on the drawing board, here are some impor-

tant steps to help you plan wisely:

- Understand your assets, tax liabilities and opportunities
- Discuss your financial priorities and goals with loved ones
- Seek out valued professional and spiritual advisors
- Prepare your Catholic advance health-care directive
- And, don't put off what you can do now

Speaking of which, you may want to check out the IRA charitable rollover provision that allows donors age 70½ or older to donate up to \$100,000 per year as a qualified charitable deduction. This type of donation is a real win-win because it counts toward the required minimum distribution from your IRA. And since it is a direct transfer to the designated charity there is no taxable income to report.

When it comes to charitable giving, a simple bequest in one's will is often the largest donation a church, or nonprofit, will ever receive. Just remember Mary.

On behalf of all Catholic entities, mahalo nui loa for your generous stewardship of time, talent and treasure. For more information on these and other charitable giving opportunities, please contact the diocesan office of Stewardship and Development at 203-6723, or email [mclark@rcchawaii.org](mailto:mclark@rcchawaii.org).

*Clark is the director of the diocesan Office of Stewardship and Development.*

### 2019 CENTRAL VICARIATE RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 4th  
7:00pm  
Resurrection of the Lord -  
Waipahu

Tuesday, December 10th  
7:00pm  
St. Elizabeth - Aiea

Wednesday, December 11th  
7:00pm  
St. John Apostle & Evangelist -  
Mililani

Thursday, December 12th  
7:00pm  
Our Lady of Good Counsel -  
Pearl City

Tuesday, December 17th  
7:00pm  
Our Lady of Sorrows - Wahiawa

Wednesday, December 18th  
7:00pm  
St. Michael - Waialua

## 2019 Misa de Gallo Schedule

### 5:00am Mass

Monday, December 16th	Breakfast
Tuesday, December 17th	Breakfast
Wednesday, December 18th	Breakfast
Thursday, December 19th	Breakfast
Friday, December 20th	Breakfast
Saturday, December 21st	Breakfast
Sunday, December 22nd	<b>No Breakfast</b>
Monday, December 23rd	Breakfast
Tuesday, December 24th	Bishop Larry Silva, Father Santhosh, and Father Joseph (Pot Luck)





# **SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING!!!**

## **Protecting God's Children**

The Office of Safe Environment is responsible for implementing and overseeing the full Diocesan response to the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (The Charter). By providing online and in-person educational training programs, presentations and resource materials, we are able to assist church personnel in responding to the mandates of The Charter. In addition, this office organizes the annual audits required by The Charter and, with the offices of Human Resources, and Clergy, oversees background screening of adults who have ongoing, unsupervised contact with minors, and the internal investigation process relating to child abuse allegations involving church personnel.

If you are a part of any ministry, you are required to take the Safe Environment Training which includes a background check.

In addition to the Diocese requirements, Our Lady of Good Counsel has determined that ALL VOLUNTEERS will need to complete the Safe Environment Training. To ensure full compliance, and to accommodate work schedules, Our Lady of Good Counsel is offering Safe Environment Classes on the following dates at times. To register, please go to the Virtus website at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org).

1. Create an account
2. Sign up for one of the classes that will be provided at OLGC by Tyra Lamb.
3. If you are unable to attend a live class, you can opt to take the class online at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org)
4. When you have completed the training, provide a copy of your training certificate to the office.

**\*\*\*If you have any questions, or if more class dates and times or needed, please contact your Ministry Coordinator or the Safe Environment Liaison, Tyra Lamb at 779-2661.**



## *A Note of Thanks ...*

Sending my sincere thanks to all who made my birthday celebration on Tuesday, December 3rd, a joyful and memorable one.

Father Santhosh Thottankara, SS.CC.



L – R: Sr. Marie Jose Romano, Angela Anzai, Kimberly Aranaydo, Fr. Santhosh Thottankara, SS. CC., Roxann Rewein, Cathleen Lorenzo, K-nard Narruhn (Photo credit: Naomi Amuro)

On Sunday, November 24, 2019, five participants from the five-week Sacramental Prep Tuesdays were confirmed by our Pastor, Fr. Santhosh Thottankara, SS. CC., assisted by Deacon Ray Lamb. We congratulate Angela Anzai, Kimberly Aranaydo, Cathleen Lorenzo, K-nard Narruhn, and Roxann Rewein, who were called through their faith in Jesus Christ and wish them abundant blessings.

## **CHRISTIAN PREVENTION AND RELATIONSHIP ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CPREP) 2020 SCHEDULE**

Based on research at the University of Denver started in 1980, the CPREP Approach is a program designed by experts to help couples build lasting, loving relationships and prevent divorce. The clinically tested techniques are for any couple from the nearly engaged to the long-time partners who want to solve problems or prevent them from happening. It's for people who want to improve their marital communications.

The 6-classes/12 hour program will be held on the following SATURDAYS from 2 to 4 pm:

- Feb 29, Mar 7, 14, 21, 28, Apr 4
- June 6, 13, 20, 27, July 11, 18
- Sep 26, Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

All sessions are held at Our Lady Good Counsel Parish Center. Cost is \$20 for the manual and material. Participants need to attend 6 classes for completion of the program. We welcome anyone from other Catholic and Christian churches.

Sessions are presented by Deacon Tom Miyashiro, Deacon Ray & Tyra Lamb, Loretta Pekelo, and Mike & Doris Lee. Call Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish Office at 455-3012 to register. Space may be limited.



### **SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

Monday, December 9th

6:30am Mass

8:30am Mass

7:00pm Mass



### **JOIN THE YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS!**

Practices currently scheduled on  
Tuesday & Saturday evenings in December  
(subject to change)

To join or for questions please e-mail  
[olgcyouthchoir@gmail.com](mailto:olgcyouthchoir@gmail.com)  
or call parish office and leave  
a message for Sharie



## YAFM's "Aloha for our Military"

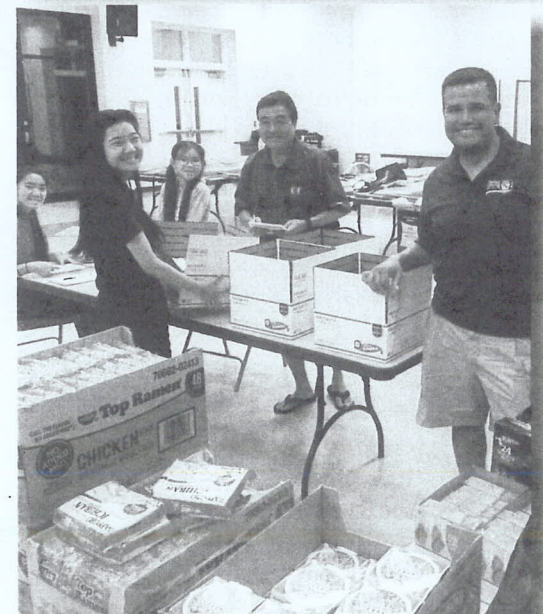
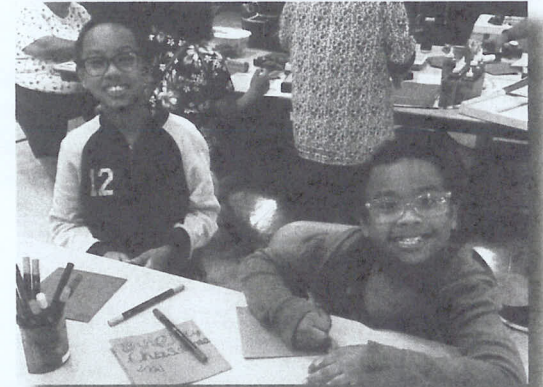


A HUGE MAHALO to all who supported YAFM's "Aloha for our Military" event held last Friday. The ohana of volunteers were able to assemble 33 care boxes filled with generous donations of some rosaries, prayer cards, snacks, games, essentials, and beautiful hand designed cards. We did not receive any names of military members from OLGC who are deployed, so we would like to ask if there are any OLGC parishioners who are actively serving but away from home. Please leave a message for Tyra Lamb or Laurie Muñoz at the parish office 455-3012, Ext 108.

Dear God,

Continue to be with all of our military personnel and their families who sacrifice for our protection. Shower them with your love and mercy. Thank you for such a supportive parish family who lend support with faithful prayers and giving generously of their time and treasures.

Keep us safe and humble. In Your most tender mercy and love. Mama Mary, continue to wrap us in your mantle of love and prayer.





## MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

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

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

7am Birthday blessings for Ambrocio C. Torres. Blessings for Holden Ross. For the eternal repose of the souls of Jean Kuratani, Tom Miller Bough & Robert Bonnell, Sr.

5pm Blessings & healing for Yangson Rosa Anzai. For the eternal repose of the souls of Josefina Naui Bautista, Alan D. V. Ching, Perpetua Cion Noveloso, Robert Dano, Jose & Felicia Alviedo & Margarita Bulan.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

6:30am Special intentions for Marieta & Meliton Ramirez & Ruskin Bond & the Military.

8:30am Blessings & healing for Yangson Rosa Anzai. For the eternal repose of the souls of Perpetua Cion Noveloso, Margarita Bulan & Bien Balbin.

11am For good health for Ronald Malales. Birthday blessings for Golden Browne. Thanksgiving for Felipe & Francisca Alvarez. For the eternal repose of the souls of George Kalahiki, Alan D. V. Ching, Marylou Rosacila & Felix Gonzales.

5pm For the eternal repose of the soul of Virgilio Gaspar.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

6:30am Blessings & healing for Yangson Rosa Anzai & Flory Ragasa. For the eternal repose of the souls of Alan D. V. Ching, Peter Bong Ragasa & Margarita Bulan.

8:30am For the eternal repose of the soul Perpetua Cion Noveloso.

7pm For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Blessings & healing for Yangson Rosa Anzai. For the eternal repose of the souls of Florencio Loreto & Margarita Bulan.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Blessings & healing for Yangson Rosa Anzai & Samuel Cantiberos, Jr.. For the eternal repose of the soul Margarita Bulan.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

Blessings & healing for Yangson Rosa Anzai. For the eternal repose of the souls of Margarita Bulan, Alice Stella Duro & Richard P. Lee, Jr.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

Blessings & healing for Yangson Rosa Anzai. For the eternal repose of the soul of Margarita Bulan.



## STEWARDSHIP

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

In today's Gospel reading John the Baptist warns his listeners: "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!" The Church's yearly Advent is a call to repentance. The season of Advent urges us to be open to a conversion of heart. Christian stewards heed this call daily, and take the need for conversion in their lives seriously. As a family of faith, do we hear this call to conversion amidst the massive holiday spending? The increase in credit card debt? The urge to buy things that are not necessary? The incivility on the roadways during the holidays? Are there patterns in our own lives that need to be converted?

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE 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, 2019 to June 30, 2020	\$ 924,000.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 17,800.00

<b>COLLECTIONS for November 30 &amp; Dec. 1, 2019</b>	<b>\$ 19,592.90</b>
Tithing from Collection Envelopes	\$ 9,307.00
Loose Collections	\$ 4,341.37
Online Giving for November 25-29, 2019	\$ 1,131.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 4,758.53
Immaculate Conception	\$ 55.00
Year to Date Budget	\$ 391,600.00
Year to Date Receipts	\$ 339,758.17
Difference	\$ (51,841.83)
Tithing Envelopes	220

### BUILDING FUND

Current Building Fund Balance	\$ 813,509.63
Collections for Nov 30 & Dec 1, 2019	\$ 853.00
Online Giving November 25-29, 2019	\$ 122.00
Phase III Construction Goal	\$3,000,000.00
Amount to Goal	\$(2,186,490.37)

### CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND

Current Church Maintenance Fund Balance	\$ 244,613.07
Collections for Nov 30 & Dec 1, 2019	\$ 135.00
Online Giving for November 25-29, 2019	\$ 217.00

### SECOND COLLECTION

OLGC School	\$ 496.00
Archdiocese for Military Services	\$ 50.00

### Remember OLGC 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.

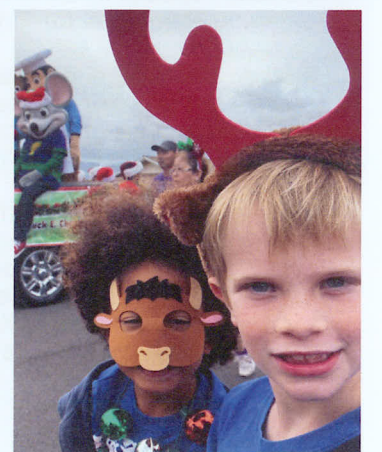


**ONLINE  
GIVING**





## OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL SCHOOL



### Spotted! Jesus in the Pearl City Christmas Parade

On December 1st, OLGC School joined the Pearl City Christmas Parade for a fourth year, and again, shared the Reason for the Season with the community! It's always such a joy to see people watching, burst with cheer as they say, "Look! It's Jesus!" We thank Mrs. Tsuda, Miss Rayette, and volunteer, Mr. Colin, for organizing our group and preparing the beautiful centerpiece of our marching unit- Jesus, in the manger!! This year, our group's theme was The Nativity. Younger students dressed as stable animals. The older students dressed as the people of the Nativity story and some were candy passers to share with parade viewers. OLGC School earns FIRST PLACE in Christmas Spirit! We accepted a trophy and a \$100 Pearl City Shopping Center gift certificate!! We thank all students, parents, and teachers who joined in this spirited event!

