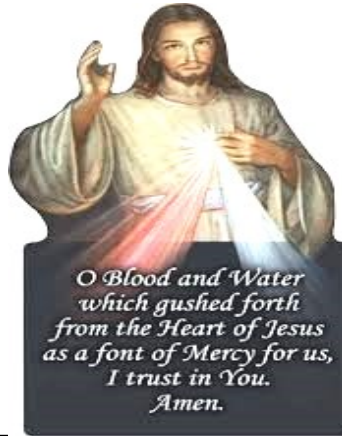


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Pastor:
Rev. Edgar B. Brillantes

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Rectory Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am-4 pm
 Friday: 8:30 am-11:30 am
 Lunch: 11:30 am-12:30 pm
 Closed: Sat., Sundays, all Holy Days,
 State and Federal holidays

145th Anniversary: 1870-2015 *"Celebrating As God's Family"*

Church history: April 14, 2015, our Pastor, Fr. Edgar Brillantes, celebrates his 35th Ordination Anniversary into the Priesthood. On April 12, 2015, Fr. Edgar is joined by his classmates, Fr. Gus Acob and Fr. Tito Bonoan at a Thanksgiving Mass at Our Lady of the Mount Church.

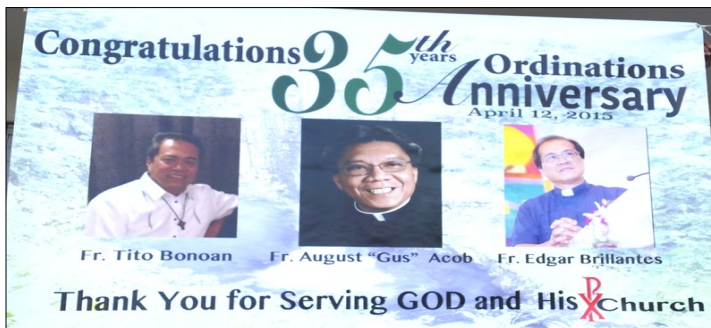


ALOHA!

Welcome to Our Lady of the Mount Church
 – Fr. Gus Acob, Fr. Tito Bonoan,
 Clergy and Religious,
 Friends and Visitors.

FR. EDGAR'S 35TH ANNIVERSARY

It is often heard that it's hard to become a priest but it's even harder to remain a priest. It is for this reason that every time my Priestly Ordination comes I take a break to praise and thank God for the gift of the priesthood. I have been doing this for the past 35 years, either quietly or festively. This year is a special one, our church being in observance of the *Year of Consecrated Life*. Coming to co-celebrate are my co-graduates in the Seminary, *Fr. Gus Acob* and *Fr. Tito Bonoan*. *Fr. Gus* is currently a Hospital Chaplain in the Diocese of Oakland, California while *Fr. Tito* is the Superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of La-oag, Philippines. I am equally excited with the presence of brother priests, religious, former parishioners in previous parish assignments, townmates and relatives. My wholehearted gratitude goes to my sparring partner, *Fr. Adrian*, our Pastor Emeritus, *Sr. Clemence Mira, spc*, our parish leaders and ministers, and all dear parishioners and friends who continue to inspire and support me to keep going on and make our life and ministry easier and enjoyable. As we mark this milestone of the 35th anniversary of our sacerdotal ordination on April 12, Sunday, and impart to you our priestly blessing, we humbly ask you to bless us and pray for us that we may continue to serve and love you with the heart of the Divine Mercy.



Fr. Gus, Fr. Edgar and Fr. Tito.



MISSION STATEMENT

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

"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting." Psalm 118:1

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Luke's description of the early Jesus communities pictures the believers being of one heart and mind, with no needy person among them. How realistic this was we do not know. However, it is the ideal that all believers strive for in making real God's reign which Jesus proclaimed. The Apostles, bearing witness to the risen Christ, were highly esteemed, and were entrusted with the distribution of goods to those in need. They modeled for the community Jesus' demand that all leaders be faithful in their responsibilities and ever vigilant about proclaiming Christ and not themselves.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Those who claims to love God show this most clearly by loving the children of God. Believing in Jesus and following through on God's loving command, which Jesus modeled through this words and actions, makes us begotten of God and responsible for one another. Such faith, articulated in our actions, conquers the world, understood as the place that finds it difficult to believe and accept Jesus. The risen Christ has already conquered the world, and through the Spirit's power, we too are called to model our lives on his. Easter Time invites us to deepen our baptismal call.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

The risen Christ greets his fearful disciples with peace, commissions them to carry on his mission, and breathes his forgiving and reconciling Spirit upon them. They are overwhelmed with joy. Thomas who was not present refuses to believe until he is able to see and touch Jesus for himself. A week later, Jesus appears and invites Thomas to see and touch. Thomas, overwhelmed by the risen Christ, makes one of the most profound belief statements ever by addressing Jesus as "my Lord and my God." Jesus proceeds to praise all those like ourselves who have not seen and yet have believed. Easter Time allows us the time to deepen our faith and imitate relationship with the risen Christ.



Pastor's Message

By Rev. Edgar B. Brillantes

Next Sunday's Readings Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading:
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-9

Second Reading:
1 John 2:1-5

Gospel:
Luke 24:35-48

FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY

The Second Sunday of the Easter season invites us to reflect on God's infinite love and mercy for His people, as detailed in the Bible, lived and taught by Jesus, and concretely shown in our corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

God revealed His mercy first and foremost by sending His only-begotten Son to become our Savior and Lord by his suffering, death and Resurrection. Divine Mercy is given to us also in each celebration of the Sacraments. God our Father is addressed as "*God of everlasting Mercy*." In the responsorial psalm we repeat several times, "*Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever*" (Ps 118).

The Acts of the Apostles tells us how the early Church grew every day because of the acts of mercy and sharing sacrificial *agápe* love practiced by the early Christians.

St. Peter glorifies God the Father of Jesus Christ for showing us His mercy by granting to His Son, Jesus, resurrection from the dead and glorious Ascension into Heaven.

The Gospel vividly reminds us of how Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a sacrament of Divine Mercy, by empowering his Apostles to forgive sins with the words, "*Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained*" (Jn 20: 19-23).

For centuries in the liturgy, the Church has proclaimed the mercy of God through the Word of God and the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ. Presenting "doubting Thomas" famous profession of faith, "*My Lord and my God*," the Gospel illustrates how Jesus showed his mercy to the doubting Apostle and emphasizes the importance of Faith.

On this feast day, we are encouraged to pray the *Chaplet of Divine Mercy*, the *3 o'clock Prayer* or make a Eucharistic Adoration.

**CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY**

- *Feed the hungry
- *Give drink to the thirsty
- *Clothe the naked
- *Shelter the homeless
- *Visit the sick
- *Visit the imprisoned
- *Bury the dead.

SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

- *Counsel the doubtful
- *Instruct the ignorant
- *Admonish the sinner
- *Comfort the sorrowful
- *Forgive injuries
- *Bear wrongs patiently
- *Pray for the living and the dead.



Parish News & Announcements

PARKING AT KALIHI-UKA SCHOOL April 12, 2015

The Kalihi-Uka School parking lot will remain open during these hours: **6:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

ALL OLM parishioners attending Fr. Edgar's Thanksgiving Mass at 11:00 AM and celebration today are encouraged to walk, if you are able to do so, carpool or park at Kalihi-Uka School. Your cooperation will allow for our visiting guests to park at Our Lady of the Mount. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

ST. FAUSTINA AND THE IMAGE OF THE DIVINE MERCY

St. Faustina Kowalska of Poland is the well-known apostle of Divine Mercy. On the 30th of April, 2000, the Second Sunday of Easter, *His Holiness Pope John Paul II* celebrated the Eucharist and the canonization of *Blessed Sister Faustina* in St. Peter's Square. The new Saint invites us by the witness of her life to keep our faith and hope fixed on God the Father, rich in mercy, who saved us by the precious Blood of His Son. During her short life, the Lord Jesus assigned to St. Faustina three basic tasks:

- 1) to pray for souls, entrusting them to God's incomprehensible Mercy;
- 2) to tell the world about God's generous Mercy;
- 3) to start a new movement in the Church focusing on God's Mercy.

At the canonization of St. Faustina, Pope John Paul II said: *"The cross, even after the Resurrection of the Son of God, speaks, and never ceases to speak, of God the Father, Who is absolutely faithful to His eternal love for man. Believing in this love means believing in mercy."*

"The Lord of Divine Mercy," a drawing of Jesus based on the vision given to St. Faustina, shows Jesus raising his right hand in a gesture of blessing, with his left hand on his heart from which gush forth two rays, one red and one white. The picture contains the message, *"Jesus, I trust in You!" (Jezu ufam Tobie)*. The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: **red** for the blood of Jesus, which is the life of souls and **white** for the baptismal water which justifies souls. The whole image is symbolic of the mercy, forgiveness and love of God.



MAHALO TO SECOND COLLECTIONS

The **Rice Bowl Collection** on Holy Thursday goes to:

*75% supports Catholic Relief Services' programs around the world.

*25% supports local hunger and poverty alleviation efforts in our diocese.

The **Collection for the Holy Land** on Good Friday serves to maintain the sacred Christian shrines and pilgrimage sites in the Holy Land and supports the pastoral programs for evangelization, catechesis and social outreach.

☺ L.O.L. (Laugh Out Loud) ☺

Passenger: "Say, this is the worst steak I've ever had. Don't you flight attendants even know how to serve a steak? Bring me another steak right now."

Flight attendant: "Will that to be take out?"



Mass Attendance

4/2 Holy Thursday - 193

4/3 Good Friday - 205

(4/3 Friday: Stations of the Cross- 46)

4/4 Saturday: Easter Vigil, 7:00 pm - 144

4/5 Easter Sunday: 6:30 am - 164; 8:30 am - 218

Sacrificial Offerings - *Thank you!*

Saturday (7:00 pm)	\$ 544.50
Sunday (6:30 am)	\$ 1,009.50
Sunday (8:30 am)	\$ 1,046.85
Initial Offering	\$ 10.00
Repair and Maintenance	\$ 231.00
Donation	\$ 100.00
Easter	\$ 1,843.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 990.00
Good Friday	\$ 1,378.00
Holy Thursday Rice Bowl	\$ 478.39
Other: Second Collection	\$ 167.00
Mass Intention	\$ 50.00
Candles	\$ 250.00
Insurance-Use of Hall	\$ 95.00
TOTAL	\$ 8,193.24

"When good people do well, everyone is happy."
Proverbs 29:2

NEW BAPTISM SCHEDULE

April to June 2015



Please be informed of the new schedule for Baptism. Obtain the application forms one or two weeks before the interview. The forms are available at the parish office from Monday to Friday during office hours. Please fill the forms and follow the below schedule.

	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Interview - Saturday, 9:00 am; bring all required documentation.	11	9	18
Pre-Baptismal Catechesis - Tuesday, 5:00 pm. Mandatory for parents & godparents	21	19	12
Baptismal - Every 4th Sunday, 10:00 am. Attend the 8:30 am Sunday Mass	26	24	28

Thank you,
Sister Clemence

Parish Calendar

Feast Day

- April 13 St. Martin, Italy, pope & martyr
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- Apr. 19 FCC General Membership Meeting after the 8:30am Mass, Hall
- May 1 Family Fun Nite, 6-9pm, Parish Hall.
- May 3 First Communion, 8:30 am Mass
- May 10 Mother's Day, no RE classes
- May 17 Confirmation, Bishop Larry Silva, 8:30 am Mass, Brunch Potluck, Hall
- May 24 Last RE class, mandatory 8:30 am Mass, Hall after mass, distribution of certificates, Potluck Brunch.

KOKUA MINISTRY'S FOOD PANTRY



Ministered by the Knights of Columbus, the Food Pantry is open on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 8:30 am - 11:30am. Call 845-0828 if you need more information.

April food awareness is: CANNED FRUITS

OLM FCC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

There will be a general meeting on Sunday, April 19 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Each family is encouraged to bring 2 can goods for the annual Food Drive. Thank you!

Director of Religious Education

Sister Clemence Marie Mira, SPC

Committees / Ministries

Finance Council - *Aida Isidro*
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 Prison Ministry - *Wilfred Soong & Angela Goodbody*
 Office Staff - *Christina & Moses Andres, Tessie Fontanilla, Bella Miranda, Jeanne Oshiro, Linda Puzon, Roselani Ramones, Gloria Rodrigues, James Rodrigues*

Masses

Monday - Friday: 6:30am
 Saturday (Vigil): 6pm
 Sunday: 6:30am & 8:30am

Liturgical Hymn Practice

Thursdays, 6pm
 Convent Chapel

Rosary

Before the weekday and Sunday 6:30 am Masses.

Exposition Benediction

After the First Friday mass.

Reconciliation

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

First Holy Communion: Candidates must be baptized and received at least two years of catechism.

Anointing the Sick: For emergency, please call 597-8779. *Fr. Francis Sanchez* and *Fr. Jon Cabico* are assigned to patients at *Queen's, Straub, Kapiolani and Kaiser hospitals.*

Contact the Rectory Office for the following:

- **New Baptism Schedule.** See bulletin board.
- **Marriage:** Couples are required to make arrangements *four months before* the wedding date. Diocesan policy requires couples to attend an Engagement Encounter Weekend.
- **Wake and Funeral Services:** Before making arrangements with the mortuary.

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