



OUR LADY OF SORROWS

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily

Monday - Saturday
7:00 AM

Weekend

Saturday (anticipatory)
5:00 PM

Sunday

7:00 AM & 9:00 AM

Ilocano Mass

Last Sunday at 5:00 PM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 4:00 - 4:45 PM
or anytime by appointment

Mission Established
1928

Parish Established
1939

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Weekend of December 5-6, 2015



MESSAGE FROM FR. RICHARD

Some years ago there was an earthquake in Japan. In the midst of the great devastation help started arriving from Christian aid organizations. Those suffering from the quake were surprised that strangers would reach out across the sea to help. For followers of Christ such outreach should be normal. How could we live the Gospel without caring for those who have no claim on our love? It's what we call "mercy" and some would say it is a distinctively Christian virtue.

Pope Francis has called us to celebrate a Year of Mercy beginning on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, and concluding on the Feast of Christ the King, November 20, 2016.

Our Holy Father has chosen as the theme for this year, "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (Luke 6:36)

In a world so scared by violence, what is more needed than mercy, compassion, forgiveness, reaching out to the suffering in body mind and spirit? We do this not because we are nice folks but because we follow Jesus. Pope Benedict said, "mercy is the central nucleus of the Gospel message: it is the very name of God... revealed fully in Jesus Christ, the incarnation of love." How easy it is to forget that the essence of our faith is merciful love and to become unforgiving, small minded, uncaring toward suffering. Pope Francis sees the Church's whole mission in terms of mercy, "all of us are called to give consolation to every man and woman of our time." Living God's mercy toward others, is a "source of joy", says the Holy Father.

To be merciful toward others, I must first be aware of how merciful God has been toward me. He continually reaches out to me to forgive me, to lift me up, to get me going again. He never gives up on me. When I want to meditate on God's merciful love, I often reread the fifteenth chapter of the Gospel of Luke, the stories of the lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost son. God never wants me to be lost. When I'm lost, He doesn't wait for me to drag myself home. He comes looking for me and when he finds me, he embraces me and throws a party. "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." Jesus calls us to be merciful people and a merciful church.

I hope that we can find ways to celebrate this year of mercy here at OLS. More important than a celebration is finding ways to grow in mercy, compassion, forgiveness and service of those who are suffering in any way.

Fr. Richard, ss.cc.

Social Ministry Fair
December 11-12, 2015

Following the Masses

Please visit the ministry on the parish lanai

*Food Pantry, Kupuna Kokua Ministry, Respect Life,
Bereavement Support Ministry, Faithful Citizenship, Health Ministry*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

- Dec 5 (Sat)** 2nd Sunday of Advent
Campaign Fundraising following the Mass
- Dec 6 (Sun)** 2nd Sunday of Advent
Campaign Fundraising following the Masses
10:30am RE classes
- Dec 7 (Mon)** **St Ambrose**
6:30pm Middle School Youth Ministry (Rm 4)
7:00pm YAM Faith Sharing (CH)
- Dec 8 (Tue)** **The Immaculate Conception of the BVM**
Holy Day of Obligation
Office Closed
7:00am Mass
7:00pm Mass
8:00pm Development Committee Mtg (Conf Rm)
- Dec 9 (Wed)** **St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin**
6:30pm Youth Ministry Class (Rm 8)
5:00pm Kupuna Kokua Ministry Mtg (PH)
- Dec 10 (Thu)** **Advent Weekday**
9:00am Craft Guild (PH)
6:30pm +Santos Alcantara Wake Svc (MMP)
7:00pm OLS Prayer Group (Lib)
7:00pm Knights of Columbus Mtg (PH)
- Dec 11 (Fri)** **St Damasus I**
11:00am +Santos Alcantara Funeral Mass (OLS)
- Dec 12 (Sat)** **Our Lady of Guadalupe**
Social Ministry Fair following the Mass
- Dec 13 (Sun)** **3rd Sunday of Advent**
Retirement Fund for Religious Collection
Social Ministry Fair following the Masses
10:30am RE classes
1:00pm Altar Society Mtg (PH)
2:30pm Combined Choir (CH)

*OLS = Our Lady of Sorrows / CH = Church / PH = Parish Hall / Lib = Library / Sch = School
MMP = Mililani Mortuary Park / WGH = Wahiawa General Hospital

OBITUARY: MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



+Santos Alcantara

Dec 10 6:30pm Wake Svc – MMP
Dec 11 11:00am Funeral Mass – OLS

+Ernesto Menor

Dec 18 11:00am Funeral Mass – OLS

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Central Oahu Vicariate

All Services begin at 7:00 PM

- Dec. 7 St. Elizabeth, Aiea
Dec. 9 Resurrection of the Lord, Waipio Gentry
Dec. 14 St. John Apostle & Evangelist, Mililani
Dec. 15 **Our Lady of Sorrows**
Dec. 15 St. Michael, Waialua



If you have not yet received your *Forward in Faith* Campaign Pledge gift please see the box next to the pledge payment box.



TODAY'S READINGS

[Liturgical Color: Violet]

Baruch 5:1-9

God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory.

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

The one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.

Luke 3:1-6

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS [Liturgical Color: Rose]

Zephaniah 3:14-18a · Philippians 4:4-7 · Luke 3:10-18

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend of November 28-29, 2015

OFFERINGS

Sunday Offering	3,377.00
All Souls	30.00
Christmas	33.00
Thanksgiving	1,409.00

MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS

Blessings	20.00
Flower Fund	178.00
E.P.I.C. Ministry	421.00
Property Insurance	15.00
Mass Intentions	60.00

OTHERS

Candles	261.68
Christmas Parade Candy	10.00
Advent Wreath	20.00

Mahalo for your generosity!

Offertory Envelopes: Please call the bookkeeper at 621-5109 ext. 9722 if you are in need of a new box.

SOCIAL MINISTRY UPDATE

422 lbs. collected

60 bags distributed to 69 adults & 28 children

The OLS Food Pantry is still in need of non-perishable food items to help our community: canned meats, canned fruit, canned vegetables, cereal, and powdered milk or you may also make a monetary donation to our pantry. You may bring these or any other non-perishable food items to any of our Masses or to the parish office.



Food Pantry Donations Needed

Mahalo for your generosity!

MAHALO...

To everyone who donated candy canes for the Wahiawa Santa Parade.



CHRISTMAS IN THE AIR

Giving Tree gifts are due next Sunday, Dec. 13. Mahalo for your generosity.

Jesus' attitude is striking: we do not hear the words of scorn, we do not hear words of condemnation, but only words of love, of mercy, which are an invitation to conversion. "Neither do I condemn you; go, and do not sin again." Ah! Brothers and Sisters, God's face is the face of a merciful father who is always patient. Have you thought about God's patience, the patience He has with each one of us? That is His mercy. He always has patience, patience with us, He understands us, He waits for us, He does not tire of forgiving us if we are able to return to Him with a contrite heart. "Great is God's mercy," says the Psalm.



Pope Francis, March 17, 2013

Prayer of Pope Francis for the Jubilee Year of Mercy

*Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.*

Show us your face and we will be saved.

*Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money;
the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things;*

*made Peter weep after his betrayal,
and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.*

*Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us,
the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:*

"If you knew the gift of God!"

*You are the visible face of the invisible Father,
of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy:
let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.*

*You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness
in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error:
let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.*

*Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,
and restore sight to the blind.*

*We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy;
you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.*

Amen.

ATTENTION ALL KIDS FROM 2ND GRADE TO HIGH SCHOOL!



The OLS Children's Praise Choir is preparing for this year's Christmas Vigil Mass. All interested kids and teens are invited to come to our practice next Sunday, December 6, at 11:45 AM in the church. Lunch provided. For more info, visit

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Sorrows Church is a Catholic, faith-filled community united and founded on the teachings and love of Jesus Christ to serve the needs of all parishioners and, through its ministries, to foster and nurture their growth in faith.

Our Lady of Sorrows Church believes in stewardship as a way of Christian living. As stewards, it is our responsibility to give back to God the best that He has given us, by giving of our time, talent and treasure.

As a unified and welcoming parish of the Universal Church, we reach out to all of God's people through education, through social action, through worship and through proclaiming and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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