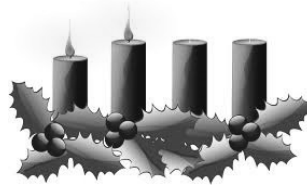




OUR LADY OF SORROWS

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Weekend of December 6-7, 2014



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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 - 4:30 PM

or anytime by appointment

Mission Established

1928

Parish Established

1939

MESSAGE FROM FR. RICHARD

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday's Gospel is the very beginning of the Gospel of Mark. John the Baptist appears in the desert calling people to repentance with the words of Isaiah, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Even though we wear purple vestments and we don't sing the Gloria at Mass, Advent is not a penitential season like Lent. We do keep singing Alleluia. Advent is a time of waiting and of opening ourselves to the Lord who is coming each day and who will come at the end of our lives to judge us and hopefully take us to himself. So even though we don't emphasize repentance as in Lent, if we want to greet Jesus with pure hearts, there are crooked parts of our hearts to be made straight.

Isaiah says "Makes straight in the wasteland, a highway for our God." My life can be a wasteland because I choose to make it so by my sin. The sin seemed great when temptation was happening but once I gave in and crossed the line, it wasn't long before I realized how wasted sin had made me. But in the wasteland there can be a highway for God, not just for me to go to him but for God to come to me. That's the Good News, our God comes looking for us and he does that in Jesus Christ, the Savior. Advent is a time to realize our radical need for Jesus the one and only Savior. The more we know we need him, the more joyous the celebration of his birth at Christmas!

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This Saturday, December 6, is the thirtieth anniversary of Deacon Ben Awana's ordination to the diaconate. Deacon Ben was in the second group of men ordained to the diaconate in the Diocese of Honolulu. They were pioneers, answering the Lord's call, when the Church was just figuring out what it was going to be like having married men in ordained diaconal ministry. We are so grateful that God has blessed OLS with Deacon Ben's presence and ministry for so many years.

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When I stand at the back of Church waiting for the entrance procession to begin I am often struck by how beautiful the sanctuary looks. The area where Mass is offered should be simply beautiful, just enough flowers and other things so that we don't get lost in the décor but so that our minds and hearts are lifted up to the Lord. Here at OLS the flowers are always just right, everything is in such good order, everything so clean – a perfect setting for worshipping the Lord. That is the work of our Altar Society, who each Saturday faithfully prepare the sanctuary for the celebration of the Mass and sacraments. If I don't say it often enough, I say it now, "Thanks and God bless you."

Fr. Richard, ss.cc.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

- Dec 6 (Sat)** 2nd Sunday of Advent
Building Fund
- Dec 7 (Sun)** 2nd Sunday of Advent
Building Fund
10:30am RE Classes
- Dec 8 (Mon)** Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation
Office Closed
7:00am Mass
7:00pm Mass
- Dec 9 (Tues)** St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
7:00am Communion Service
- Dec 10 (Wed)** Advent Weekday
6:30pm Youth Ministry Class (Rm 8)
- Dec 11 (Thurs)** St Damasus I
7:00pm Finance Committee Mtg (Conf Rm)
7:00pm OLS Prayer Group (Lib)
7:00pm Knights of Columbus (PH)
- Dec 12 (Fri)** Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Dec 13 (Sat)** St Lucy
8:30am Divine Mercy Cenacle (PH)
- Dec 14 (Sun)** 3rd Sunday of Advent
10:30am RE Classes
1:00pm Altar Society Mtg (PH)

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

OLS ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

**December 16, 2014
7:00 PM in the Church**

The Savior is coming! Come experience a penance service that will help us on our journey of personal and communal faith, in the preparation of God's promises for a new life in which "the lion shall lay down with the lamb." Come and be renewed in God's saving grace.



ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES Central Oahu Vicariate All Services begin at 7:00 PM

- Dec. 3 Resurrection of the Lord, Waipio Gentry
Dec. 4 St. Elizabeth, Aiea
Dec. 10 St. John Apostle & Evangelist, Mililani
Dec. 12 Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pearl City
Dec. 16 **Our Lady of Sorrows**

Please help yourself to the Advent booklet on the usher's table. Although dated 2003, the booklets are a prayerful companion for the advent season.

The Knights of Columbus will be selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" window decals for \$5.00. Proceeds will be donated to the OLS Building Fund.



TODAY'S READINGS

[Liturgical Color: Violet]

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

With power,
the Lord comes ruling with a strong arm.

2 Peter 3:8-14

We await new heavens and a new earth
in which righteousness dwells.

Mark 1:1-8

I have baptized you with water;
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS [Liturgical Color: Rose]

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 · 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 · John 1:6-8, 19-28

STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEKEND OF November 29-30, 2014

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	4,259.00
VOTIVE CANDLES	294.23
BAPTISMS, FUNERALS, BLESSINGS, ETC	60.00
BUILDING FUND.....	70.00
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	312.00
FOOD PANTRY.....	7.82
THANKSGIVING	1,421.80
ALL SOULS.....	3.00
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TUITION	87.00
EXTRA CLERGY.....	400.00
TENANT'S RENT, ELECTRIC, WATER.....	2,872.80
MASS INTENTIONS.....	165.00

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

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

Save the Date

Deacon Ben's Retirement Party
January 10, 2015
Following the 5:00 PM Mass
More details to follow



We congratulate Deacon Ben on the 30th anniversary of his ordination to the diaconate.

Pope Francis' prayer intentions for December...



The Holy Father's universal prayer intention for December is: "That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will".

His intention for evangelization is: "That parents may be true evangelizers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith".



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

Shirley Caban, Religious Education Coordinator
(621-5109, ext. 9723)

There will be Religious Education classes for all grades this week.

Dec. 21 – There will be RE classes for all grade levels at 10:30 AM.

RCIA for Teens

RCIA for TEENS offers **high school age youth** the time and environment to be formed in the teachings and practices of Catholicism, and prepare them for full communion with the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

PARENTS: If you have a teen who is:

- Unbaptized;
- Baptized in another Christian church and now wants to be a Catholic;
- Baptized in the Catholic church but has had little or no Religious Education training, catechism classes, etc., and want to celebrate First Communion;

Then your teen may be interested in joining the RCIA for TEENS. Classes are held on Sunday afternoons from 12 noon – 1:00pm.

For additional information/registration, call Shirley Caban at 621-5109, ext: 9723.

ATTENTION!

All Kids from 2nd Grade to High School



The OLS Children's Praise Choir is starting up again and preparing to sing at this year's Christmas Vigil Mass. If you are interested in joining this awesome choir, come to our first practice this Sunday, December 7, at 12:00 noon in the church. For more info, visit our website at www.olswahiawa.org.

SOCIAL MINISTRY UPDATE

484#s collected. 45 bags distributed to 85 adults & 40 children. The OLS Food Pantry is in great need of donations to help our community this holiday season. Please bring your donations of non-perishable food items to the Church or Parish Office. For more information and a listed of desired items, please see the food pantry table at the back of the church.

Mahalo for your generosity!



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

CHRISTMAS IN THE AIR

GIVING TREE



Christmas gifts are due next Sunday, **December 14**.
Mahalo for your generosity.

MAHALO...

To everyone who donated candy canes for the Santa Parade.

To the Knights of Columbus for the defibrillator for our church.

PARISH STAFF

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Carmen Adams
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Joanie Riddle
Chairperson, Pastoral Council

Jack Kampfer
Chairperson, Finance Committee

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.