Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church

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Stewardship Report 2024-2025

Dear OLS Parish Family,

Greetings of the Holy Year! In the Catholic Church's Jubilee Year of Hope, stewardship is understood as gratefully using God's gifts to live out our faith and spread hope.

Hope is more than wishful thinking. It is a deep-seated trust and desire for the kingdom of heaven and eternal life, sustained by God's promises and the grace of the Holy Spirit. Hope is a gift from God that gives Christian stewards the ability to face difficulties with confidence in divine assistance. Hope is the virtue by which faithful servants will overcome trials by focusing on the goal of heaven.

The theme for the Jubilee Year is: “Pilgrims of Hope.” To embark on a pilgrimage means to go somewhere seeking the sacred. A pilgrimage is a journey, with a starting point and a destination in mind. It is in the act of journeying that spiritual renewal takes place. Through sacrifice, hardship, and uncomfortableness, the determined steward inspires himself or herself and others.

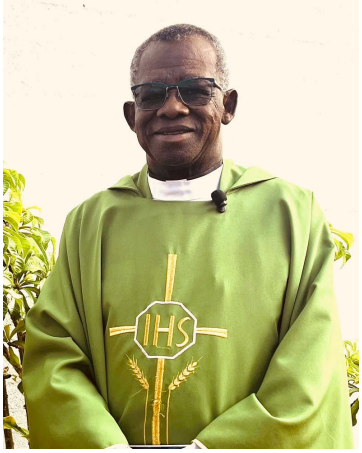
How do we become Pilgrims of Hope?

Prayer. Good stewards converse regularly with God. Consider a new prayer devotion, perhaps with the prayer of saints, a daily reflection or meditation, or a daily reading of Sacred Scripture. Add prayer to a time of day when you currently do not pray, a morning or evening offering, a lunchtime chaplet, or a rosary during a long commute.

Sacraments. A faithful steward seeks God’s forgiveness through confession and reconciliation. Forgive yourself and others. Stewards participate fully in Mass and receive Holy Communion. Allow the grace of the Eucharist to carry you through the week.

Imitate Jesus. A core aspect of stewarding hope is imitating Jesus and making God's love visible through our actions. Perform corporal works of mercy like giving food and drink to the hungry and thirsty, and visiting the sick or imprisoned. Our parish offers many opportunities for this through the food bank and homebound ministries.

Explore. Discover something new about yourself and others. Extend yourself in this Jubilee Holy Year to gain spiritual graces. This month, the Traveling Jubilee Cross entered our Central Oahu Vicariate and is making its way through the parishes. I invite all of you to become Pilgrims of Hope and follow the cross reflecting on the Hope of eternal happiness.



A good steward is prepared and ready for the coming of Christ.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Octavius Moo
Parish Administrator

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025
Rice Bowl	$4,654.81	$4,946.76
School Supplies	$990.00/75 lbs.	0
Food Pantry (boxes distributed)	6,352 [a]	6,652[b]
Senior Boxes (boxes distributed)	1,996	2,090
TANF, "Temporary Assistance to Needy Families" (families served)	1,399	12,331
Keiki Bags (bags distributed)	1,884	2,022
[a] Avg. no. of families served per month: 265 [b] Avg. no. of families served per month: 277		

We Come Together

Stewards joining together fosters a sense of community and shared mission.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025
Altar Servers	12	23
Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion	26	42
Lectors	20	24

Our Faith In Action

By engaging in acts of service and outreach, stewards invite others to encounter Christ.

AVERAGE MASS ATTENDANCE	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025
Adults	428	494
Children	40	58

SACRAMENTS	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025
Baptisms	16	11
First Holy Communion	24	17
Confirmations	25	18
Full Communion (OCIA)	0	0
Matrimony	2	0
Funerals	48	45

Our Faith Shared

The Eucharist and Holy Spirit inspire us to live and share our faith with love and compassion.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025
Children (PreK-5)	27	20
Middle School	-	-
Youth Ministry	38*	38
Adult Confirmation	10	0
*Combined MS & HS		

Fiscal Year
July 1, 2024—June 30, 2025

INCOME	
Offertory Collection	$310,619
Other Regular Income	$30,788
Revenue Subject to GET	$134,666
Unusual Income	$20,091
Total Income	**$496,164**

EXPENSES	
Employment Costs	$202,742
Professional Services	$29,432
Insurance	$55,479
Leadership Development	$4,250
Supplies & Services	$42,946
Repairs & Maintenance	$15,450
Utilities	$21,866
Contributions & Assessments	$95,833
Interest Expense	$19,551
Taxes	$6,667
Total Expenses	**$494,216**
NET ORDINARY INCOME	**$1,948**
Depreciation	**$74,835**

PARISH HALL	
Cost of Parish Hall	$2,119,462
Loan Balance owed to Diocese June 30, 2024	$579,224
Payments on loan including Forward In Faith Campaign	$106,426
Loan Balance owed to Diocese as of June 30, 2025	**$472,798**

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.

"**Stewardship** is not about what we do with our excess; it is about what we do with our essence"
– Pope Francis

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