MISSION: 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.

The Transfiguration of the Lord
August 5 & 6, 2017

“Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother John, and led them up a high mountain. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.” Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”

MT 17:1-9

Boy Invited Pope Francis on a Pilgrimage & Here’s How He Responded

Loreto, Italy, Jul 23, 2017 / 03:57 pm
(CNA/EWTN News)

Nine-year-old Andrea is an Italian boy who went on a “Pilgrimage of Joy” to the Marian Shrine of Loreto, Italy. He was so moved by the experience that he wrote a letter about it to Pope Francis, inviting the Pope to accompany him and the other children for another pilgrimage the following year.

And the Pope offered a surprising response, leaving the door open to the possibility in a letter of reply.

“Thanks for the invitation you have made to me to go on a pilgrimage with you, being with children is one of the greatest joys. A proverb says: ‘Never say never.’ Therefore let us entrust this dream into the hands of Providence.”

“We are more than 130 children, and many are sick, others in wheelchairs and others are going alone and are accompanied by some nuns,” Andrea said in his letter, adding that they are praying for the Pope every day.

Credit: Herald

Papal Intention for August

Artists

That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.
When I was in college seminary formation, Monsignor Ted, our Rector, would tell us these words, “Back to Reality”, every after vacation we spent. For a period of time, we left the seminary premises to be with our family and friends from the different provinces we came from. It was a moment of break from philosophical studies and formation. A much needed time to not just only concentrate on books but also to satisfy the longing to be with family. Now, these words ring a bell as I stepped into my office. For indeed, back to reality is back to the work and continue the mission entrusted to my care.

While I was gone, Fr. Alfred, our new Parochial Vicar took over to see that our mission will continue on. I am so grateful that he handled things so well and did his mission sincerely and enthusiastically. I express my heartfelt gratitude for all the things he did. Now that I am back to reality, I am looking forward to working with him more to continue the work of evangelization.

I also would like to thank Monsignor Ted who had been our Parochial Vicar in the parish for five years. As he retires from active duty, reaching 50 years of service in the priesthood, he made us all enriched with God’s word. His services are greatly appreciated and will certainly be missed especially his presence.

I was able to communicate with Fr. Rex and he extends his heartfelt gratitude to the OLG C Ohana. I would also like to thank him for his ministry in our vibrant church and school. He served us with cheerfulness and filled with spirit to do the tasks I entrusted him.

Gratitude is also extended to our seminarian who was assigned here for summer internship apostolate, Chance Billmeyer. He helped us in revising our parish bulletin to where it is now. Our dream to have a new face of the bulletin had been realized through his expertise as an artist. As he goes back to St. Patrick’s Seminary in Menlo Park, California, I ask everyone to pray for his perseverance. He still has a long way to go. I am very grateful to all of you who contributed to his appeal for Seminarians Education Fund collection. Know that the proceeds of this collection will help him and his brothers during their formation years.

To all of you, thank you for your prayers and support. We, your priests, are here to help your spiritual needs, and at the same time to build this church into becoming an evangelized parish in the spirit of Stewardship. I ask all of you to help me and Fr. Alfred in our mission through your stewardship of time, talent and treasure. We still have many things to enhance in our community especially on matters of parish programs and projects. We will be able to fulfill these tasks with your support and prayers. In the words of Paul to Philemon, I say, “I give thanks to my God always, remembering you in my prayers.”

May God continue to bless all of us and with our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Good Counsel, intercede for us to her Son, Jesus.
YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak.” — Jeremiah 1:7

Young Adults Ministry (YAM) caters to young men and women from ages 18-39. Members are known to gather together for fellowship, which often consists of activities like jam sessions and game nights to name a few. However, members state that there is more to the ministry than their fun gatherings. “Being in this community of young adults does not only provide a lot of fun and fellowship, we help each other learn and grow deeper and stronger in faith,” said Sharie Quibilan.

Kristen Valencia said, “I joined YAM to get more involved in my church and to meet young adults that I could talk to about my faith.” During their gatherings, the young adults have faith sharing where they participate in scripture reflection and group prayer. Young adults also talk openly about their personal testimonies in hopes to help one another grow closer to Christ.

Frequently, the ministry opens its doors to guest speakers from the OLGC community who are willing to share their knowledge through catechesis or life experiences.

Service is also central to the ministry. Nellani Tabada said, “I look forward to growing in faith, and challenging each other to live like Christ by serving God and others as a young adult community.” Bi-annually, the young adults serve a meal at Next Step Shelter in Kaka’ako. This past Thanksgiving, YAM started a parish-wide sock collection for men, women, and children of the shelter. Last year, the young adults started a new service project called Family First. By providing a meal and a prayer to a chosen family, this service emphasizes the importance of family bonding and growing in faith.

Young Adult Ministry meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, 7-9 p.m. in the Parish Center. Ages 18-39 are welcome to join our ministry. Please contact the Parish Office at 455-3012, to leave a message for the Young Adult Coordinator.
THANK YOU OLGCG PARISHIONERS

by Chantelle Luarca
Interim School Principal

Our Lady of Good Counsel School students begin the 2017-2018 school year on Monday, August 7th and thanks to our parishioners, they are returning to find an exciting library update and new school tools. The second collection of each month’s final weekend accumulates funds used to support the school’s mission to create a Christ centered environment that offers a firm foundation in basic education.

Funds collected February through June 2017 were used to purchase 60 Google Chromebooks, 15 teacher laptops, and new carpet for the library/media center. These purchases support the school’s technology plan, which comprises a forward-looking approach to 21st century challenges and includes improvements in using technology to enable and support project-based teaching and student centered learning. With 60 Chromebooks, all students of grades five through eight will have access to their Google Classroom. Students will be able to be safe, confident explorers of the online world, collaborate with peers and interact with their teachers.

The school’s information technology teacher, Kathleen Weber has been working to prepare the Chromebooks and laptops for the students and teachers and she will be working closely with the faculty and staff to provide a strong start with their students.

Our Lady of Good Counsel School is very grateful for parishioners’ generosity during second collections. It is through the community’s support and prayers that we are successful in our goal to provide quality education in the spirit of Christ.
DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

AUGUST 5
Mabel Paaaina 1975
Arthur Bates 1978
Leonard Alexander Perreira 2012
Raymundo Viola Cardano Sr. 2013
James Richard Courtney 2015

AUGUST 6
Liselatte Honjo 1971
Alfred Paul Fernandez Jr. 1978
Enrique Bragado Cardenas 1997
Maria Casupang 2002
Cecelia Reyes 2006
Orlando Dondonayos Garcia 2014

AUGUST 7
Carrie Rapoza 1975
Heather Hashimoto 1985
Elsie Mae Morgenstein 2001
Elena Ah Tong Johnson 2014

AUGUST 8
Robert Moon Fu 1988
Ronald Rapis Cantohos 1995
Valorie Belle Tomita 2003
Natividad Alcover Demecillo 2003
Genevieve Leilani Schreiner 2006
Sophie Hulhee Belmodis 2009
David Wilson Jr. 2009
Mary Maile Ishihara 2015

AUGUST 9
Moses Rodrigues 1969
William Michael Vasconcellos 2000

AUGUST 10
Vicenta Guta 1961
Leon Viernes 1973
Frank Pinaforte 1981
Charlotte Acedilla 1994
Luciana Haleamau 1994
Raymond Hayes Jr. 1995
Anthony Nathan Mericle 1996
Doris Chong 2004
Wai Chun Lau Rachel Lee 2011

AUGUST 11
Lorraine Kaneapua 1978
Mary Ann McKeague 1989
Albert Freitas Vierra 1995
Lillian Satoye Carman 2007
Christie Ronnie Brown 2007
Cresencia Barber 2009

MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

Please call the Parish Office to have your intention added to our schedule.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5
7 a.m. Birthday blessings Pepita Amingay & Bishop Larry Silva.
For the eternal repose of the souls of Marina Macabulos & Leonard Perreira

5 p.m. Blessings & healing for Layne Luke. For the eternal repose of the souls of Lucena Afan Mondala & Erlinda Reyno

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6
6:30 a.m. Birthday blessings for Georgie Iguchi & Cherilyn Shimizu. For the eternal repose of the souls of Allie Lopez, Madame Cheung Eng Bik Yue, Robert Thomas Paul Carreira, Pedro & Maria Casupang

8:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Good Counsel

11 a.m. For the eternal repose of the souls of Johnathan Namauleg & Patricia Ritchie

5 p.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Good Counsel

MONDAY, AUGUST 7
For the eternal repose of the soul of Caridad Soliven & Leonard Perreira

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8
For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Good Counsel

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9
Birthday blessings for Editha Cabico

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10
For the eternal repose of the soul David Wilson Jr.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11
For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Good Counsel
Today we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, and in today's Gospel reading we hear it proclaimed that on Mount Tabor, Peter, James and John caught a glimpse of Jesus' divinity strong enough to strike fear into their hearts. The event took place shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus was, indeed, the Messiah. In today's second reading from Peter, we hear his personal testimony. This comes from a man who spent more than three years with Jesus. Peter witnessed his humanity. He saw Jesus hungry, tired and finally rejected and crucified. But he also saw Jesus feed the 5,000, walk on water, heal the sick, and raise the dead. He saw Jesus in his glory, when he was transfigured. He saw Jesus risen from the dead and ascend into heaven with the promise that he is coming again in power and glory. How strong is the stewardship of our own faith? Do we accept Peter's apostolic witness to Jesus as Christ? Does this testimony help us acknowledge and trust Christ Jesus as our Lord and savior.

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You can gift wrap your tithe in a personalized envelope! Please contact our Parish Office for details. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Remember us 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.
PARISH ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

MONDAY, AUGUST 7
9:30 a.m.   Pearl City NH Mass    Offsite
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.   Spirit & Grace Choir    Church
7 p.m.   Baptism Class    Center
7 p.m.   Choir Concert Planning    Mtg Rm

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8
5 - 9 p.m.   American Heritage Girls    PC
6 - 9 p.m.   School Orientation    Church
7 - 9 p.m.   Samoan Choir    Center

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9
8:30 - 11:30 a.m.   Outreach    Center
6:30 - 9 p.m.   Charismatic Prayer Grp    Church
7 p.m.   PPC    Center
7 - 9 p.m.   YAFM    Mtg Rm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10
8:15 a.m.   School Mass    Church
4:30 - 6 p.m.   Blessed Mother PG    Church
5 - 6 p.m.   Y & YA Choir    Mtg Rm
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.   Neocatechumenal Way    Mtg Rm
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.   Spirit & Grace Choir    Church
7 - 9 p.m.   YA    Center

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11
No Scheduled Activities

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12
8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.   Fellowship Committee    Center
9 - 10:30 a.m.   Children’s Choir    Mtg Rm
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.   Religious Ed Orientation    PC
9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.   Samoan Choir    Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13
Fellowship & Mini Ministry Fair after all A.M. Masses
12:15 p.m.   Baptism    Church
12:30 p.m.   Altar Servers Mtg    PC 1
2 - 4:30 p.m.   CYM (MS)    PC
5:30 - 9 p.m.   CYM (HS)    PC
**SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD AUGUST 5 & 6, 2017**

**Reading One:**
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14  
Daniel sees One like a Son of man

**Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9**  
The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice; let the many islands be glad. A cloud and darkness surround him; justice and right are the foundation of his throne.

**Reading Two:**
2 Peter 1:16-19  
The beloved, in whom God is well pleased.

**Gospel Reading:**
Matthew 17:1-9  
Jesus is transfigured.

Today we hear an eyewitness account of the Transfiguration from Peter himself in our second reading. As we hear his words together with those of the prophet Daniel and the Gospel proclamation, we should pay attention to Peter’s admonition that we would do well to be attentive to this prophetic message. So let us attend to these words, and reflect on how Jesus has shown what awaits each of us who follow him with sincere hearts.

**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS:** 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a; Psalm 85: 9-14; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

**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 the priest. Parents should apply at least one month prior to the Baptismal Preparation Program.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:** 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.

**FAITH in ACTION**

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**

The first session for the next RCIA classes will be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. All adults interested in receiving initiation rites of Baptism, First Communion and/or Confirmation, as well as those baptized Christians who wish to be received into the Catholic Church, are encouraged to attend. Anyone interested in understanding why we Catholics do what we do are also welcomed.

In order for a person to receive any of the three (3) sacraments in 2017, he/she must be enrolled and participating in RCIA by the Rite of Welcoming in October. For more information, contact the Parish Office (808) 455-3012.

**BISHOP LARRY SILVA**

“The Pastoral Plan of the Diocese of Honolulu, Stewards of the Gospel, outlines four strategic priorities. All are interwoven with the vital threads of Stewardship, Evangelization and Social Ministry to help deepen our faith and to send us forth as joyful missionaries equipped to witness to Jesus by living and sharing our faith with all in Hawaii.”