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ROL's Bereavement Ministry

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD CHURCH

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SUNDAY MASS

Saturday (Vigil): 5:15pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 6pm

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday to Friday: 6:30am
Saturday: 8am
First Friday & Adoration: 6pm

**NEW MEMBERS
WELCOME!**



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A Word from Father William



With stories of clergy sexual abuse and cover-ups once again in the news, it is understandable that some may feel down on the Catholic Church and wonder what the future holds. I know I have had my moments too. But remember that the crisis in the Church doesn't have to mean a personal crisis of faith, at least, not if you keep your focus on Christ. The sins and moral failures of our Church's leaders cannot undo what God has done for us in Christ. In fact, our sins always reveal to us our own inadequacies and inability to save ourselves. We are Christian and Catholic not because we are holy, but because Jesus is holy.

Recently, someone shared with me these words of Bishop Robert Barron, Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles. I found them helpful at this time. I hope you will too!

"We're Catholics because of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen from the dead.

We're Catholics because of the Trinitarian love of God. We're Catholics because of the sacraments. We're Catholics especially because of the Eucharist. We're Catholics because of the Blessed Mother. We're Catholics because of the Saints. Even as leaders in the Church fail morally, the Catholic Church remains the mystical Body of Christ, the Bride of Christ."

Profiles in Faith Malcolm Zara

What are your different ministries at ROL and in the Diocese?

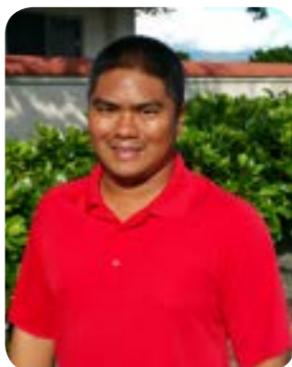
EPIC (ROL's young adult ministry), music ministry at 6 PM, and the parish pastoral council. In the diocese, I help support the work of the Office of Youth & Young Adults and the Office of Religious Education.

What is one thing you would like the parish to know about young adult ministry?

Young adult ministry is the biggest temperature check of a parish. If there is a strong young adult presence, the future is promising.

Tell us about your faith and the difference it makes in your life?

It's always a work in progress. It gives me a sense of purpose. I honestly don't know what I'd be doing if it weren't for my faith. I've grown a lot since I first started coming here because the parish has allowed me to grow and flourish here.



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When a family loses a loved one to death, it is often a disorienting experience. Life is turned upside-down, and the days after can seem lonely, long, and confusing. Even when a family had time to prepare, there are still so many things that have to be done and decisions that have to be made, it can all feel overwhelming.

That's when ROL's Bereavement Ministry is there to help! As soon as the church is notified of someone's death, our Bereavement Coordinator, Lynn Aninzo, reaches out to the family to offer sympathy, prayers, and support. Drawing from her own personal experience of loss, Lynn can easily relate to grieving families. Lynn, and her husband Abe, lost their son, Alan, in a diving accident in Guam only 6 years ago. They know what it's like to have your heart broken by death. But Lynn and Abe can also testify to the power of faith and the support of a parish family to bring healing and peace. The most important tool we have in ministry is ourselves and our own experience of grace, and that is what makes Lynn so effective in her ministry.



Yet Lynn will be the first to say she doesn't do it alone. Working closely with our parish staff and our Bereavement Ministry team, our parish is able to walk with families through their grief. As you know, here in Hawaii, the funeral services can be delayed over a month from the time of death because of the busy mortuary schedules. But in between, Lynn is there to meet with families, pray with them, offer a Mass for their loved one, and provide helpful resources about the grieving process and support groups in the community. She will also spend time with the family planning the funeral services – the Vigil Service, the Funeral Liturgy, and the Committal at the cemetery. Each one requires particular attention to detail.

Many people have never had to plan funeral services, and they often have questions about what is customary and appropriate, what will the mortuary help with, what will happen in the church, when should the eulogy be given, and many others. The guidance from an experienced bereavement minister helps to make the process a little easier and the funeral liturgies more meaningful for the family.

Usually, the Vigil Service takes place at the mortuary the night before the funeral and is presided over by one of our deacons. The Vigil is really the family's time to share remembrances and to support each other in prayer, stories, songs, hula, and fellowship. Lynn and members of the Bereavement Ministry will be there to support the family and to assist in the service.

On the day of the Funeral Liturgy, Lynn and the Bereavement Ministry team (eight members in all) will be there to open the church, place the flowers, greet the family, instruct the readers and family members placing the pall, prepare the altar for Mass, serve at the Mass with Father William, and clean up after the service. Their assistance allows the family to be with each other and to enter fully into the Church's prayer. The focus of the Funeral Liturgy is always Christ and the Paschal Mystery, our dying and rising with him.

The Committal Rite is the Church's prayer at the graveside, and it is usually presided over by Father William or sometimes one of our Pastoral Assistants, Zach Ramones or Jeff Caballes. This is the final farewell, and the Church invites us to see the grave as a sign of hope that promises resurrection.

But just as the grieving doesn't end at the grave, neither does our ministry. Lynn reaches out to the family with a card and handwritten note about a month after the funeral. She also contacts all families who lost a loved one in the past year to join us for our annual All Souls' Day Mass on November 2. Families are invited to bring a picture of their loved one for our memorial table and the bell is tolled as their loved one's name is called during the intercessions. It is always a very moving liturgy.

Last year, Lynn organized our participation in the Memorial Day Lantern Floating Ceremony at Magic Island. During this interfaith prayer, parishioners were able to write the names of their deceased loved ones and float their lamps on the ocean. There weren't many dry eyes on the beach as families symbolically "let go" of their deceased loved ones to the mystery of eternal life in God.

When asked about the most rewarding part of the ministry, Lynn said, "It's the personal contact with the family. After the funeral, we often see each other at Mass and in the community and talk story. Bereavement ministry is really a form of evangelization and an opportunity to witness to our faith in a way that really helps people."

Pope Francis often describes ministry as "accompaniment." Our Bereavement Ministry is an excellent example of what it means to walk with people and to share the love of Christ with them along the way.

Direct Service to the Poor Ministry

In October, Marlowe Sabater, our Direct Service to the Poor Coordinator, organized a collection of clothing for the Salvation Army's Adult Rehabilitation Center in Honolulu. The ARC can accommodate up to 73 men, and they stay a minimum of 6 months and can remain there until they are able to integrate back into society as contributing members. The center provides all their meals, rehabilitation services, job training, and assistance finding permanent housing. The donated clothes will be sold at their Thrift Shop, and all the proceeds go to support the rehabilitation center.

The Real Presence by: Zach Ramones

Real Presence is the term used to describe Jesus being truly present among us. We can experience Jesus' Real Presence during Mass in 4 ways. The first way is through the assembly where Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am with them." The second way is within the presider where he prays in the person of Christ (in persona Christi). The third way is when the Word is proclaimed because Jesus himself speaks to us through Scripture. Last but not least, the fourth way is through the Eucharist, where we receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

The “Jerusalem Cross”



For the past four years, we have been using the Jerusalem Cross as the logo for our parish. You'll see it on our publications and our parish polo shirts and t-shirts. There are actually many forms of the Christian cross that have been used throughout history. Some of the more recognizable ones are the Latin cross, the Greek cross, the Celtic cross, and the Jerusalem Cross. The origins of the Jerusalem Cross go back to the 11th and 12th centuries when the Crusaders took back the Holy Land from the Muslims and re-established a Christian presence there. The Holy Land, especially Jerusalem, is so important to Christians because it is where Christ died and rose again. Because of this connection, it is a fitting symbol of our parish because of our name, “Resurrection of the Lord.” The Jerusalem Cross has different meanings. One is that the large central cross symbolizes Jerusalem and the four smaller crosses represent the four corners of the earth. Another tradition is that the large central cross symbolizes Christ and the four smaller crosses symbolize the four Gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. A third meaning is that the five crosses stand for the five wounds of Christ.

Global Outreach Ministry

In September, Lora Baysa, our Global Outreach Coordinator, organized a collection of school supplies for Holy Rosary Academy in Iloilo City, Philippines. The school is under the auspices of the Dominican Province of the Most Holy Rosary, the same community that operates Rosary Preschool and serves in our parish. Because of the generosity of our parishioners we were able to ship 8 balikbayan boxes of school supplies! Mahalo to all who donated!



Aunty Mary's Kitchen



Fuji Apple Salad

½ cup sugar
1 small box lemon jello
2 packages gelatin
2 ½ cups of hot water

Mix above together until dissolved and put in the refrigerator.

3-4 Fuji apples, peeled and diced
1 8 ounce can crushed pineapple – save the juice

Mix above together and set aside

1 8 ounce cream cheese – softened
1 8 ounce whipping cream

Mix above together with a mixer until blended

Then add the cream cheese mixture to the apples and pineapple. Mix until well blended. Fold this into a 9x13 inch pan and put in the refrigerator until hardened. Set overnight for best results.

Senior Moments

When seniors talk about “senior moments” they usually mean forgetting an appointment, a name, a date, or some other piece of information. It's a prerogative of those whose memories are full of information. But here at ROL, we mean something else.

For us, it is about creating special moments for our senior parishioners (65+). Senior Moments, under the leadership of Valerie Streff, is beginning with a weekly Bible study called, “A Quick Journey Through The Bible.” It will meet on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 AM in the conference room. Over the next year, Val will also be coordinating cultural and educational experiences for our seniors to enjoy. If you are looking to make new friends and experience new things, come and join our Senior Moments!

