



## Misa de Gallo

### History

The Catholic religious culture and tradition in the Philippines began with the coming of the Spanish missionaries. In March 1521 Ferdinand Magellan discovered Las Islas Filipinas. The Philippine, as a former colony of Spain, shares and preserves faithfully much of the Spanish religious traditions, putting on local color and character. For example, what the Spaniards called "Misa de Aguinaldo" would be called "Misa de Gallo" and now also "Simbang Gabi".

Every year from December 16 to 24, churches and barangay (village) chapels teem with people from all walks of life for a pious exercise that is very popular among Filipino Catholics all over the world. The Misa de Gallo or Simbang Gabi is a novena of Masses in the early morning hours, around 4:00 o'clock, when the roosters start to crow, in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Expectant Mother of God, and in preparation for the commemoration of the birth of our Savior. Having the Mass at this pre-dawn hour enable workers, mostly fishermen and farmers, to attend before starting their day. This popular religious custom is considered among the oldest and the most venerable religious tradition in our country. In contrast to the sober character of the Advent liturgy, these Masses are festive in character and are said with special solemnity.

In bringing the tradition to America, Filipinos have adapted the pre-dawn Mass into an evening celebration in consideration of the exceptionally harsh mainland winter weather. However, although the time of the celebration may change, the meaning and significance of Simbang-Gabi remains the same and continues to offer us a deepening spiritual experience leading to a more meaningful Christmas season.

## Liturgical Catechesis On the Mass: On Music Ministry

- ◇ Singing together in church expresses so well the sacramental presence of God to his people. (Sing to the Lord: Music In Divine Worship, pg1)
- ◇ Good music makes the liturgical prayers of the Christian community more alive and fervent so that everyone can praise and beseech the Triune God more powerfully, more intently, and more effectively." (from Pius XII, Musicae Sacrae Disciplina (1955)
- ◇ Participation in the Sacred Liturgy must be "internal, in the sense that by it the faithful join their mind to what they pronounce or hear, and cooperate with heavenly grace. (Sacred Congregation for Rites, Musicam Sacram (Instruction on Music in the Liturgy) no 15, in Flanery, Vatican Council II; no 11.)
- ◇ The assembly unite themselves interiorly to what the ministers or choir sings, so that by listening to them they may raise their minds to God. (Sacred Congregation for Rites, Musicam Sacram (Instruction on Music in the Liturgy) no 15, in Flanery, Vatican Council II; no 15.)
- ◇ The choir remains at all times a part of the gathered assembly.
- ◇ Full, conscious and active participation of the faithful is demanded by the very nature of the Liturgy. (Vatican Council II, Sacrosanctum Concilium)
- ◇ Singing is one of the primary ways that the assembly of the faithful participates actively in the Liturgy. The people are encouraged to take part by means of acclamations, responses, psalms, antiphons and hymns.

## Sunday Mass Collections

November 27, 2017

Summary	Regular Collection
5:00 PM Mass	1,047.47
7:00 AM	1,334.00
9:30 AM	1,292.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,673.47</b>

## Thanksgiving Mass



## Stewardship - A Way of Life...

Stewardship is a way of living out our faith as individuals, as a faith community, indeed in the actions of our daily lives. Stewardship is making a choice to live a Christ-centered life. It means realizing that all we have and all that we are able to do are gifts from God, and that everything that we choose to do with those gifts is in a sense our gift back to God in gratitude. This is the way we fulfill our baptismal promise to love and serve the Lord. Stewardship is our way of responding to God's call with a life of gratitude.



## Ministry Corner

### Yard Maintenance Crew

We occasionally need to be reminded by visitors as to how beautiful our church and the surrounding grounds truly are.

We are very fortunate to have members who regularly clean the church and create the stunning floral arrangements. And we are fortunate to have a dedicated crew who show up every Wednesday morning to maintain the grounds. It is this latter group that we would like to acknowledge today.

Senior parish members state that there has always been a group of volunteers who have maintained the yard. This gang begins their Wednesday workday at 7:30, right after the conclusion of the morning mass. Mowers and trimmers are fueled, rakes and wheel barrels are distributed and the work day begins. When we have a sufficient number of workers, the work day is over in less than two hours. It is then time for a little fellowship and a delicious hot breakfast or brunch.

The Yard Maintenance Crew is always seeking additional members. Joining is simple. Just show up any Wednesday at around 7:30. All you need is a willingness to get your hands a little dirty. And this is not a 'men only' club. We welcome **women and men** to join us.

One final element to this Wednesday work crew is the great breakfast we always enjoy. **If yard work is not your thing, but you would like to help in occasionally preparing a breakfast, please call the office and get yourself scheduled.**

**Thank you for all of the things each of you do to make our parish such a loving environment.**

**By : George Freitas**

## Schedule from Dec.3 to Dec. 24

Dec. 3rd @ 5 pm - Mass with the Youth ( Place: Church )  
ICP Teens please join the Mass

Dec. 4th @ 6pm - EDGE NIGHT ( Youth Room )

Dec. 4th @ 6 m -Hospice Candlelight Ceremony ( ICC )

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

December 4th @ 7pm- Holy Cross Church , Kalaheo

**December 5th @ 7pm- Immaculate Conception Church**

December 6th @7pm- St.Catherine Church, Kapaa

December 7th @7pm- St.Raphael Church, Koloa

December 11th @7pm- St. Theresa Church, Kekaha

**December 8th - FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
( "HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION" ) MASSES : 7am and 6pm

December 10 - Annual Parish Picnic from 11am to 2:30

**pm At Immaculate Conception School Grounds**

December 16th—24th - MISA DE GALLO @ 5 AM

Everybody is encouraged to bring something to share for fellowship after the Mass! **Note:** The scheduled Masses on Saturdays ( 5pm Vigil Mass ) and on Sundays ( 7am and 9:30 am ) remain the same. The 7 am Mass Schedule will be cancelled during weekdays of Misa de Gallo.

### Announcement:

**ICP Children's Choir will join Kaia'i Chorale Concert on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 @ 5 PM ( ST. REGIS, PRINCEVILLE ) AND Friday, Dec. 15 @ 7:30 pm ( KAUAI CONVENTION HALL )**

Our parish will have a food drive December 2-31 to collect non-perishable/non-FOOD DRIVE expired food items like canned goods, rice, dried noodles and pasta for the Kauai Food Bank. Please place your donations in the bin at the church entrance at weekend Masses or drop off to the parish office. We will also have a collection bin available at our annual Parish Picnic on December 10.



### Prayer for a Stewardship Parish

(from the Archdiocese of Detroit )

**Dear Heavenly Father, my parish** is composed of people like me; I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them. It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a parish with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things. Therefore, with Your help, O God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all things that I want my parish to be. Amen.