



Holy Rosary Church

A Century of Faithfulness through Mary's Fullness of Grace

GRACE

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We are a welcoming Catholic community called by God to live out the message of Christ in love and service to all people.

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Every Friday for the Lenten Season, 6:00PM - Stations of the Cross; obligatory days of abstinence

March 3, 7:00PM - Chrism Mass at St. Anthony Church

March 7, - Stewardship Day, 8AM Mass, 9AM Registration

March 10, 6:00PM - Penance Service

March 14 & 15: Second Collection - Catholic Relief Services

March 21, 2026, 9:00AM - 1PM (Saturday) - Parish Retreat with Fr. Larry Denis (St. Anthony Parochial Vicar). Please bring some food to share.

Please send your contributions for the bulletin to s_almie@yahoo.com or to marycostales21@yahoo.com

Weekend mass: Saturday 5:00PM, Sunday 8:00AM. Weekday mass: 7:00AM except on Tuesday (Fr. Jose's day off) Confessions by appointment; contact the office or Fr. Macoy. Parish office hours: Monday, Wednesday 9AM-12N, Friday 9AM-2PM

Second Sunday of Lent

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." - *Matt 17:1-9*

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The Transfiguration is a sign of hope. When Jesus was transfigured before his disciples, they had a glimpse of the glorified future that awaits the faithful. Through the power of Jesus Christ, we can be transformed, leading the holy lives to which he calls us. Filled with his light and goodness, we will shine with his glory in this life and in the world to come.

CENTENNIAL FEATURE

HANDMAIDENS OF OUR LORD by Mary Beth Costales

When you enter Holy Rosary Church for Mass each week, sit in your pew, and talk to the Lord and our Blessed Virgin Mary, do you ever marvel at the beauty of this place, erected 100 years ago and cherished by so many? Do you notice the gorgeous flower arrangements, blooming orchids, potted plants, and linens that adorn the altar and side altars?



Enter Lilia Ross and Cora Matsumoto, who have served on the Environment Ministry since Father Elias Esconilla became pastor at Holy Rosary. Nina Stroberg joined the team when Fr. Jose Macoy arrived.



Our interview begins after the Sunday Mass in the Parish Hall. Nina brings a plate of her famous banana lumpia, and over a hot cup of coffee from the kitchen, we relax and laugh easily together. It is a delight to sit and chat with these three, who each chime in without overpowering any of the others. It's a threesome with an obviously blessed and loving friendship.

When asked what each of their roles are, Nina laughs and says, "We do whatever our boss lady, Lilia, asks us to do!" While it is true that Lilia has been at it the longest and is talented at designing the plan for each season, she is also quick to share that they all work together to make decisions. In addition to arranging flowers, Lilia is an excellent seamstress, sometimes sewing the linen cloths that adorn our altars. Cora and Nina assist Lilia to create the landscape based on what flowers and plants are available during that season.

When Lilia first started decorating under Father Eli, she was doing it solo. It took her about three hours per week to get everything just right. She remembers Father Eli coming out of the rectory one day saying, "You're still here?!!!"

What are their favorite seasons for decorating? Cora shares that if she had to choose one, it would be October, "when the Mama Mary statue in the front is full of flowers." Nina loves all of the seasons of decorating. Lilia enjoys adorning the altars during Ordinary Time when a variety of colorful flowers can be utilized.

How do these ladies get all the plants and flowers, I wonder out loud? Nina grows and cultivates orchids for the church. Cora gives monetary donations so that Nina can buy more orchids. When Father Jojo Alnas was at our parish, he also said Mass in Keanae and would bring back ginger and other tropicals from Carol Cablay and hydrangeas from Lynn Luna in Kula. Sincere thank yous to Lily Gutierrez, Theresa Malapira, Delilah Salsido, Nemias Redsus, Susing Asuncion, and Sylvia Garcia, who also gave donations for flowers.

Of course, we have many who donate for our lilies at Easter and poinsettias at Christmas. If your name was not mentioned, know that the parish truly appreciates your donations.



I personally LOVE the beauty these three women create, but how do THEY each feel after they are done adorning the church and can admire the finished product? Nina shares, "It makes me happy that I helped make the altar beautiful." From Cora, "My heart is content, because the House of the Lord is so pretty and people appreciate it." Lilia says, "I always look forward to decorating the church, including washing, ironing, and placing the linens. I am a Handmaid of the Lord, and I do it for Him."



For plant or flower donation, please contact any of the ladies. For monetary donations, please use the flower envelopes.

INCOME SUMMARY

02/22/2026

Weekend Collection	\$1,320.00	Ash Wednesday	594.00
Building and Maintenance	70.00	Centennial Auction	600.00
Candles	150.00	Anniversary Dedication of HRC	270.00
Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal	355.00	Centennial Tickets	2500.00
Centennial Shirts	1,199.00	Centennial Donation	700.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT		\$7,758.00	
ONLINE GIVING		\$230.60	