



**OUR LADY OF THE MOUNT CHURCH**  
**DIOCESE OF HONOLULU**  
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THEME: "CELEBRATING AND RENEWING OUR FAITH IN GRATEFUL STEWARDSHIP"



# A BLESSED HOLY WEEK TO ALL



## LIVE-STREAMED MASS FROM OLM CHURCH

\*Sunday, April 5 & 12, 2020 at 10:00 AM

\*Paschal Triduum > Holy Thursday (April 9); Good Friday (April 10); Easter Vigil (April 11) >>> 6:00 PM

\*Go to Facebook and scroll to the Diocesan Evangelization Task Force headed by Dominic Olaso.



## HOLY WEEK AT HOME

\*Adaptations of the Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday *Rituals for Family and Household Prayer*.

\*These resources are prayerfully prepared by the Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minnesota [www.litpress.org](http://www.litpress.org). They are a sincere effort to cultivate some of the rituals and spirit of Holy Week in our own homes when public celebration might not be possible.

## ❖ PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION ❖

\*Palm Sunday celebrates two seemingly different stories. We begin the liturgy by commemorating Jesus's triumphant journey to Jerusalem where he is greeted by shouts and songs of acclamation and joy. Everything seems to be going well. Jesus is hailed as a King and people wave palm branches to show their honor for him.

In the Gospel, however, we hear the Passion of Jesus Christ, recalling the events leading up to his crucifixion and death on the cross. Two extremes are celebrated on Palm Sunday, but that is the reality of the Paschal Mystery. There is only one story. Jesus' life, death and resurrection are all connected; It is impossible to separate them as isolated events. The same is true for our lives. Everything we do is united with Christ, the good times and the difficult ones. Even when God seems distant and far away, we know that we are always connected to the story of Jesus's life, death and resurrection. We are always connected to Christ.

As we begin Holy Week, take a moment to recall this narrative of Christ with your family. What are some events from Jesus's life that stand out to you? Do you have a favorite parable or story of healing? It is important to remember that the Jesus who taught and healed and performed miracles is the same Jesus who dies and rises again. Think too about your own life. What are some of the significant events you have experienced this past year? Recall some of these moments aloud as continue to share the story of your family, which is also the story of Christ!

\*Ritual at Home: Perhaps the most memorable part of the Palm Sunday liturgy is the Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem. To help us celebrate, the church invites us to carry palm branches as we gather for prayer today or join the live-streamed Mass in your church. Even so, we remember that liturgy is not a recreation of a past events. Rather, it is an *anamnesis*, an active remembering of the past so that we may live those realities today.

\*Forwarded by Fr. Alfred Bueno Guerrero

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"My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" Psalm 22:2

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

**Stewardship** is responsible sharing in gratitude of the gifts of time, talent and treasure that God has bestowed upon each one of us. This has been manifested by our dear parishioners in various ways:

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

*Dear Parishioners,*



The peace and joy of the Lord be with you! In these trying and challenging times of the coronavirus pandemic, we cling to the Lord for his care and protection for every one of us.

It has been some weeks since the government authorities declared stringent stay-at-home order as well as social and physical distancing to avoid the virus, stop its spread and save lives. It also meant that as the schools, workplaces and business establishments close, the churches also close. Our Bishop sent a memorandum to suspend public Masses and all other church functions. It is very sad and unfortunate especially as we are witnessing the affliction and death of thousands of people all over the world. We are faced with a devastating invisible foe and many are in fear and panic. Be that as it may, we trust that the Lord is in control and I hope that everything continues to go well with you and your dear ones.

Here at your Church at Our Lady of the Mount is quiet. The parish office remains open for urgent business in the morning and we, the priests, still celebrate the daily Mass in private to pray for you and the world. The convent renovation is ongoing, but the prevailing concern is the upkeep of our parish. To take care of this, I especially need your help.

You know very well that the parish operates on the generosity and financial offerings of the parishioners. The Sunday collections and donations are used to pay the costs of day-to-day expenses such as the utilities, maintenance and repairs, office supplies and employee payroll. Your contributions also pay for items needed to support various ministries.

With the suspension of the public Masses, this major source and flow of income has discontinued. Our bills, unfortunately, have not stopped coming. Upon the advice of the Diocese, we had to temporarily suspend some paid employees to avert a dire situation. In our conference call with the Bishop, he warned the priests that four or five parishes are on the brink of insolvency and that the Diocese has considered waiving the assessment from the parishes for two months just to help them keep going.

I am reaching out to you through this letter to appeal for your compassionate assistance. If you are able to help out financially, especially now, we would greatly appreciate it. Because of the shelter in place order, you can use the option of sending your regular Sunday stewardship offering or Mass intention offerings through the mail. May God bless you more.

I know that we are all hurting, and that urgent and vital needs may arise at any time. It is at times like these that more than ever we have to remain close to the Lord. We are still in the sacred season of Lent and soon this Sunday we *start the Holy Week with the commemoration of Palm Sunday*. Please take time to spend some precious moments with the Lord through personal and family prayers. Pray the *Stations of the Cross* or the *Chaplet of Divine Mercy*, the *holy rosary* or the *Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help*. Include the *Prayer for Deliverance from the Pandemic* composed by Bishop Silva. We invite you also to join us thru your computer or smartphone in the celebration of the *Sunday Mass every 10:00 AM via livestreaming in Facebook* under the account of *Diocese of Honolulu Evangelization Task Force*. We shall also live-stream the celebration of the *Paschal Triduum on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil at 6:00 PM*. During these live-streamed Masses we usually lead the *Act of Spiritual Communion* when you can receive the Lord as well. If you are tuned in at the live broadcast, you are already fulfilling your obligation. Stay connected with our parish activities thru the *myParish app*.

As we abide by the government advisory of staying at home, keeping social distancing and observing basic hygiene practices such as washing of hands to keep ourselves and dear ones safe and healthy, let us pray fervently that this crisis will soon come to pass and that we emerge victorious and alive with the Lord Jesus at his glorious Resurrection on Easter. Have a blessed and spirit-filled Holy Week!

Respectfully yours in Jesus, the Divine Healer,

*Fr. Edgar Brillantes*

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### First Reading: *Isaiah 50:4-7*

In this Reading, Isaiah describes himself as a prophet to whom God has given a tongue to speak and ears to hear. His descriptions are similar with three other poetic passages in Isaiah each of them contributing to a portrait of a servant called to fulfill a divinely ordained mission. In each of these prophecies, Isaiah may well be describing himself, or he may be depicting an ideal servant of God.

### Second Reading: *Philippians 2:6-11*

The opening verse of this Reading proclaims a great mystery: Christ Jesus is eternally equal with God, one with God in divine nature, essence, and power. Yet, not clinging to his divine form, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave. While mysteriously always retaining his divinity, in emptying himself Christ came in human likeness sharing fully in the human condition. After this profound emptying of himself in the incarnation, Christ further humbled himself by his obedience that led to his death on the cross. Then God reverses Christ's lowering of himself by greatly exalting him. From the lowest status, God raises him to the highest. It ends with a sign of believers' humble homage as they kneel before him and join in universal acclamation: *Jesus Christ is Lord!*

### Gospel: *Matthew 26:14-27:66*

The Gospel gives us Matthew's "Passion narrative," which begins with the betrayal of Judas and concludes with the laying of Jesus in the guarded tomb. There is added details, such as the suicide of Judas and the guard at Jesus' tomb. Matthew tells of Jesus' arrest, interrogation, and death as part of the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies, like Judas' thirty pieces of silver for betraying Jesus and Peter's denial of Jesus, both prophesied by Zechariah. The stage is set for his Resurrection, the fulfillment of ancient promises and Jesus' own prophetic words.



## OFFICE OF WORSHIP DIOCESE OF HONOLULU

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Clergy and Parishes

FROM: Deacon Modesto Cordero, Director Office of Worship

DATE: March 27, 2020

RE: Directives for the Celebration of the Holy Week-Triduum and Easter during the COVID-19

The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments (CDWDS) of the Holy See, promulgated a decree dated March 19, 2020, and mandated by Pope Francis, providing directives concerning the celebration of the upcoming Holy Week and Paschal Triduum during this serious health crisis. In response to this decree the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB) outlines specific "indications" for what is to be followed this year (2020) only.

This memorandum is being sent to specify what is to be followed in the Diocese of Honolulu during Holy Week and Easter this year. Please strictly follow these Directives without making ANY deviation from them. We do understand that these Directives call for a change from the "normal" Holy Week observances, but these measures are necessary and have been approved and mandated by the highest ecclesiastical Authority.

Since the date of Easter cannot be transferred, and due to the restrictions we are under at this time "*Bishops and priests may celebrate the rites of Holy Week without the presence of the people and in a suitable place*" [from the decree of the CDWDS, in time of COVID-19]. All celebrations indicated here must be "*without the physical participation of the faithful.*" "*The faithful should be informed of the times of the celebrations so they can prayerfully unite themselves in their homes. In this occasion, the means of live-streamed broadcasts are helpful.*" [Decree: CDWDS].

Please note, this means the people may not be invited to participate even outside the church (e.g., parking lot, open area, etc.), as this violates the order given through the civil authorities regarding gathering in crowds. However, at these "*private*" celebrations on Sundays or during Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum, priests in the parish may concelebrate; one deacon, one lector, no more than two altar servers, one cantor and one accompanist may participate. If the service is to be live-streamed the minimal number of technicians possible may also attend. All are to observe current recommended "*social-distancing*" regulations and are to wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before and after the service.



**MEMORANDUM**

To: Clergy, Parishes and Catholic Faithful  
 From: Most Reverend Larry Silva, Bishop of Honolulu  
 Date: March 27, 2020

Subject: Updated General Directives and Liturgical Guidelines Due to the COVID-19

Peace be with you!



As we continue to adapt to a different way we live our daily lives, as well as to the way we worship during the rapidly evolving COVID-19 pandemic, our Diocese's top priority remains the spiritual welfare, health, and safety of our faithful, employees, and the vulnerable of our community. Our Governor has ordered a stay-at-home lockdown until April 30 in order to mitigate the effects of the virus and stop its spread. After consultation with my staff and the Presbyteral Council, I am issuing the following directives, which go into effect immediately:

• **Parish churches, chapels, oratories, centers, and missions are to be closed to the public through April 30, 2020, or until further notice.** *(This is more restrictive than the last notice, which encouraged that they remain open, and is based on the restrictions recently imposed by Governor Ige.)*

• There will be only one **Chrism Mass** for the Diocese on **Thursday, April 2, at 7:00 p.m.**, but it will be celebrated in private with only the Bishop and the handful of ministers needed for the liturgy. The invitation of priests and deacons issued earlier is rescinded in light of new developments. The Office of Worship will see to the distribution of the sacred oils to the parishes on all islands.

• **All liturgical and sacramental celebrations from now through April 30 are canceled, including those during Holy Week, the Paschal Triduum, and Easter Sunday.** *The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays is dispensed through April 30, 2020. [Priests are to celebrate private Masses, with only the liturgical ministers necessary, especially for the intentions of their people. We encourage parish priests to live-stream their liturgies to their parishioners via social media platforms and to communicate to them the times of these services and log-in information.]*

• The celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, First Communion) for the Elect, normally celebrated at the Easter Vigil, are postponed to a future day after the Covid-19 crisis subsides. A future date when these sacraments may be rescheduled will be announced by the Bishop.

• Parishes are invited to inform their parishioners of opportunities to view the Mass and other services via **livestream or the parish's Facebook**. Daily and Sunday Mass are currently being livestreamed from various parishes in our diocese. For a comprehensive and updated list please visit our website at [www.catholicahawaii.org](http://www.catholicahawaii.org).

• The faithful are encouraged to **keep the Lord's Day holy**. Some ways to do this include: reading the Scriptures of the day, especially the Gospels, praying with your families, and to joining yourself to the sacrifice of the Mass by making an act of spiritual communion. For more information and resources, please visit our website at [www.catholicahawaii.org](http://www.catholicahawaii.org).

• **Sacramental confessions will not be offered**, for the safety of penitents and priests, Confessions by phone or via the internet are not permitted. General absolution is not permitted, because it presumes a gathering of people. Because confessions will be curtailed during this time, the following should be noted from The Catechism of the Catholic Church #1452: *"When it arises from a love by which God is loved above all else, contrition is called 'perfect' — contrition of charity. Such contrition remits venial sins; it also obtains forgiveness of mortal sins if it includes the firm resolution to have recourse to sacramental confession as soon as possible."*

What the Apostolic Penitentiary said about the Sacrament of Penance might be applied analogously to the **Sacrament of the Sick**: *"Where the individual faithful find themselves in the painful impossibility of receiving sacramental absolution, it should be remembered that perfect contrition, coming from the love of God, beloved above all things, expressed by a sincere request for forgiveness (that which the penitent is at present able to express) and accompanied by votum confessionis, that is, by the firm resolution to have recourse, as soon as possible, to sacramental confession, obtains forgiveness of sins, even mortal ones."*

The following **Act of Contrition**, sincerely prayed, might be used:

*Father of mercy, like the prodigal son, I return to you and say: "I have sinned against you and am no longer worthy to be called your child." Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, I pray with the repentant thief to whom you promised Paradise, "Lord, remember me in your kingdom." Holy Spirit, fountain of love, I call on you with trust, "Purify my heart, and help me to walk as a child of light."*

• **All funerals, weddings and baptisms should be postponed at this time until further notice.**

• **All Confirmations/First Holy Communions scheduled from now through April 30 are postponed.** The Office of the Vicar General will contact parishes which need to reschedule once the "all clear" is indicated by the civil authorities.

Liturgies at which Bishop Larry Silva will preside will be private, with only the liturgical ministers necessary, but will be live-streamed for all to see at [www.hictv.com](http://www.hictv.com) or <https://www.facebook.com/HonoluluCathedralBasilica>.

Please feel free to contact Deacon Modesto Cordero at the Office of Worship, 808-585-3342 or email at [mcordero@rcchawaii.org](mailto:mcordero@rcchawaii.org) should you have any questions.

*Our Lady of Peace, patroness of the Diocese of Honolulu, pray for us!  
 Lenten and Easter blessings!*



## THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

### ❖ HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER ❖

\*The Sacred Paschal Triduum begins with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. The word *Triduum* comes from the Latin for "three days." These three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil are the highpoint of our entire liturgical year. Holy Thursday especially commemorates Jesus's command to serve others, modeled explicitly in the washing of feet and the celebration of the Eucharist. How do you serve others in your own family and community? Why is it important to connect our daily service to others with Jesus's command to do so?

Even when we are unable to gather to celebrate Eucharist, we are still called to be a eucharistic people. Jesus's self-gift in the Eucharist allows us to give freely of ourselves to others, following Jesus's instructions, "Do this in memory of me." Our own table fellowship with our family and friends is also a participation in the Eucharist, because the Eucharist by its very nature is deeply relational. If we limit our understanding of Eucharist to only what we receive at Mass, we are missing a major part of Christ's invitation to us. "Do this in memory of me" is a command and call to action. Do we dare to live our lives following the example of Christ?

**\*Ritual at Home:** The *pedilavium*, or *foot-washing*, has been a Holy Thursday practice since as early as the seventh century. A concrete representation of our call to service, the foot washing in the Holy Thursday liturgy reminds us of Jesus's example and command. If we truly understand this command, however, we realize that we are called to do more than literally wash feet. Rather, this is a ritual that reminds us of our call to serve others through the concrete realities of life.

The Eucharist is rooted in community and table fellowship. What does table fellowship look like in your own home? What are some ways you can commit or recommit to the sharing of family meals? Perhaps today would be a good opportunity to cook and eat dinner together. Each family member can take on a specific role, from cooking, to setting the table, to washing the dishes. It is in spending time together that we can live the "thanksgiving" at the heart of Eucharist.

### ❖ GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD ❖

\*As we celebrate the Passion of Jesus Christ and hear John's Gospel account of his suffering and death, we are reminded of the injustices that pervade our world. Oftentimes these systems of oppression, hate, and fear are so commonplace in our world that perhaps we do not even notice them. Good Friday serves as a good reminder of this reality. It is easy to become discouraged, to see the work that has to be done and look away. Today we pray that we may have the conscience to see and the courage to act, remembering that death never wins. Life and love always prevail in Christ.

\*The traditional Good Friday liturgy contains three unique components: the reading of John's Passion, the praying of The Solemn Intercessions, and the Adoration of the Holy Cross. Each of these helps us enter more fully into our relationship with Christ and recommit us to pray and work for the good of the church and world.

**\*Ritual at Home:** The Adoration of the Holy Cross begins with a Showing of the Holy Cross. While there are two options for this ritual, unveiling the cross or processing the cross through church, both forms include a sung proclamation: *Behold, the wood of the Cross*. The rubrics for the Adoration of the Cross call for a cross rather than a crucifix, as it highlights the major symbol of the crucified and risen Christ. Rather than an act of idolatry, the Adoration of the Cross points us to the Risen Christ.

While the Good Friday liturgy calls for a cross *sans corpus* (without body), your home adaptation might use a crucifix, if that is what you have.

**\*Adoration of the Cross:** Place a cross or crucifix on a table or some other place of honor, adding candles if you wish. Be sure to allow some time in silent reflection as you gaze upon the cross and grow in relationship with Jesus. Part of the beauty of the Adoration of the Cross is the time for personal prayer and reflection, as well as performing individual acts of reverence. You may wish to touch the cross, or show another suitable sign, such as genuflection or a kiss. Take this time to bask in the power of the cross as a symbol of not only death but ultimately of Resurrection.

\*Pray Psalm 31, with the antiphon from Luke's Gospel, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit," as a beautiful testimony of trust in God.

### ❖ THE EASTER VIGIL ON HOLY SATURDAY NIGHT ❖

"*Exult, let them exult!*" These words are chanted at the beginning of the *Exsultet* or the Easter Proclamation which traces God's saving action throughout history. The name *Exsultet* comes from the first word of the prayer: *Exult!* As a Christian people we do exult, for Christ is risen from the dead and light banishes all traces of darkness.

The Easter Vigil liturgy is rich with symbol and ritual, and the Scripture readings connect us to our ancestors in faith, living the very same hope that we live today. The Genesis reading highlights God's incredible work of creation and reminds us that creation and recreation continue today. Abraham's sacrifice recalls God's promises and abundant blessings for God's people, just as the reading from Exodus in which the Israelites cross the Red Sea prefigures Christ's own resurrection. Readings from the prophets follow, those great heralds of God's message throughout the ages. The Epistle from Paul to the Romans reinforces our baptismal identity and relationship with Jesus Christ who died and rose.

If time permits, read each of these Scripture passages in your own commemoration of Holy Saturday. Each of these stories highlights God's love for God's people and helps us to celebrate Christ's resurrection by recalling God's saving action.

**\*Ritual at Home:** The rubrics for the Easter Vigil clearly state that the celebration must take place in the night and end before dawn, for the contrasts between darkness and light are essential. The celebration begins with *Lucernarium*, a service of light often associated with the early church tradition of lighting lamps for evening prayer and rejoicing in the light of Christ.

As you prepare an area for tonight's prayer, you may wish to light some candles. If possible, each family member might also have their own candle to hold.

**\*Opening Prayer:** *We gather this night to rejoice in Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, the One whom no darkness can overcome, the One death cannot destroy. We give you thanks, O God, for the light this evening that illumines our hearts and home, and for your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, a light so filled with glory and power, a light undimmed by sin and death, a light that guides peoples and nations. May we welcome this light of Christ into our lives. Amen.*

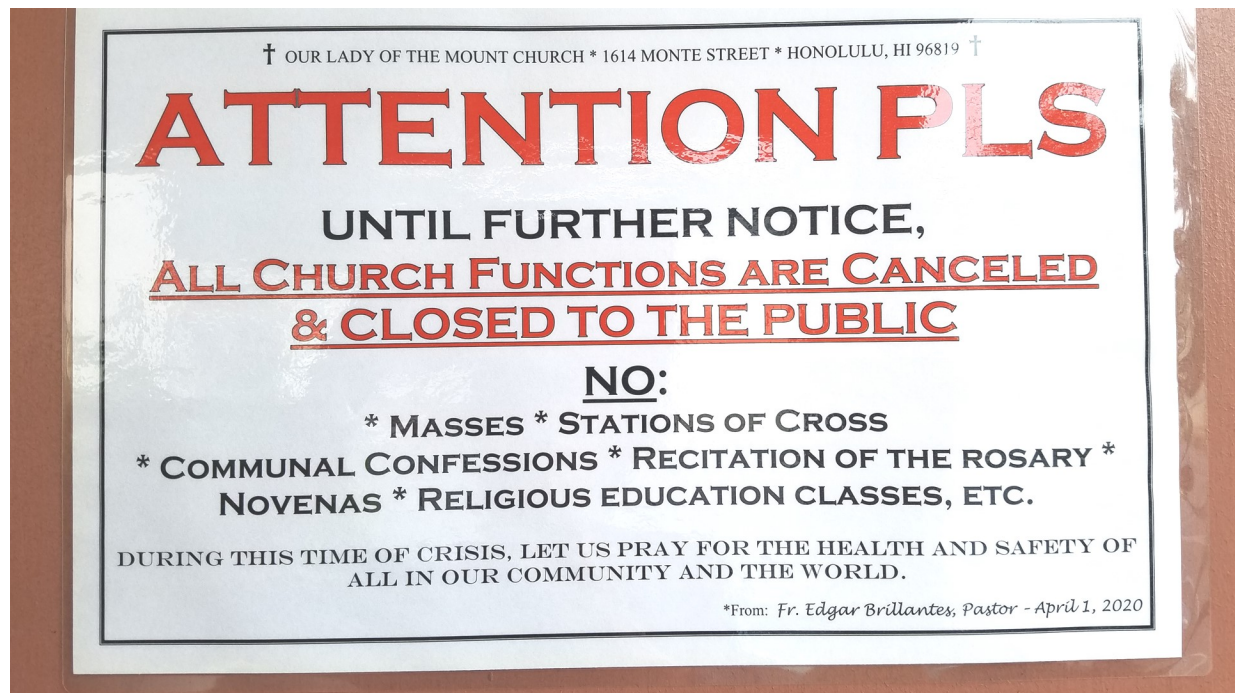
*Proclamation: All respond: Thanks be to God!*

## THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC: USE MASK OR FACE-COVERING

❖"LET US PRAY FOR DELIVERANCE FROM THE DEADLY VIRUS  
AND FOR THE SAFETY AND GOOD HEALTH OF EVERYONE"❖

\*It has been three weeks since we have not been celebrating Masses as one congregation. It is due to the persisting threat of the deadly COVID-19 or *coronavirus disease-2019*. The updated directive from the Bishop instructs the faithful to abide by the government's advisory for stay-at-home and social distancing up to April 30 or until further notice.

While we cannot yet assemble to worship as a church the Bishop is suggesting things that we may do, especially attending the televised or livestreamed Mass on Sundays. There are also prescribed prayers that we can use individually or as a family. We need to get connected all the more with our Almighty God who can put an end to this pandemic and allow us to return to our normal lives. Let us stay safe, healthy and blessed and continue to pray for one another and for the whole world.



### ❖ GUIDANCE FROM THE CHURCH

**WHAT WE CAN DO AS GOD'S FAITHFUL:** During the COVID-19 Pandemic Crisis

1> Keep the Lord's Day holy by participating in the live streaming or telecast of the Mass in the EWTN TV channel or other stations in the comfort of your living room. Pray the *Prayer for Spiritual Communion* (printed below) when it's time for Holy Communion.

2> Pray individually or as a family at home your favorite novenas or devotions such as the Holy Rosary, Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, or Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

3> Reflect on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord thru the Stations of the Cross.

4> Go to *myParish* app and say the prayers or read the Scripture readings of the day's liturgy and other spiritual menu found in there. You can also read our Parish Bulletin there and the Hawaii Catholic herald. There are also current church news to keep yourself abreast with what's happening in the Catholic world. **To download *myParish* app – Text "app" then 88202, then scroll the list of parishes to "Our Lady of the Mount".**

5> Pray the *Prayer for Deliverance from the Coronavirus* (printed below) composed by Bishop Larry Silva and the other relevant prayers.



## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

What is spiritual communion? St. Thomas Aquinas described it as “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the most holy sacrament and lovingly embrace him” at a time or in circumstances when we cannot receive him in sacramental Communion. With the absence of public Masses in the Diocese of Honolulu, the opportunity for receiving spiritual communion is particularly appropriate.

Spiritual communion needs no special instruction; it only requires the same disposition as the actual reception of the sacrament and a turning to Jesus with the heart. No particular prayer or formula is required; however, to help focus a proper intention, recitation of a prayer is suggested. One of the most popular is that composed by St. Alphonsus Liguori:



## Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



### \*PRAYER FOR DELIVERANCE FROM THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC\*

\*By Bishop Larry Silva

Dear God of all the living, you sent your Son Jesus to heal us from illness and sin. We turn to his healing power in this time of anxiety over the pandemic of this potentially deadly virus.

St. Damien and St. Marianne Cope dedicated their lives to the service of those who had an infectious disease.

St. Marianne Cope said, “*I am not afraid of any disease,*” because she was confident in your power to save.

At the same time, she took prudent precautions of hygiene to assure that she and her Sisters would not be infected.

Let us learn from this example to put our trust in you to save us from the ravages of disease and to take prudent measures to prevent its spread. Guide us to know when to isolate ourselves from the possibility of infection, but never let anyone be left without the care and concern of others in the community.

As our Diocese of Honolulu has been dedicated to the Divine Mercy, we pray with confidence, “*Jesus, I trust in you.*”  
Amen.

Saint Damien, pray for us! \* Saint Marianne, pray for us!





ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII  
**DIocese OF HONOLULU**  
 WITNESS TO JESUS

### COLLECTION OF PRAYERS DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS

These suggested prayers are for the faithful of the Diocese to join together in solidarity. We pray for all the sick, the caregivers, the dead, and for all those effected in so many different ways by this pandemic.

This guide includes prayers that you can recite at any time, either alone or in a group.

We have also included how to make a spiritual communion for those who will watch Mass on TV or live-streamed and wish to partake more fully in the Eucharist.



#### FROM POPE FRANCIS

O Mary,

you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain,

keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the People, know what we need,

and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee,

we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father

and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings

and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

*CNS translation of the prayer Pope Francis recited by video March 11 asking Mary to protect Italy and the world during the coronavirus pandemic*



#### PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

by Archbishop Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.

We fly to you today as your beloved children.

We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.

Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.

Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.

Amen.



#### PRAYER DURING A PANDEMIC

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home

remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close

remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those that have no place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market

remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,

let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.

Amen.

*From the Interfaith Hospitality Network in Cincinnati*





**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Mar 25** > RIP +Willie Antonio  
**Mar 29-Apr 2** > Healing - *Luida Susa*; *All those afflicted with covid-19* \* Safe deliverance from the covid pandemic  
**Mar 30-31** > RIP +Jose Jandoc Sr  
**Apr 2** > Healing - *Alfredo Baptista*  
**Apr 3** > RIP +*Cecilia Carvalho, Ramon Rodrigues*  
**Apr 4-12** > RIP +*Alfredo Baptista*  
**Apr 4** > Healing - *Guy Miranda; Luida Susa* \* RIP +*Alfredo Baptista* \* Special intention for - *Deliverance from the COVID-19 pandemic*  
**Apr 5** > (*Missa pro populo*) - For parish & parishioners \* Healing - *Luida Susa; Tessie Fontanilla; Caridad Dagdagan; Arsenia Uganiza; Florentino Orcino; Amando & Palmas Flores; Alfonso & Mary Villanueva* \* Family blessing - *Silver & Marivic Palting* \* Special intention - *Deliverance from the covid-19 pandemic and Speedy recovery of all those afflicted with the corona virus* \* RIP +*Alfredo Baptista; +Jose Jandoc Sr; +Simon Cenence; Deceased victims of the coronavirus pandemic*  
**Apr 6-12** > RIP +*Alfredo Baptista*  
**Apr 9** > RIP +*Hugo & Yoro Cuistes*



**Deadline:** Please submit your **Mass intentions** by Thursday if you want them printed on time for the weekend Parish Bulletin.  
**Reminder:** The offering for intentions per one Mass starts at \$10. Mahalo.



**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

❖ **Good Health / Successful Surgery:** Luida Susa \* Arsenia Uganiza \* Florentino Orcino \* Guy Miranda \* Leonardo Atendido \* Armando & Palmas Flores \* Sylvia Silva \* Andy & Marina Torio \* Amelia Pascual \* Gwen Perry \* Timothy Barroga Sr \* Charlie Newman \* Marie Schwengler \* Tessie Fontanilla \* Petronila Jandoc \* Susan Reynon \* Betsaida Vila \* Marilou Bruno \* Katrina Santos \* Caridad Dagdagan \* Valentina Elliazar \* Vicenta Baron \* Alfonso & Mary Villanueva \* John Guieb \* Jesse Ulep \* George Calizar \* Joann Gibbs \* Marvin & Sally Moore \* Clara Adlawan \* Jeanne Oshiro \* Stanley & Martha Castro  
 ❖ **Birthdays:** Segundo 'Doi' Facuri \* Loretta Tabin \* Brenton & Brandilyn Aczon \* Emeline Bacani Chesser \* Ador Padilla \* Guillermo Bacani \* Grace Brillantes \* Sr. Dora Nuetzi, MM \* Coby Jay Jacinto \* Sr. Clemence Mira, SPC \* Leo Brillantes \* Clemente & Teresita Fontanilla \* Julie Manuel \* Marina Pescador \* Medy Macalma \* Marcos Brillantes \* Nancy Coelho \* Dusty

Miranda

❖ **Ordination Anniversary:** Fr. Adrian Gervacio (53<sup>rd</sup>)  
 ❖ **Wedding Anniversary:** Romeo & Minda Teocson (43) \* Orlando & Edel Matias (48) \* Liberato & Rosario Valdez (45)  
 ❖ **Special intention & Thanksgiving:** Special blessing for all supporters and donors of the "Save Our Convent" Fund Drive \* For the success of the Stewardship campaign at OLM \* For all Seminarians and increase of priestly vocations in the Diocese \* For a meaningful and spiritually fruitful celebration of our 150<sup>th</sup> Parish Anniversary \* For the deliverance & healing of those afflicted with the covid-19 \* For RCIA candidate Daniel Kang \* Petition for spiritual favors thru St. Anthony of Padua \* Thanksgiving by M/M Renato dela Rosa; Noemi Joseph & Mila Llantero \* Silverio & Marivic Palting \* Jose Cadiz & family \* Adriano & Norma Daligcon \* Vicente & Luz Velasco & family \* Rosita Dolormente, Lito & Ivy Ellazar & family \* Bacani family  
 ❖ **Deceased:** +Alfredo Baptista \* +Hugo & Yoko Cuistes \* +Cecilia Carvalho, Ramon Rodrigues \* +Willie Antonio \* +Fr Lawrence Mampaey \* +Caroline Rodrigues, Georgina Gomes, Bessie Soong \* +Simon Cenence \* +Pedro & Pacita, Simon, Toribio & Nieves Cenence \* +Julia Lucas Ustare \* Florentino Sotto \* +Orlando Artates \* +Juan, Crisanta, Pedro, Jose & Benigno Tangonan \* +Bernardo Centino Sr \* +Patricia Drummundo \* +Fr. Henry Sabog, David Franks, Cora Custado \* +Eddie Zanellato \* +Genesa Balanay \* +Teresita Paranada Braceros \* +Rosalina D Mina \* +Cesario Pascual \* +Angela & Ismael Garcia \* +Joe & Millie Josol \* +Simplicio Canoneo \* +Frank Fernandes \* +Silvestre Marquez \* +Ranulfa Teocson \* +Juan Teocson Sr \* +Ramon Villanueva Agbayani \* Purie Amigable Cortez \* +Arnel C Domingo \* +Jose Jandoc Sr \* +Florencio Clemente \* +Pio, Consuelo & Jovito Alcantra, Conrado Benitez Sr \* +Frida Pacleb \* +Perla Alonzo \* +Pedro Atudo \* +Emiliano & Teodora Lumabao, Juan & Basilisa Suazo, Nicomedes & Ines Lorenzo \* +Pedro Lorenzo \* +Dafrosa Lorenzo \* +Martha Lorenzo \* +Flora Lorenzo \* +Marcela & Basilio Icarangal \* +Fr. Amador Foz \* +Richard "Sonny" Peralta \* +Elizabeth Ragaza \* +Teofilo Membere \* +Ely Purganan \* +Rosario Purganan \* Loretta Pascual \* +Pedro, Urbana & Virgilio Artates, Ronald Palce, Pio & Victoriana Bacani \* +Edgar Aurelio \* +Paulino Corpuz \* +Marlene Facuri, Leonora Tesoro \* Felix Edmalin \* +Chandler Tyrell-Esdicul \* +Marcelino Esdicul Sr \* +Margaret Kang \* +Marjorie Vannatta \* +Clara Martinez \* +Jaime Saldua Uganiza \* +Cres Paranada \* +Fermin Cruz \* +For all the departed founders, Pastors, Religious, benefactors, donors & parishioners of OLM; +Our deceased family members, relatives and friends; +The victims of the coronavirus pandemic \* +Those who have nobody to pray for them; +Souls in purgatory



**2020 CRS Rice Bowl WEEK SIX – FOR LENT, FOR LIFE!**

The impact of coronavirus is a challenging reminder of our need to encounter God and Witness to Jesus through Global Solidarity. Catholic Relief Services provides the opportunity to do this in our Lenten prayer, sacrifice and acts of mercy.  
 Please turn in your Rice Bowl to the Rectory Office on Good Friday, April 10, 2020 or anytime before or after. Thank you for your generosity.

**OFFICE HOURS**

Mon-Thu 8:30am-4:00pm,  
 Lunch 11:30-12:30  
 Fri 8:30am-11:30am.  
 Closed Sat, Sun, Holy Days,  
 State and Federal Holidays

**MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the Our Lady of the Mount parishioners are a multicultural welcoming parish; are inspired by the Holy Spirit to worship God and committed to serve the community through faith, youth formation, stewardship, fellowship and outreach.

**VISION STATEMENT**

To be a vibrant faith community with active parishioners, working together in unity to know and love God and to serve Him through one another.

**CORE VALUES**

Community building, commitment, service, stewardship, unity, welcoming, youth and spirituality.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday - Friday: 6:30am  
 Saturday (Vigil): 6:00pm  
 Sunday: 6:30am & 8:30am  
 Ilocano Mass: 3rd Sunday 6:00pm

## Parish Planning & Building News

### CONVENT RENOVATION

The repainting of the Convent has been ongoing for two weeks under the supervision of Joyce Oliveira and Roger Isidro. The government-issued memorandum on covid-19 did not affect the work and because of the stay-at-home order it had not inconvenienced parishioners. Hopefully, it will soon be ready for full and safe use when times get better and as soon as Bishop Larry Silva will bless it as the new Parish Pastoral Center.



## Stewardship News & Announcements

### MAHALO TO GOOD STEWARDS

#### \*\*\*GIFTS OF LOVE

√We acknowledge all generous contributions which support our pastoral programs and ongoing projects as well as the basic operation of the Church and the rectory through the regular Sunday offering envelopes and donations. We, the priests, the parish staff and leaders, deeply appreciate and gratefully acknowledge all dear parishioners who faithfully and steadily support our Church with their prayers, stewardship and personal involvement in our parish activities and programs.

\*\*\*Our appreciation and gratitude to *M/M Bill & Joan Amoroso* for their donation of \$1,000.00 for the Parish Repair & Maintenance projects.

\*\*\***MINISTERS & VOLUNTEERS** – Our Parish has been blessed with such responsible stewards who serve and give without counting the cost and we keep praising and thanking God for them.

#### ❖REPAIR & MAINTENANCE

\*\*\***RENOVATION OF THE CONVENT** – The 4<sup>th</sup> phase of the renovation which includes carpentry and repainting is ongoing and being done by the *Okamura Contractor, Inc.* *Joyce Oliveira*, head of the *Parish Planning & Building Committee (PPBC)* and *Roger Isidro* as the Project Manager are supervising the job.

The remaining works on plumbing and upgrading of power lines and electric installations will be done by *Kalolo Tuihalafatai, Rudy Fiesta, Adriano Daligcon, Roger Isidro* and the volunteer members of the *PPBC* but the parish has to purchase the materials. The funds are taken from the proceeds of the last fundraising in November spearheaded by *Becky Jandoc* and the *Finance Council Team*. The remainder of the expenses will be taken out from Parish Repair & Maintenance stewardship collection.

❖**CHURCH ENVIRONMENT** – Every Saturday a group of men and women parishioners prepare the Church for the weekend celebrations. They clean the altar and the floor, wipe the pews, arrange the books, flowers and linens, put up the seasonal banners and other tasks. They set up the proper worship environments and make our celebrations dignified and meaningful. We do appreciate them for their dedication and devotion. Among them, *Marivic Palting* takes charge of the plants and flower decorations at the sanctuary. She is joined by *Roselani Ramones, Nellie Puzon, Angie Sera and Bella Miranda*.

Providing flowers for the church is *Evan Morita Florist Grand* thru her friend and parishioner *Adoracion Padilla*. Mahalo and God bless you all!

\*\*\*Our parish is always welcoming and open to any parishioner who wants to volunteer in the councils, committees, ministries, organizations, clubs, prayer groups and donor societies and share your God-given talents and gifts to keep our Church going. You may submit your name at the parish office or contact our pastor. God bless and reward you abundantly.

*\*TO ALL THE GOOD STEWARDS, OUR SINCERE THANK YOU!\**



## National Prayer on Good Friday

Join Archbishop José Gomez, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and Archbishop of Los Angeles, in a national moment of prayer in the time of the coronavirus. Together as a nation, we will pray the Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and seek our savior's healing and protection.



### When?

Good Friday, April 10

12pm Eastern | 11am Central | 10am Mountain | 9am Pacific

**6:00 am Hawaii Standard Time**

### How to Participate?

Visit [facebook.com/usccb](https://facebook.com/usccb) or [lacatholics.org/sacred-heart](https://lacatholics.org/sacred-heart) to join the live-stream and pray as one nation.



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**#PRAYTOGETHER**

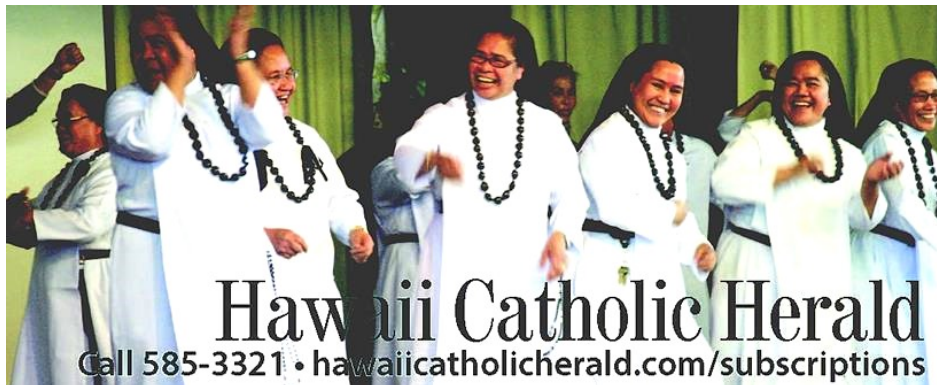
Bishop Larry Silva invites ALL in the Diocese to join the National Prayer on Good Friday, April 10, at 6:00 a.m. Hawaii Time.

We shall begin also in our Church at OLM the Novena to the Divine Mercy. Please join us in spirit if you can.



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## PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS -

**March 28, 2020**

Offertory	\$ 1,943.00
Ilocano Mass	\$ 91.56
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 40.00
Mass Intention	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
Total	\$ 2,074.56

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### † OBITUARY

**+ALFREDO VENTURA BAPTISTA, 84**

Wake Service: May 15, 2020, Valley of the Temples Chapel

Funeral Service: May 16, 2020

Interment: TBA



*"ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, O LORD."*  
HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILIES.



**PREMIER  
MEDICAL  
GROUP  
HAWAII**

**FREE COVID-19 DRIVE THRU TESTING**  
Saturday 4/4/20 8am -12pm @ Waipio Soccer Peninsula  
93-061 Waipio Point Access Rd, Waipahu, HI 96797

Sunday 4/5/20 8am – 12pm @ Kaka’ako Beach Park  
102 Ohe St, Honolulu, HI 96813

Physician will be on site to give test referral for those who qualify.  
Bring your ID, insurance card (if you have) and a pen to fill out your registration form.  
You will remain in your car and will not get out.

#### **Who should get tested?**

1. If any person(s) in your home have tested positive
2. If you are having these symptoms:
  - shortness of breath - difficulty breathing
  - cough
  - fever – achy body
  - tiredness
3. If you are having any of the symptoms above and
  - Person(s) in your workplace has tested positive
  - You work in the service or healthcare industry

Healthcare provider volunteers please email [volunteer.hcra@gmail.com](mailto:volunteer.hcra@gmail.com)

### EASTER RESOURCE FOR STUDENTS



Are your children or students learning from home now? They may know the story of Christ's death and resurrection, but do they understand how it impacted history, art, literature, social movements, and even the terminology we use today? Here's something we recommend you use to teach them all about Easter.

You can download a free copy of the Gateways to Better Education public school friendly, textbook-style lesson, *The Easter Story*. It is a paraphrase of Luke 22-24. It includes:

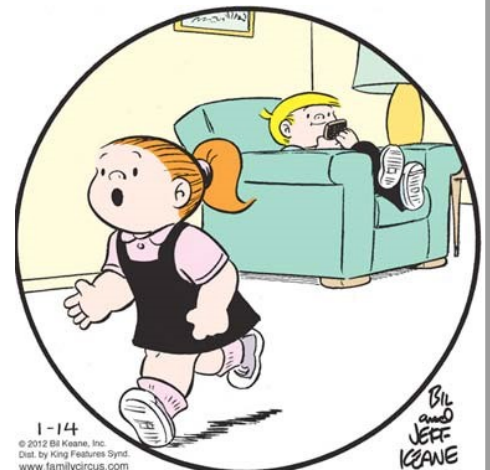
Common phrases used today that come from the Bible \*  
References to art and literature \* The impact on social movements and American history.

During this time of staying at home, use *The Easter Story* as a unique learning tool for your children and students.

Download your free copy now. Go to [gogateways.org](http://gogateways.org).

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“Billy says he doesn’t hafta go to church anymore ’cause his phone has an app for that!”