

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNT CHURCH

DIOCESE OF HONOLULU

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150TH PARISH ANNIVERSARY (1870-2020)

THEME: "CELEBRATING AND RENEWING OUR FAITH IN GRATEFUL STEWARDSHIP"



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



GOD BLESS ALL MOTHERS

Today we honor all mothers. We recognize their sacrifices and thank them wholeheartedly for all they do for their families. We pray for them that God may keep them in his care, and we entrust them to the protection of the Blessed Mother. We know this day would have been more festive with celebrations, shopping, gift-giving and candlelight dinners but due to the imposed restrictions we can just gather as a family and enjoy each other's presence and company. It may even turn out to be more pleasant, memorable and more blessed. Please join us in offering a special prayer for them in our livestreamed Mass.

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We are Easter People!

No matter what we have endured the past weeks and months, let us remember that we are an Easter people. The joy of Easter is celebrated not only during the liturgical season we call Easter. It is celebrated every day of the year. The Mass is the Paschal Mystery, and every time it is celebrated, we participate in the sacrifice, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. As St. Paul teaches, we die with Christ and rise with Him in the Holy Spirit. We are transformed into new creations. We are renewed.

Stewards of God's abundant gifts hold dear the promise of renewal and pledge themselves to the work of reconciliation, healing and proclamation of the risen Lord no matter what the cost is to themselves. For Christian stewards, each day is a new dawn for living in the light of Christ. There is much about dying and rising with Christ that we do not know; much about the Paschal Mystery we do not understand. But stewards of God's love are always open to learning more; to being called out of their fears and anxieties and into the light of faith which comes with an ever-deeper understanding of its peace and joy.

Easter is a good time to reflect on how we can rise above tensions and troubles and experience the joy of Christ's peace. It is also a time to ask ourselves how we can experience the gift of Easter each day of our lives.

*Lifted from the International Catholic Stewardship Council, April 2020

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TODAY IS THE BLESSED FEAST DAY OF SAINT DAMIEN

We commend ourselves and the whole State of Hawaii to his saintly intercession.

St. Damien, pray for us.

LIVE-STREAMED MASS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER FROM OLM CHURCH

*Sunday, May 10, 2020 at 10:00 AM

*Log in to [Facebook.com/Diocese-of-Honolulu-Evangelization-TaskForce](https://www.facebook.com/Diocese-of-Honolulu-Evangelization-TaskForce).

Our appreciation and thanks to *Dominic Olaso*, head-servant, for making this live-streaming from Our Lady of the Mount Church possible throughout the pandemic crisis and beyond.

"Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you." Psalm 33:22

 <p>Pastor's Corner</p> <p><i>GOD BLESS Mothers</i> PHILIPPIANS 4:19</p> <p>By Rev. Fr. Edgar B. Brillantes</p>	<p>Next Sunday's Reading <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i></p>	
	<p>First Reading <i>Acts of the Apostles</i> 8:5-8</p>	<p>Responsorial Psalm <i>Psalm 66:1-7, 16, 20</i></p>
	<p>Second Reading <i>1 Peter 3:15-18</i></p>	<p>Gospel <i>John 14:15-21</i></p>

First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles, 6:1-7*

Today's Reading describes the challenge to Church unity that arose in this context of widening diversity, specifically a conflict between Hebrews and Hellenists. Hebrews refers to Palestinian Jews who spoke Aramaic and comprised the earliest followers of Jesus, including the Twelve. Hellenists may refer either to Greek-speaking Gentile Christians or to Jews who spoke only Greek. The different language along with the differences in culture resulted in different treatment like in the neglect of the material needs of the widows among the Hellenists. The two groups collaborated and chose Steven and Phillip to share in the preaching of Jesus' mandate which resulted in the widening of service and extension of the Gospel.

Second Reading: *1 Peter 2:4-9*

In this Reading, the imagery of the biblical tradition is based on readily observable objects that provide insight into unseen, spiritual realities. The stone imagery from psalms and prophets are used to teach about Christ and the Church. Peter gives the ancient texts and symbols new meaning. First, he develops the stone symbol from the writings of Isaiah, in which God lays a cornerstone in Zion, to refer to the city of Jerusalem and its inhabitants. God has made both its inhabitants and its people, chosen and precious, standing secure against foreign enemies and corrupt leaders. With Christ as the cornerstone, the people are living stones who fulfill God's ancient promise, "You shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

Gospel: *John 14:1-12*

At his last supper with his disciples, Jesus prepared them for his impending passion through a long and intimate farewell discourse. Jesus uses this final opportunity to teach, comfort, warn, and inspire his followers. He reminds them of his earlier instruction and promises, gives them guidance for their future, and draws them ever more deeply into relationship with him, with his Father, and with one another. They are understandably troubled, but Jesus advises them to move from troubled hearts to believing. He tells them that although he is going to leave, he is going to prepare a permanent dwelling for them and will come back so they will be together again. They will also do the works that Jesus was doing himself.



THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC UPDATE

***GRADUAL OPENING OF SOME PLACES & BUSINESSES**

***CONTINUE TO OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING AND FACE-COVERING**

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



*The threat of the deadly novel *coronavirus disease-2019 (covid-19)* is still hanging like a Damocles sword. Many are still infected and dying. The directive from the Bishop advises the faithful to abide by the government's advisory for face-covering and social distancing and the dispensation from attending Mass up to June 30 or until further notice.

We have received guidance from the Diocese on preparing our churches for the return to normal services and we are now doing so. While waiting for the go-signal, the Bishop is urging us to especially participate in the televised or livestreamed Mass on Sundays. There are also prescribed prayers that we can use individually or as a family. We need to keep connected with our Almighty God who can put an end to this pandemic and allow us to return unscathed to our normal lives. Let us stay safe, healthy and blessed and continue to pray for one another and for the whole world.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

❖ **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. For live-streaming log in to: [Facebook.com/Diocese-of-Honolulu-Evangelization-TaskForce](https://www.facebook.com/Diocese-of-Honolulu-Evangelization-TaskForce).

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.

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❖ **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 only requires the same disposition as the actual reception of the sacrament and a turning to Jesus with the heart. To help focus a proper intention, recitation of a prayer is suggested. One of the most popular is that composed by St. Alphonsus Liguori below:



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.

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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!

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Stewardship News & Announcements

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:



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.

*****STEWARDSHIP APPEAL** – Our appreciation and gratitude to *all dear Parishioners* who responded to our appeal for their continued stewardship by mailing or dropping their offering envelopes or Mass intention offerings to help defray the needs and expenses of the parish.

*****PASTOR'S MESSAGE** – Big *mahalo* to dear Parishioners: *It is with great joy and gratitude that we received your overwhelming response to our urgent appeal for your continuing stewardship in this time of covid-19 crisis. Your inability to come to Church for the Eucharistic celebrations and other services did not deter or diminish your love, care and support for our church. Your mailed and hand-delivered stewardship offerings reached us safely and are duly recorded under your names for tax-deductible purposes. Thank you from the bottom of our heart for your boundless generosity and thoughtfulness. May the glorious Risen Lord bless you more abundantly and protect you from the virus and all other ills.*

*****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** – With the completion of the 3-phased renovation of the convent supervised by *Joyce Oliveira*, the head of the *Parish Planning & Building Committee (PPBC)*, and by the project manager, *Roger Isidro*, we can relax a bit. All expenditures were duly defrayed with no debt incurred. Thanks to the faithful stewardship of parishioners and the aggressive fundraising spearheaded by *Becky Jandoc* and her *Finance and Fundraiser ad hoc committees*.

The remaining minor jobs on plumbing, electrical and carpentry are handled by volunteers. *Adriano Daligcon* and *Kalolo Tuihalafatai* prepped the works on plumbing and electrical installation. *Roger Isidro* continues to maintain the structures with repainting and upgrading deteriorating fixtures. Together with *Rudy Fiesta*, they painted the entrance porches of the church and convent after doing the same on the concrete staircases to the back and side entrances of the convent. Meanwhile, *Daniel Kang*, an RCIA catechumen who first volunteered and eventually hired continues working on the upgrading of plumbing and electrical fixtures under the supervision of *Roger Isidro*. *Aida Isidro* assists them by bringing food for the workers. On their part, the ladies which include *Becky DeCorte*, *Joyce Oliveira*, *Becky Jandoc* & *Tita Calizar* are eyeing the best way to restore order inside the renovated convent as well as give a fresh look with additional carpentry works and new sets of furniture.



< Left photo: Convent Re-painting: *Rudy Fiesta* and *Roger Isidro* brightened the entrance porches of the church and convent with fresh paints. What an awesome job!

Stewardship News & Announcements, contd.

MAHALO TO GOOD STEWARDS, Contd.

❖**CHURCH ENVIRONMENT** – In the midst of the pandemic crisis when there are no public services in church, some faithful parishioners continue to come every Saturday to prepare the Church for the livestreamed and private celebrations. They clean the altar with new linens, decorate the sanctuary with flowers, 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 *Marivic Palting, Bella Miranda, Doi Facuri, Gloria Rodrigues and Fran Kovaloff* for their dedication and devotion. For the Easter and baptismal fountain, the father and son tandem of *Jun & Gene Cortez* did a wonderful creation. It will be on display throughout the Easter season.

❖**LITURGY** - The **live-streamed Mass every Sunday** is ably produced by *Dominic Olaso*, head-servant of the Diocesan Evangelization Task Force. It is made more solemn and lively with the music of *Mary Ann Llamedo* assisted by the cantor and lector, *Gloria Rodrigues*. The sacristans, *Bella Miranda* and *Doi Facuri* prepare the daily Mass and clean up afterwards. They all faithfully provide their respective services during the shutdown lightening the effect of the covid-19 pandemic.

❖**GARDENING** - As the world continues to lie low in this crisis, some people don't want to remain idle. Aside from attending to their personal and family concerns they come to help with the upkeep of the church grounds. *Clemente Fontanilla* mows the grasses; the couple tandem of *Lito and Lia Centino* planted new plants by the side of the Hall and Rectory while *Eddie Lucero* continues to keep the hibiscus blooming with flowers with his regular watering. God bless them all!

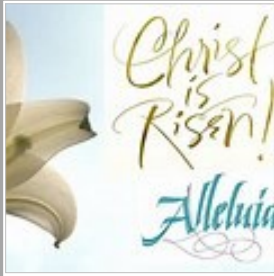
> Right photo: *Eddie Lucero* simply loves to tend the hibiscus who never fail to please with their blooming yellow flowers.



< Left Photo: The couple *Lito and Lia Centino* applied their green thumbs in filling up the garden in front of the hall and on the side of the Rectory with new plants.

***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!



MASS INTENTIONS

May 6 > **Wedding Anniversary** - Jun & Nide Flores (41)
May 8 > **Birthday** - Dolores & Reynold Ramiscal * **RIP** +Jonathan Telles (1st Anniv)
May 9 > **Healing** - Guy Miranda; Luida Susa * **Special intention** - For all mothers on Mother's Day * **RIP** +Rogelio Gasilos * **Special intention for** - Deliverance from the COVID-19 pandemic
May 10 > **(Missa pro populo)** - For parish & parishioners * **Birthday** - Jun Flores (63) * Dolores & Reynold Ramiscal * **Healing** - Aurelio Sopapo Sr; Caridad Dagdagan; Ryan Runas: Arnold Villanueva Jr; Luida Susa; Tessie Fontanilla; Guy Miranda; Florentino Orcino; Amando & Palmas Flores; Alfonso & Mary Villanueva * **Thanksgiving** - Corazon Orcino; Kathy Ferreira; Adriano & Norma Daligcon & family; Silver & Marivic Palting; Rey & Minda Teocson * **Special intention** - For all mothers on Mother's Day; Deliverance from the covid-19 pandemic and Speedy recovery of all those infected with the corona virus * **RIP** +Victoria Daligcon; +Francisco Baptista, Chris Andres; +Caroline Rodrigues, Manuel Medeiros, Cecilia Chica, Edith Santos; +Jonathan Telles; +Glir & Bienvenido Dagdagan; +Leticia Castillo; +Rogelio Gabuat Gasilos; +Irineo Gervacio, Silvestre & Justina Gervacio; Leodegario Jose, Romana & Felicidad Jose; +Prudencio Ferido; +Rodolfo Fontanilla; +Candido Isidro, Cristina Baptista; +Eufemio Cortez Sr, Trinidad, Benedicto & Virgilio Cortez, Agapito & Apolonia Fontanilla; +Deceased victims of the coronavirus pandemic
May 11-16 > **RIP** +Victoria Daligcon
May 11 > **RIP** +Derna Kim
May 13 > **Wedding anniversary** - Wilfred & Rachel Soong (53) * **RIP** +James Adlawan



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:** Aurelio Sopapo Sr * Caridad Dagdagan * Ryan Runas * Arnold Villanueva Jr * Luida Susa * Manuel Martinez, Schwengler family * Fortunata Ancheta * Arsenia Uganiza * Florentino Orcino * Guy Miranda * Eliza Domingo * 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 * Valentina Eliazar * Vicenta Baron * Alfonso & Mary Villanueva * John Guieb * Jesse Ulep * George Calizar * Joann Gibbs * Marvin & Sally Moore * Clara Adlawan * Jeanne Oshiro * Stanley & Martha Castro
❖ **Birthday:** Jun Flores * Dolores & Reynold Ramiscal * Corazon Orcino * Aida Isidro * Linda Puzon * Nelly Balmores Capino * Del Aningat * Raymon & Rianne Teocson * Segundo 'Doi' Facuri * Loretta Tabin * Brenton & Brandilyn Aczon

* Emeline Bacani Chesser * Ador Padilla * Guillermo Bacani
❖ **Ordination Anniversary:** Fr. Edgar Brillantes (40) * Fr. Teodulo Gaquit (50) * Fr. Adrian Gervacio (53rd)
❖ **Wedding Anniversary:** Wilfred & Rachel Soong (53) * Jun & Nide Flores (41) * Guillermo & Evangeline Bacani (37) * Moses & Christina Andres (61) * +Alfredo & Andrea Baptista (58) * Rey & Minda Teocson (43)
❖ **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 150th Parish Anniversary * For All Mothers on Mother's Day * For the deliverance & healing of those afflicted with the covid-19 * For RCIA candidate Daniel Kang * Thanksgiving by Kathy Ferreira; Corazon Orcino * Adriano, Norma & Aldrin Daligcon; Sharlene & Ranier Agustin; M/M Renato dela Rosa * Silverio & Marivic Palting * Bacani family * Tom & Olivia Mita
❖ **Deceased:** +Victoria Daligcon * +Francisco Baptista, Chris Andres * +Derna Kim * +Caroline Rodrigues, Manuel Medeiros, Cecilia Chica, Edith Santos * +James Adlawan * +Leticia Castillo * +Jonathan Telles (1st Anniv) * +Glir & Bienvenido Dagdagan * +Rogelio "Rudy" Gabuat Gasilos * +Antone & Olivia Fivella * +Dr James Terna * +Adriana Cadaoas * +Rodolfo Fontanilla * +Prudencio Ferido * +Candido Isidro, Cristina Baptista * +Ethel Mita * +Pablo Padunan * +Victorio & Leonora Bautista, Edison Bautista & Gregorio Daligcon * +Nicolas & Rene Mira * +Eufemio Cortez Sr, Trinidad Cortez, Alicia Nisperos, Benedicto Cortez, Virgilio Cortez, Agapito Fontanilla, Apolonia Fontanilla, Crispina Agustin * +Caroline & Martin Rodrigues, Francisco & Mary Rodrigues * +Caroline Wright * +Venny & Jessica Villapando * +Alfredo Baptista * +Hugo & Yoko Cuistes * +Cecilia Carvalho, Ramon Rodrigues * +Willie Antonio * +Fr Lawrence Mampaey * +Pedro & Pacita, Simon, Toribio & Nieves Cenence * +Bernardo Centino Sr * +Patricio Mateo, Teresita Lucanias * +Fr. Henry Sabog * +Florentino Sotto * +Teresita Paranada Braceros * +Rosalina D Mina * +Cesario Pascual * +Ranulfa Teocson * +Juan Teocson Sr * +Purie Amigable Cortez * +Jose Jandoc Sr * +Pio, Consuelo & Jovito Alcantra, Conrado Benitez Sr * +Perla Alonzo * +Marcela & Basilio Icarangal * +Fr. Amador Foz * +Richard "Sonny" Peralta * +Ely Purganan * +Rosario Purganan * Loreta Pascual * +Pedro, Urbana, Virgilio & Orlando Artates; Ronald Palce; Pio & Victoriana Bacani * +Edgar Aurelio * +Paulino Corpuz * +Marlene Facuri, Leonora Tesoro * Felix Edmalin * +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

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



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

MEMORANDUM

To: Clergy, Parishes and Catholic Faithful
 From: **Most Reverend Larry Silva, Bishop of Honolulu**
 Date: May 1, 2020

Subject: Updated General Directives and Liturgical Guidelines Due to the COVID-19 (Update #5)

Peace be with you!

“How long, O LORD?” (Psalm 13:1) These words, which we find in several places in the Scriptures are the words we cry out as we experience the effects of this global coronavirus pandemic. We long to physically encounter the Lord in the Eucharist and to gather once again with the other members of the Body of Christ to celebrate the sacraments and to witness the full initiation of the Elect in our diocese. It is a lament, but also a prayer of hope that the terrible situation we are in will soon end with the Lord’s healing touch.

I am well aware of the great pain that many are experiencing because we cannot yet safely gather for the celebration of the Eucharist. I have been doing extensive consultations and research on how we can safely reopen our churches for Masses, but the matter is not as simple as some suggest. As you know, Governor Ige has extended the order of stay-at-home lockdown until May 31 to continue the mitigation of the effects of the virus and stop its spread. After consultation with my staff and the Presbyteral Council, I am extending the directives promulgated in my last memorandum dated March 27, 2020. The extension of the Directives will go into effect immediately and until May 31, 2020. Therefore, I am dispensing all Catholics in the Diocese of Honolulu from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass through May 31, 2020.

We are working on various scenarios that might enable us to have Masses with limited numbers of people in the near future. As soon as the plan is ready, we will present it to our government officials for their concurrence. In the meantime, we ask everyone for your patience and understanding as we are trying our best to bring our parishioners back to our churches.

The following directives are in force through May 31, 2020:

Parish churches, chapels, oratories, centers, and missions are to be closed to the public through May 31, 2020 (inclusive), or until further notice.

All liturgical celebrations (e.g. Confirmation/First Holy Communion) from now through May 31 are canceled. The Office of the Vicar General will contact parishes which need to reschedule once the “all clear” is indicated by the civil authorities.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is dispensed through May 31, 2020. [Priests are to continue the celebration of private Masses, with only the liturgical ministers necessary, especially for the intentions of their people. We encourage parish priests to continue the live-stream of their liturgies to their parishioners via social media platforms and to communicate to them the times of these services and log-in information.]

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.

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.

Priests are reminded that they can still hear confessions by appointment only. Please observe good spacing between the penitent and priest, while at the same time observing absolute privacy for the penitent. Confessions by phone or via the internet are not permitted. General absolution is not permitted, because it presumes a gathering of people.

The Anointing of the Sick and Viaticum will only be administered, if possible, in situations where there is the danger of death. Please consult your parish priest, who will be given instructions on when and how to celebrate these sacraments during this time in which great prudence is needed for the safety and well-being of all.

All funerals, weddings and baptisms for the month of May should be postponed until further notice. If desired by the family, a memorial Mass can be scheduled appropriately at a later date.

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 or <https://www.facebook.com/HonoluluCathedralBasilica>.

They are as follows:

Mass for the Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker: Friday, May 1, 7:15 p.m. (with the prayer of the rosary at 6:00 p.m. and the rerun of the Renewal of the Consecration of Our Nation to Mary, the Mother of God at 6:30 p.m.)

Mass for Fourth Sunday of Easter: May 3, 9:00 a.m.

Mass for Fifth Sunday of Easter: May 10, 9:00 a.m.

Mass for the Sixth Sunday of Easter: May 17, 9:00 a.m.

Mass for the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord: May 24, 9:00 a.m.

Mass for Pentecost Sunday: May 31, 9:00 a.m.

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

Our Lady of Peace, patroness of the Diocese of Honolulu, pray for us!

Blessings of the Easter season to you all!

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OFFICE OF WORSHIP
DIOCESE OF HONOLULU

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Clergy, Parishes and the Faithful
FROM: Deacon Modesto Cordero, Director Office of Worship
DATE: May 8, 2020

RE: DIRECTIVES & GUIDANCE IN PREPARATION FOR THE REOPENING OF CHURCHES AND THE RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC MASSES

*“Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God”
(Matthew 4:4).*

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The following directives are given to provide guidance on how to prepare for the reopening of our churches for public Masses and other liturgies or devotions. Pastors, administrators and staff are obliged to follow these directives as well as to continue enforcing all legitimate state requirements with regard the safety and health of our parishioners and those whom we may encounter. This will assure consistent practice throughout our diocese. Moreover, this makes clear that any variation from normal liturgical practice will be temporary.

These are not normal times and our number one priority is the health and safety as well as the spiritual care of our parishioners, volunteers and staff. We do understand that many are eager to return to Mass in our churches, however we need to take into consideration those most vulnerable members of our communities, including the elderly and those with chronic illnesses. The continuation of live-streamed Masses is highly recommended as a benefit to those who are homebound, sick, or otherwise vulnerable.

Bishop Larry Silva will be extending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday through June 30, 2020 for all the faithful. Thus, when our churches are open for Mass, no one is obliged to attend until further notice. Those who are symptomatic or who have been exposed to another person with the virus are not permitted to attend church services until they are cleared by their doctor. Those at risk because of an underlying health issue are strongly encouraged to avoid the risk of attending public celebrations of the Mass.

Understandably, everyone is anxious to return to normalcy. But the threat of the coronavirus is still very much with us. Social distancing, the wearing of masks (with the exception of very small children) and increased cleaning procedures will be important at this time. Pastors and staff need to start planning and acquiring enough supplies for their parishes.

These DIRECTIVES are items that should be followed for the safe celebration of Mass. Each venue, however, will need to make prudential decisions about its particulars, as long as the general principles of social distancing and minimization of contact are intact.



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BUILDING READINESS

- 1) Each pastor, with the assistance of the staff, needs to calculate the number of people his church/mission can accommodate for Mass while observing six-foot social distancing between all participants. With the exception of parents with small children, it is even suggested that adults and older children who share the same household also observe social distancing in the church in order to avoid confusion.
- 2) Space on an adjoining lanai from which the Mass can be seen and heard can be added into the count, but not space in any buildings from which the Mass cannot be seen and heard. However, if you can live-stream the Mass to your parish hall (and/or school gym) you might want to add to your count how many people you can safely accommodate observing the six-foot social distancing in the hall (and/or gym).
- 3) "Cry Rooms" should be closed and locked. Those parishioners who utilize these spaces for families with small children should be informed that these rooms are not available.
- 4) Develop a plan for the sanitizing/disinfecting of highly touched surfaces before and after each Mass (including restrooms). This will include acquiring supplies, which are currently in high demand.
- 5) Determine ingress/egress to and from restrooms to establish paths that mitigate proximity for parishioners.
- 6) Hand sanitizer is to be made available throughout the church, whenever possible.
- 7) All hymnals and missalettes are to be removed from the pews and stored for the duration of the pandemic. No other materials may be left in the pews. The faithful are encouraged to bring their own missals for use during the celebration of Mass, if desired. Or disposable worship aids could be distributed, then discarded. Perhaps the use of familiar melodies and texts will be best at this time. Use familiar Mass settings. Alternately, the use of digital projection and screens is encouraged. As always, appropriate copyright licenses are to be respected.
- 8) Design a process so parishioners stay separated while waiting for check in and seating. Do not allow them to congregate in the entrance of the church. This process can include floor markings, outdoor distancing, waiting in cars, etc.
- 9) Physical barriers are acceptable where practical, especially in additional church entrances/exits (maintaining the fire department codes and unblocked emergency exits).
- 10) Furniture in the sanctuary should be arranged in such a way that social distancing between ministers is maintained.
- 11) Consider placing a stand near the presider's chair to hold the Roman Missal. This eliminates the need for the server to stand so close to the presider when he prays the Collect and other Mass prayers.
- 12) The location of the stations for the distribution of Holy Communion and appropriate spacing between individuals in the Communion procession should be prepared, perhaps utilizing tape on the floor or guides on the ends of the pews.
- 13) Baptismal fonts and holy water stoops should remain empty until further notice.
- 14) Post signage at the entrances of the church stating no one with a fever or symptoms of COVID-19 may enter.

MASS PARTICIPATION AND ATTENDANCE

- 1) Each pastor will determine the number of Masses he can reasonably celebrate on Saturday night and on Sunday, our principal times of worship. The regular schedule might work, but since fewer people will be allowed into the church, he should consider more than one Saturday vigil Mass (any time after 4:00 p.m.) and perhaps additional Sunday morning, afternoon, or evening Masses. The number of priests available in the parish will also determine the number of Masses. Since these are unusual circumstances, a priest may celebrate three Masses a day.



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2) Pastors are asked to determine how many Masses they can offer on weekdays in order to accommodate those who are not able to attend Saturday evening/Sunday Masses but who still long for the Eucharist. A possibility is to offer at least two daily Masses (morning, noontime and/or evening).

3) Devise a means of ticketing (e.g. like using an online system such as *Eventbrite*, *Eventbee*, or printing your own tickets at the church with each ticket specifying a particular date and Mass time) so that the parish will make available for each particular service only the number of tickets corresponding to the capacity of the church while observing social distancing. Only those with a ticket for a particular Mass will be allowed to attend that Mass. Others may obtain a ticket for a different Mass. Perhaps limiting one ticket for person per week may be considered in order to accommodate more people. Remember that liturgical ministers are part of the Mass count. Think through what is the best method for ticket distribution in your parish.

[NOTE: *Do not print or distribute tickets until permission is granted to re-open the church for Masses. This is a planning phase only, so that we will be ready when reopening is permitted.*]

4) Those who normally attend daily Mass should be asked to attend only once in a week, IF other parishioners want to attend one day. If it turns out that there is no great demand for daily Masses, then, of course the regulars can be accommodated, as long as social distancing is maintained.

5) Ushers will have to be trained to not allow anyone without a ticket to enter the church. Moreover, they should anticipate the need to gently deal with some chaos and fear for the first few weeks. They are not there to “police,” but some rules might put the people at ease.

6) Ushers and other volunteers are to wear masks and are to frequently wash or sanitize their hands. Educate all liturgical ministers so that they, in turn, can model good practices.

7) People will sit in places assigned by an usher and not necessarily in their usual “favorite” spot.

LITURGICAL RESTRICTIONS (FOR THE TIME BEING)

1) Clergy and other ministers are to maintain six-foot distancing and should not greet parishioners as they enter or exit the church.

2) People entering the church and during the celebration of Mass will wear a mask (or other face covering). Only the priest, deacon and those in the sanctuary will not wear masks. However, at the time for receiving Communion, the priest, deacon and the minimal number of extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion needed to assist will put on masks, while the people approaching for Holy Communion will momentarily remove their masks, then replace them once the sacred host has been consumed.

3) Music ministers, including small choirs and ensembles (5 people maximum), should also adhere to social distancing. Large choirs should be discontinued until it is safe to resume.

4) Priests should make every effort to clearly communicate good hygienic practices and liturgical alterations to their parishioners in light of continuing public health concerns.

5) Processions through the assembly at the beginning and end of the Mass should be reexamined or discontinued.

6) The gifts of bread and wine may simply be brought to the altar from the credence table in the sanctuary, thus eliminating one more possibility of close contact.



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7) Collection baskets will not be passed, but people will either go in a distanced procession to place their offering in a basket in front of the altar; or they can place their offerings in a locked box as they enter the church. This box will be under the custody of two trustworthy people at all times.

8) The exchange of the Sign of Peace will be only by distanced gestures such as a bow, a wave of the hand, or a smile.

9) During the Mass, the people will only receive the Holy Communion under the form of Bread. For those who are gluten intolerant, special arrangements are to be made with the pastor. It is encouraged that communicants received Communion by hand. Communion by tongue is not prohibited. A reminder to communicants on the proper way to receive Holy Communion by hand could be helpful at this time. [Upon approaching the minister extend the hands in the middle of the chest. One hand is extended, while the other hand is placed beneath it and opened sufficiently so that the minister need not touch the hand to place the sacred host in it.]

10) If there are priest-concelebrants, the principal celebrant and concelebrating priests are to receive Holy Communion by intinction, utilizing the main chalice, and with the last priest consuming all that remains in the chalice, then purifying it. Deacons will receive Holy Communion under the form of Bread only.

11) The priests, deacons and anyone assisting in the distribution of Communion will sanitize their hands just before and just after distribution of Communion. If they feel their hands are contaminated during Communion, they may pause and sanitize their hands before resuming.

12) After the Mass all should depart the church in an organized manner wearing masks and observing six feet of distance between other parishioners. Ushers may need to direct this process.

13) Ushers are not to hand out bulletins or other materials. People should be directed to the parish website to read the weekly bulletin for information.

14) There will be no post-Mass fellowship until further notice. No ministry tables with resources are allowed in the vestibule or lanai areas.

15) Weddings, funerals, and Confirmations/First Holy Communions could take place with careful attention to guest lists so as to keep under the person limit and physical distancing plans for each church.

CLEANING PROTOCOLS

1) Appropriate cleaning of high use areas within the church is to be done before and after each service. This will include pews, chairs, ambo and microphones.

2) Restroom facilities should be sanitized after each liturgy and regularly.

3) Handrails, door handles, push plates, and knobs are to be sanitized after each service. Doors might be propped open to lessen contact.

4) Vessels used during the Mass should continue to be washed after each Mass in soap and water – as they always should be, even in normal circumstances.

5) All liturgical vestments, including server albs, are to be regularly cleaned.

6) Minimize the amount of clergy and liturgical ministers inside the sacristy at one time to maintain the proper social distancing.

7) The liturgical environment should be considered, too. Reflect the liturgical season but keep all decorations at a minimum (less surface to clean or attract germs).



PARISH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

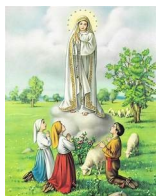
FEAST DAYS

May is the Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary

May 12 > Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, martyrs

> St. Pancras, martyr

May 13 **Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima**



May 14 St. Mathias, apostle

May 15 St. Isidore



A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER IN A TIME OF CRISIS

God of love and mercy,
 we are living under the cross of your
 in an unexpected and unwelcome way.
 We feel the gripping power of fear, anxiety, powerlessness and dread.
 We face the cross with a fearful heart.
 Send your Spirit down upon us to give us wisdom and courage,
 to console us and give us peace.
 One with you and your Son,
 the Spirit is the giver of life who can guide us through the storms
 and comfort us in our pain and discouragement.
 Through your Spirit, transform our weakness into strength
 and breathe confidence into us,
 so that our stewardship of the Gospel will give us a new boldness
 to proclaim the hope of your cross and the joy of Easter morning.
 We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.



SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

	<u>4/26/20</u>	<u>5/3/20</u>
Offertory	\$ 2,258.00	\$ 2,051.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 1,535.00	\$ 141.00
Donation	\$ 320.81	\$ 00.00
Holy Easter	\$ 100.00	\$ 5.00
Funeral	\$ 100.00	\$ NA
Candles	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00
St. Augustine Hymnal Project		\$ 25.00
Mass Intention	\$ 258.00	\$ 000.00
Total	\$ 4,596.81	\$ 2,222.00

*"Give and gifts will be given to you."
 Luke 6:38*

KOKUA OFFICE & PANTRY IS CLOSED

Although closed, Coordinator *Becky DeCorte* and her hard-working team have prepared bags of non-perishable food for anyone in need of them. You may pick up a bag (one per family) at the Rectory Office between 8:30am to 11:30am, Monday to Friday, beginning May 11, 2020. If you have any questions, please call the office at 845-0828. A big MAHALO to all the donors who make this distribution possible!



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ONLINE GIVING FOR PARISHES

Although public Masses have been suspended, you can still support your local parish, Our Lady of the Mount. The Diocese of Honolulu has setup an Online Parish Offertory page at <https://www.catholichawaii.org/offertory>

There are two ways to give to your parish online:
 1) Check the **Parish Listing** on the Diocesan website and scroll to the "Give to..." button and click **Our Lady of the Mount** and give directly to your parish.
 2) Visit our **Online Parish Offertory** page. 100% of your donation will go towards your selected parish(es). The Diocese will also send a tax acknowledgment letter to any donors that give through the offertory page.

† OBITUARY

+ALFREDO IGNACIO VENTURA BAPTISTA, 84

Funeral Service: May 12, 2020, 10:50-11:10 am
 > Valley of the Temples Main Chapel
 Interment: May 12, 2020, 12:00 pm
 > Valley of the Temples Memorial Park

"ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, O LORD."

HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THE BEREAVED FAMILIES.



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