

Aloha fellow parishioners,

Grace and peace to all of you. As you have already experienced, the Covid-19 virus has led to severe and fearsome times for everyone, here on the islands and across the globe. Because of this situation, on March 16th, 2020, Bishop Larry Silva sent out an urgent memorandum to be followed by all Parish Administrators in the Diocese of Honolulu.

The key part of this memorandum was the very serious decision of Bishop Larry to temporarily suspend the public celebration of Weekday and Sunday Holy Mass. While the Church is entrusted with the spiritual and moral care of its members, it also has an equally grave responsibility for peoples' personal and physical welfare. The World Health Organization, the Center for Disease Control and other national and state officials have declared Covid-19 a global pandemic and have issued health directives that are to be followed for the safety and well-being of every person. With utmost concern for his beloved flock, Bishop Larry made a very difficult decision. We hope you faithfully abide by it and accept this temporary situation. Here is a link to the Bishop's video explaining his decision to suspend Holy Masses on our website at <https://pahoasacredheart.org/>. Bishop's memorandum is posted on our website.

Here are some changes we've made at our parish this week:

1. Per the directive of Bishop Larry, effective March 17th through March 31st, public celebration of weekday and Sunday Holy Mass is suspended.
2. Fr. John Molina continues to offer a private daily Holy Mass for you and all your intentions.
3. While you cannot attend daily Holy Mass you can nevertheless participate by watching Mass on television or on the Internet. Each day a link is posted on our parish website for a Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert Barron or Fr. Steve Grunow. Think of this as an opportunity to make your home into a small oratory where prayers, praise and petitions can be offered to God anytime of the day. Additional information of television stations and websites offering daily Mass are posting in the bulletin and on the parish website.
4. Sunday is the Day of the Lord, and we are all called to honor it with utmost respect, even in these very trying times. Please make every effort to watch one of the aforementioned televised or Internet Masses. This Sunday, March 22, 2020, at 9:00am, you can join Bishop Larry in prayer as he celebrates the Holy Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Lent at www.hictv.com.
5. The new office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. These hours are in effect Monday, March 23rd until March 31st, 2020.
6. We are still producing a weekly bulletin which will be forwarded on to you via email. If you haven't yet subscribed please do so on our parish website <https://pahoasacredheart.org/>. A printed bulletin, limited to 100 copies, is available on the church portico.
7. Fr. John Molina, Liz Morgan, and Aracelli Smith are working closely together in updating the social media platforms. Here are the links:

- WEBSITE: <https://pahoasacredheart.org/> Subscribe and get up-to-date notices.
- INSTAGRAM: @sacredheartpaho
- FACEBOOK: Sacred Heart Church Paho

The next expected update from Bishop Larry will be on March 31st. We will send it to all.

Also, attached is Father John's notice regarding his Daily Private Mass in Times of Emergency. Father John also requests that we continue to pray the "Deliverance Prayer." Please do so as often as you can, and most notably with your family.

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 of 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."

Please share this information with all of our brothers and sisters.

Let us all do our part with and for our parish and local community in containing this dangerous and potentially life threatening virus. And lastly, be safe and stay healthy.

God bless,

Gary Morgan, Chair

Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council