

**SACRED HEART CHURCH
PAHOA, HAWAII
MAY 25, 2020**

TERMS and CONDITIONS for RETURNING to CHURCH

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Sacred Heart Pahoā “*E Komo Mai*” task force team has carefully formulated the following **Terms and Conditions** for attending Mass based on the directives of the CDC, the State of Hawaii, Hawaii County, Bishop Larry Silva, and the dictates of common sense. We must inform you and your family that Sacred Heart Church cannot guarantee your safety from COVID-19 pandemic. We are all at risk by attending Mass. If you feel hesitant coming to Mass, ***stay home.***

Please be aware on May 22, 2020, Bishop Larry Silva extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass through June 30, 2020. This will allow those who are not comfortable attending Mass at this time to stay away with a clear conscience. Masses will continue to be live-streamed on television and the internet. Before June 30, Bishop will evaluate whether or not to further extend the dispensation.

BEFORE MAKING A MASS RESERVATION

The limited number of seats at each Mass will be filled by advance reservation. Before making a reservation click on the following links to read and follow the information on “How to Protect Yourself and Others” from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the State of Hawaii.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

<https://health.hawaii.gov/coronavirusdisease2019/what-you-can-do/how-to-prevent-the-spread-of-covid-19/>

<https://hawaiicovid19.com/guidance-for-everyone/>

Older adults and people with severe underlying medical conditions like heart or lung disease, diabetes, or compromised immune system can be at higher risk for developing serious complications from COVID-19 illnesses. If you have any of these or other various medical conditions, ***stay home.***

MASS RESERVATIONS WILL BEGIN MAY 30, 2020

Note that the Mass times have changed, the new schedule is as follows:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday: 11:30 am and 5:30 pm
Saturday: 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am 10:00 am and 4:00 pm

Because the **maximum capacity** of our church is **40 persons** you can only select one particular day and time per week to attend Mass during the pandemic. For example, if you select Wednesday at 11:30am you will have a reserved seat for Mass every Wednesday at 11:30 until June 30, 2020. You cannot change the day or the time so make certain of your selection.

If you are retired or are staying at home, please select a weekday Mass time as that will allow people who work during the week to attend a week-end Mass.

MAKING A MASS RESERVATION

To attend Mass, you need to make a reservation online on the Church website.

1. Go to the Church website at <https://pahoasacredheart.org/>
2. A pop-up box will appear. Click on "RESERVE A MASS."
3. Select the day and time you want to attend. Click Reserve.
4. Fill in the requested information boxes as required.
5. Click on Submit and your reservation is completed..

You will receive an email confirmation of your reservation. You will also receive an email reminder on the day before the Mass you have selected.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I ARRIVE AT CHURCH?

1. Please plan to arrive at church at least **20 minutes** prior to the beginning of Mass.
2. **No one** will be seated later than 10 minutes after Mass begins.
3. Please park in every other stall in the parking lot to maintain 6 ft. social distancing unless you are from the same household. **No gathering of groups in the parking lot before or after Mass.** If you arrive early, please stay in your vehicle. Due to the sanitization process we will only seat people 20 minutes before Mass time.
4. **YOU MUST WEAR YOUR MASK UPON LEAVING YOUR VEHICLE.**
If you cannot wear a mask for the duration of the Mass you should NOT ATTEND. A mask must be worn and social distancing practices adhered to from the time you leave your car till the time you return to your car after Mass.
5. Just like in places of business, please follow social distancing while waiting in line to enter the portico. Distances will be marked on the walkways, the portico and church floors with ushers there to help direct you.
6. An usher will be present on each side of the portico, the middle entry to the portico will be closed off. The usher will ask for your name. Your name **MUST** be on the reservation list for the Mass that you are attending. If you are **NOT** on the list, you will **NOT** be seated.

7. People will be seated starting at the front of the church working out onto the portico. Due to social distancing requirements we are unable to seat you in any specific pew.
8. Before entering the portico, your temperature will be taken. **If your temperature is above 100.4 F you will not be able to attend Mass.**

Please expect to be asked the following questions:

Do you now have, or have you recently had a fever?

Do you have or have recently had a cough, runny nose, sore throat, or other symptoms?

Have you been in contact with an infected person?

Have you traveled or flown over the ocean in the past fourteen days?

If you answer yes to any of the above, you will not be allowed to enter.

9. Upon entering the portico, an usher will spray your hands with hand sanitizer. If you feel uncomfortable having your hands sanitized, you will not be able to attend Mass.
10. Whether on the portico or inside of the church, an usher will escort you to your seat. Once seated, you are required to stay in your seat until Mass begins. If you need to leave your seat, please ask an usher to conduct you.
11. Restrooms will be locked at all times but an usher will be available to open them when necessary. Restrooms will be disinfected after every use.
12. **Families with babies, and/or small children:** We encourage you to stay home and attend a Mass through live-streaming. However, if you must attend, parents are required to ensure their children do not leave their seats. If you need to leave your seat, please gesture for an usher to escort you out. Children two years old and younger should not wear a mask. Children two years old and younger may put themselves at risk through not understanding the requirements of social distancing, and we ask you to consider having them taken care of at home.
13. Hymnals, missalettes and other worship material **will not be available** in the church for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic. Parishioners are free to bring their own missals with them or to use one of the many daily Mass reading apps on their phones.
14. **The Collection:** We will not be passing the collection basket. Please use the drop box at the two entrances. Please consider using Online Giving or mailing a check. Do not send cash through the mail. Your continuous expression of generous Stewardship during these hard times is greatly appreciated.

15. **The Lord's Prayer and the Sign of Peace:** There is to be **NO** physical contact during the Lord's Prayer or the Sign of Peace. A bow, a smile, or a wave will serve as a true sign of peace to one's neighbor.
16. **Holy Communion:** Remain in your seat. Fr. John or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will come to give you Holy Communion.
17. **End of Mass and the Dismissal:** Everyone must leave the church and portico after the final blessing and dismissal to allow time for the church to be sanitized before the next Mass.

If you are seated on the portico, you must remain in your seat until directed by an usher. People on the portico will exit first and in an orderly fashion so as to maintain the required 6 foot social distance.

For those who are seated inside the church, remain in your seat until an usher directs you to the exit. The reason for this is that the portico must be cleared first. Please maintain the required 6 foot social distance while exiting.

Please note, everyone will be exiting on the side steps.

18. Bulletins will not be distributed after Mass but are available on the parish website <https://pahoasacredheart.org/>
19. **There is to be no gathering on the portico or church grounds before and after Mass.**
20. **Please note that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment only.** Please call Fr. John at 808.965.8202.

Please help our ushers and other community members by abiding by these Terms and Conditions. Thank you for your patience and understanding during these difficult times.