

Saint John the Baptist Church

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Honolulu

May 26, 2020

Dear Parishioners:

Over the last ten weeks because of the coronavirus, we have been deprived of joining together as Catholic Christians to celebrate and participate in that which makes all Catholics around the world “one body of Christ” –the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. While we have been celebrating the Mass without physically gathering with you, it is now with great excitement and words of caution that I announce the reopening of St. John the Baptist Church for public worship to resume once again.

**Note: For those not comfortable attending Mass in public just yet, Bishop Silva has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass to June 30th. For Livestreamed Masses on YouTube follow the channel St. Michael's Kona Music Ministry at 9 am (English) and 11 am (Spanish).*

Planning for the reopening has been a monumental task in figuring out how the required safety protocols will be implemented for all who attend Mass. Expect that you will be required to wear a mask, and that, due to social distancing, you will not have your “saved seat” that you regularly have sat in prior to March 15th. We ask for your patience and understanding at this time while we work out all the “hiccups” that are sure to happen. Weekend Masses with the public at St. John the Baptist Church will resume on **Pentecost weekend, May 30th-31st** with the following schedule:

Public Weekend Masses
Saturday 4 pm / 6 pm (Spanish)
Sunday 6 am, 8 am, 10 am, 12: 30 pm (Spanish), 4 pm

Sign up for the Weekend Mass you wish to attend by using the **Eventbrite link on our website or Facebook Page**, or by calling the parish office: **(808) 845-0984**. Please call no later than **Friday by 1:45 pm** and give the time of Mass you will attend, the number of persons coming to Mass, and their names.

Daily Masses will begin Tuesday – June 2nd with the following schedule (no reservations required; attendance will be filled “First-come, First-served”):

Public Daily Masses / Confessions
Daily Masses: Tuesday through Friday 7:15 am
Outdoor Confessions: Saturday 9 am at the main entrance (begins May 30th)

You remain in my daily prayers, and I ask that you keep me in yours. Your patience while we work to keep everyone safe will be appreciated. I look forward to seeing you at Mass. May God bless you!

Peace of Christ



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