



Sacred Heart Church

Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church:

On Friday March 27, 2020 Bishop Larry Silva met in an online conference call with his Priest Advisory Council to discuss how we would move forth as a Church amidst the ever-changing pandemic of COVID-19. It was agreed upon that the safety and health of all the faithful that we would adhere to the recent mandate made by Governor Ige to “stay at home” in order to lower the curve of this rapidly spreading and potentially deadly virus. It was decided that **ALL MASSES AND PARISH EVENTS WILL BE CANCELLED AND CHURCHES WILL BE CLOSED through April 30, 2020** or until further notice.

Please read carefully the March 27 memo and update from the Bishop’s office as well as how the Church plans to provide for your spiritual needs during these final weeks of Lent and the upcoming Easter Triduum. While this saddens me to close our church and breaks my heart not being able to celebrate the upcoming Holy Days with you, I know all of our health and well-being is top priority. I will be working with our parish staff and some ministers to see how we can best serve your needs in this time of anxiety and uncertainty. I want you to know that I am praying for you daily in my private Masses and personal prayers. I hope to email regularly, send out my Sunday homilies, live-stream Mass and be available for you either by phone or email. I encourage all of you to please heed the mandate to “**STAY AT HOME.**”

The memo also includes online live-streamed Mass as well as other avenues for Mass and reflections that you can view for your spiritual well-being and up-liftings.

Please note the following:

1. If there is an emergency and you or a family member is in need of the **Anointing of the Sick/Last Rites**, please do not hesitate to call **973-2211 and press 1.**

2. I will be live-streaming Mass on our parish Facebook account on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:00 p.m. and on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. these Masses and other reflections will be posted on our social media accounts and on our parish website.
 - Please follow/“like” us at <http://facebook.com/sacredheartpunahou> and or <http://instagram.com/sacredheartpunahou>
 - Visit our parish website - www.sacredhearthnl.org to view Mass from Sacred Heart Church.
3. Please consider continuing your parish contributions by either mailing them into the office or online at, www.sacredhearthnl.org, please know how much your support is appreciated. I understand we are all economically hurting at this time, but God blesses a generous giver and whatever one can give, will be returned 100x.
4. Our Parish Office will be closed, but our staff is still working diligently from home. You may still reach them by calling in and pressing their respective extension lines and leave a message. If you are in need of any assistance (picking up groceries, medications, someone to talk to) please do not hesitate to call me at **973-2211 ext. 32** or email me at ejresinto@rcchawaii.org. You have a young and healthy (so far) pastor and I am dedicated to serving not only your spiritual needs but your other needs as well in the spirit of St. Damien and St. Marianne whose faith superseded any disease.

Please stay safe, and let us take care of each other by uniting in prayer fervently to end to this pandemic. Until we can gather together again around the table of the Lord to hear his Word and share his Body and Blood, I remain spiritually connected and faithfully yours.

Love,

Father EJ Ikaika Resinto, Pastor