

Newman Center – Holy Spirit Parish

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Catholic Campus Ministry at the University of Hawai'i – Mānoa

March 17, 2020 - Commemoration of St. Patrick

Dear Parish Staff and Parishioners of Newman Center/Holy Spirit Parish,

After meeting with the Priests Council yesterday, Bishop Silva has decided to suspend ALL public Masses and Events in the Diocese of Honolulu. The faithful are dispensed from their obligation at this time. The Newman Center will NOT have any public Masses or events until March 31. The diocese will reassess the situation later this month to determine if the suspension will extend through Easter. As bishop mentioned in his memo to the priests and the faithful, this decision to cancel Masses was a very serious decision that was not taken lightly.

The Center chapel will be opened for private prayer during Business Hours. I will offer private Masses during the week for your spiritual welfare and on Sunday the *Misa pro populo* (Mass for the people of the parish) without a congregation. With our Lenten Penance Service being canceled, I will be available to hear individual confessions (by appointment preferred). My staff and I are working to keep our website and social media outlets updated with spiritual resources you can use during this time of “fasting” from the Eucharist. Bishop Silva reminds us that “while nothing can fully replace the celebration of the Eucharist, in which we physically encounter the risen Lord Jesus as he offer us his Body and Blood for nourishment, all are encouraged to keep the Lord’s day holy by spending time in prayer and reflection.”

For our Kupuna who don’t have assistance with grocery shopping and getting necessary medication and/or supplies, there are several members of the community and myself willing to brave the stores for you. Please contact us (808) 988-6222 if you need assistance.

Finally, let us continue to be united in prayer that God will bless and protect us. St. Patrick, pray for us.

May the Strength of God pilot us.
May the Power of God preserve us.
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.
May the Hand of God protect us.
May the Way of God direct us.
May the Shield of God defend us.
May the Host of God guard us.
Against the snares of the evil ones.
Against temptations of the world.
May Christ be with us!
May Christ be before us!
May Christ be in us, Christ be over all!

May thy salvation, Lord, always be ours this day, O Lord, and evermore. Amen
(Prayer attributed to St. Patrick)

Your servant in Christ,

Rev. Alfred Omar B. Guerrero
Pastor