



ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH

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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. Michael’s Church for public worship to resume once again. It is fitting that our reopening will occur on the Feast of Pentecost. **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. Livestreamed Masses on YouTube and Facebook will continue to the end of June at 9am (English) and 11am (Spanish).*

Planning for the reopening has been a monumental task in figuring out how the required safety protocols will be implemented and ensuring they will be adhered to by 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. As your Pastor, I have seen how well you have responded to the needs of the parish, and I am humbled by your faithful response when we ask for your help.

Due to limited space at Immaculate Conception and Holy Rosary Mission Churches, there will be no services up *mauka*. Weekend Masses with the public at St. Michael’s Church will resume on **Pentecost weekend, May 30th-31st** with the following schedule:

Public Weekend Masses

Saturday 5pm / Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am (Spanish), 1pm, 4pm, 6pm (Spanish)

Sign up for the Weekend Mass you wish to attend by using the EventBrite link on our website, Flocknote messages, and other platforms, or by calling the parish office: **(808) 326-7771**. Please call no later than **Friday by 4:50pm** and *give the time of Mass you’ll attend, the number of persons coming to Mass, and their names.*

Daily Masses will begin **Monday – May 25th** with the following schedule (no reservations required; attendance will be filled “First-come, First-served”):

Public Daily Masses / Adoration / Confessions

Daily Masses: Monday through Saturday 7am

Monday – Tuesday – Thursday – Friday 5pm

Adoration: Wednesday 7:30am--4:45pm (begins after 7am Mass)

Outdoor Confessions: Saturday 9am under the “hut” next to Grotto (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,

Fr. Lio Faletoi, Pastor

St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i

+ Ho'ohanohano 'ia 'o Iesū Kristo! + Praised be Jesus Christ! + ¡Alabado sea Jesucristo! +

The following COVID-19 Safety Guidelines are in effect at St. Michael the Archangel Parish until further notice (subject to change):

- 1- All liturgical celebrations will be at St. Michael's Church. All mission churches remain closed to the public until further notice (due to space limitations up mauka).
- 2- To sign up for our FREE message service: Visit [Flocknote.com/SMACCKK](https://flocknote.com/SMACCKK) or text the word: **SMACCKK** to phone number: **84576**.
- 3- Process to reserve a seat to attend Holy Mass at St. Michael:
 - +**Spanish language Mass** and **Weekday Mass** will be "first-come, first served" in order of arrival. No reservations (smaller congregation); all other guidelines apply.
 - +**English** language and **English/Hawaiian** language Mass **require a reservation**:
 - +Visit [SMACCKKona.eventbrite.com](https://smacckkona.eventbrite.com) (*bookmark this link for repeated use*)
 - +Click on **Select A Date**
 - +Choose **Tickets** next to the Mass time you want to reserve
 - +**Select** the **amount** of "tickets" (seats) you want to reserve and choose **Register**.
 - +Next, type your **First and Last Name**, then, type your **email address**, then **uncheck** the **two blue check marks**, choose **Register**
 - +*If you want to repeat the process for someone else, or to sign up for another Mass:*
 - Press X** in the top right corner
 - +**You will receive an email confirmation, but you do NOT need to bring any confirmation or ticket with you when you come to Mass.**
 - +If the Mass you would like to attend is full, **please sign up for a different Mass**.
 - +If you experience difficulties signing up, please call the office at **808-326-7771**.
- 4- The Bishop has extended the dispensation for physically attending Sunday Mass until June 30. This means that **not physically attending Sunday Mass is not a sin at this time**. Bishop Larry will periodically consider extending the dispensation as needed.
- 5- If you are sick or vulnerable to getting sick, as an act of charity, **PLEASE STAY HOME**.
- 6- Face mask (any covering of nose and mouth) is required at all times for everyone.
- 7- Please use our newly installed handwashing stations, bathroom sinks, and/or **bring your own hand sanitizer** as you enter, so they see you using it, or let them know you have cleaned up. **Please help conserve our limited supply** of hard-to-get sanitizers and **bring your own** (donations of supplies are encouraged and appreciated).

- 8- Plan to arrive **30-45 minutes before Mass** to observe social distancing at all times, individual sanitizing, and use of our handwashing stations, face masks, etc.
- 9- There is one way in (front doors) and one way out (side doors as directed by the ushers). **Ushers must escort you to and from your seat.**
- 10-The entrance by the bathrooms is for the **exclusive use** of ADA/handicap/disabled persons and priests/ministers **servicing at that Mass** (observing social distancing).
- 11-The church will be filled in groups by household, observing social distancing, skipping pews in between, starting from the front to the back *by order of arrival*. **You may not move or choose your own seat.**
- 12-Once seated, do not move from your seat again **until you are dismissed** by an usher.
- 13-**Please avoid touching any surfaces** (pews, seat back of the bench in front of you, doors, etc.) anywhere in the church to reduce risk of spreading disease.
- 14-Hymnals, missalettes, and printed materials will be **removed** until further notice.
- 15-**PLEASE LIMIT YOUR FLUIDS** (remember to always abstain from food or drink for at least one hour before Holy Communion) and use the restrooms **BEFORE** you enter the church.

+Once you are seated, **PLEASE STAY IN YOUR SEAT** until you are dismissed. If you have an unavoidable emergency, an usher will need to assist you to and from your seat. BE PATIENT, plan ahead.
- 16-A minister with the collection basket will come before you at your seat using the empty row in front of you. Please have your donation ready and **avoid touching the basket, the pews, or the usher**. Everyone will be wearing face masks at all times.
- 17-There will be **no physical contact** during the Lord's Prayer or the sign of peace. During the sign of peace, a simple bow, hand wave, shaka, wink, or other appropriate gesture will suffice in place of physical contact with others.
- 18-A priest or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, wearing a face mask, **will come before you at your seat**, using the empty row in front of you. **You do not leave your seat**. The Communion Cup of the Precious Blood will not be distributed to the assembly at this time. We Catholics believe that when we receive Holy Communion in either form by itself (Consecrated Bread or Consecrated Wine), we fully receive the Lord Jesus Himself, really and truly present in Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

+Your mask stays on until right before you are going to receive Holy Communion, remove it to consume the Communion Host, and then you put it back on immediately afterwards. When the priest or minister approaches you, you prepare yourself by doing the following:

+Make a bow of the head in reverence, and extend your hands before you, placing your hands with your palms lying flat and open (**do not cup your hands**), with one hand on top of the other, "making an altar with your hands like a throne to receive the King of Kings":



+We **highly encourage you** to please receive Holy Communion **in the hand at this time**, however, receiving directly on the tongue is not prohibited. If that is your preference, please open your mouth **widely** and extend your tongue out **completely** so the minister may easily place the Communion Host without touching your tongue.



+Please consume the Communion Host before the minister moves on, fully consuming any crumbs or particles left on your hands, with reverence and respect for the Lord.

+If you are **not receiving Holy Communion**, when the minister approaches you, please fold your arms across your chest, making a cross in the X pattern, and reverently bow your head:



19-After Holy Communion, **REMAIN IN YOUR SEAT**. You **MUST be dismissed** by your usher one row at a time, once the final song has ended. Then proceed directly to your vehicle. We cannot have any social gatherings outside after Mass and the church has to be empty to be promptly sanitized and prepared for the next Mass.

As Bishop Larry Silva has assured us, "Yes, these are bothersome requirements, but they are necessary for the continuing health and safety of all during this global pandemic."

Mahalo piha iā 'oe no kou kōkua! + Thank you so much for your help!