



Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

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Re-Opening of Masses to Public at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa

*“Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do all that you do with love.
-St. Theresa of Lisieux”*

Our dear ‘ohana of the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, aloha, and peace be with you! We are eager and excited to welcome you back into this beautiful building we call our church! In conjunction with the directives of the Diocese of Honolulu issued on May 8, 2020, we have put together the following protocols, for the well-being and safety of all who join us in worship at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus.

I. On Preparing and Keeping our Worship Facility Safe and Clean

1. Sanitizers and temperature checks are provided at the entrances of the church.
2. The places to be occupied in the pews are properly marked for sitting to observe social distancing. The people should strictly occupy only those places indicated.
3. The pews are classified into six sections to facilitate the Sanitation Ministry in sanitizing after each Mass. The church must and will be disinfected after each Mass.
4. The entrances of the church are marked to facilitate the entering and exiting of people before and after the Mass. Ushers will supervise the entrances and exits on Sundays to guide the assembly as they enter and exit the church.
5. The floors inside the church are properly marked with signs for social distancing to facilitate and guide parishioners during communion.
6. Notices are placed in front of religious images to remind parishioners not to touch or wipe the images. Short prayers are posted in front of the images to help parishioners pray in front of them.
7. The Baptismal font and all Holy Water fonts will remain empty.
8. The hymnals, missalettes, and printed hymns will no longer be available for general use. Hymns and prayers are projected on the wall via PowerPoint.
9. The church area can accommodate 200 people only each Mass to observe social distancing.
10. The adoration chapel will be temporarily closed until further notice.
11. Parish comfort rooms are properly cleaned, sanitized, stocked with necessary items, and regularly maintained at the end of each Mass.

II. During the Celebration of Holy Mass

12. All people attending the Mass, including liturgical ministers, are required to wear a face mask. The ushers should see to it that all assembly members in the church are wearing a face mask. Disposable face masks will be available only to those who forget to bring one to Mass.

13. The assigned sacristan who prepares the hosts, water, and wine for consecration will need to observe proper hygiene and health protocols.
14. Only the Body of Christ will be served during Communion.
15. In each Mass, there will be only be two altar servers, two lectors, and three Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC).
16. The ushers will be present to remind people of the social distancing protocol. Once the pews are filled to the appropriate capacity, ushers will advise people to wait outside.
17. There will no longer be offertory processions. The offerings can be dropped in a transparent acrylic box at the entrances and at the middle of the church or near the Baptismal Font at the beginning of the Mass.
18. There will be no holding of hands at the Our Father and no handshakes at the giving of peace. Distanced gestures like a simple bow or wave of hands are good signs of peace.
19. For Communion, please wait for the Ushers to guide you.
20. All the EMHC and the priests will wear face masks during the giving of Holy Communion.
21. The *Oratio Imperata* is to be prayed at every Mass.

III. After Each Mass

22. There will be NO bulletins or other materials handed out before/after each Mass.
23. No post-Mass fellowship until further notice.
24. After each Mass, people will not be allowed to enter until the pews have been sanitized by the Sanitation Ministry. The following items must be sanitized after each Mass: pews, lecterns, microphones, doors and doorknobs.
25. Upon completion of sanitizing church, ushers will direct people into the church for the next Mass.
26. The vessels used during the Mass will be washed after each Mass with soap and water – as they always should be, even in normal circumstances.

IV. Parish Ministers and Volunteers

27. All liturgical ministers and volunteers must go through training for the opening of the church. They are expected to attend on-going training when necessary updates arise. There will be no exceptions considering the exceptional circumstances and modification of appropriate protocol. These include: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, altar servers, lectors, cantors, choir members and musicians, sacristans and other ministers.
28. The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and the priests should sanitize their hands before and after they give Communion. It is good that this is done in view of the people to give them assurance of the hygienic practice.
29. If the congregation is small enough, especially at weekday Masses, only the priest will give Communion.

V. CCST's Masses Schedules:

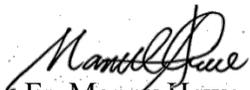
| Daily Masses | Weekend Masses | | Holy Hour & Confession |
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| <p>Monday to Saturday</p> <p>6:30 AM</p> | <p>Saturday (Vigil)</p> <p>5:00 PM</p> | <p>Sunday</p> <p>6:30 AM</p> <p>8:30 AM</p> <p>10:30 AM</p> <p>6:00 PM</p> | <p>Wednesday</p> <p>6:00 PM</p> |

Mahalo nui, for taking the time to read our protocols thoroughly! We truly appreciate your cooperation and understanding. It is vital for us to understand and keep the directives provided by the Diocese of Honolulu and the CDC especially for those who are at **high risk**.

If you are considered high risk, 65 years and older, people who live in a care home or long-term care facility, families with children ages 6 and under, and/or people of all ages with underlying medical conditions, it is recommended that you continue to join us for Mass via livestream. Bishop Larry Silva has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass through June 30, 2020.

In the spirit of our patroness St. Theresa, let us be witnesses of love in ensuring the safety and well-being of our community. Let us continue to pray for each other as we face this new normal together as one ‘ohana!

Sincerely in Christ,



Fr. Manny Hewe
Pastor, CCST