



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII
DIOCESE OF HONOLULU
WITNESS TO JESUS

Memorandum

TO: All Clergy, Religious Communities, and Parishes

FROM: Rev. Alfred Omar Guerrero, Director, Office of Worship

DATE: November 18, 2023

RE: **2024 LITURGICAL NOTES FOR THE DIOCESE OF HONOLULU -
(Year B, Sundays; Year II, Weekdays)**

Miscellaneous Notes

1. As a reminder in our diocese the Holydays of Obligation are two: the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** (December 8, the Patroness of the USA); and **Christmas** (December 25). The faithful are encouraged to attend Mass on the other holydays of obligation celebrated in the United States of America (See Dates to Remember below.). Pastors are therefore asked to provide practical opportunities for more people to attend Mass on these days by celebrating a Vigil Mass (when permitted) or an extra Mass or two at hours convenient for the faithful.
2. The 2024 liturgical year begins on the First Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2023 (including its Vigil on Saturday, December 2).
3. Anniversary of the Dedication of the Parish Church – This date should be celebrated as a Solemnity by the parish, unless impeded by a day of higher rank. (*The Order of the Dedication of a Church and an Altar*, Chapter II, para #27 and *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, para # [R10]).
4. Memorial of the Patron(s) of the Parish – This date should be celebrated as a Solemnity by the parish, unless impeded by a day of higher rank. (*Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar* (by Pope Paul VI in 1969) para # 59 (Table of Liturgical Days) I, #4a.)
5. The celebration of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord in our diocese is transferred to Sunday, May 12, 2024.
6. Outside Advent, Christmas Time, Lent, and Easter Time, on Saturdays which have

no commemoration having the rank of Obligatory Memorial or higher, a Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary may be celebrated. The readings and prayers may be selected from the *Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary*.

7. It is appropriate to include in the Universal Prayer (General Intercessions) the Holy Father's intention for each month, found in the Paulist Press Ordo on the first day of each month.

Dates to Remember (2024)

Monday, January 1 – **Mary, the Holy Mother of God** (Solemnity)

Sunday, January 7 – **The Epiphany of the Lord** (Solemnity)

Monday, January 9 – **The Baptism of the Lord** (Feast)

Tuesday, January 23 - **Memorial of Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin** (Obligatory Memorial in the Diocese of Honolulu.)

Sunday, January 21 – **Sunday of the Word of God** - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, Motu proprio "Aperuit illis" published on September 30, 2019, establishes that "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God.")

Wednesday, February 14 – **Ash Wednesday** (Ash Wednesday is a day of universal fast and abstinence in the Church.)

Sunday, February 18– First Sunday of Lent – Rite of Election for Catechumens to be initiated at the Easter Vigil.

NOTES:

1. If the Scrutinies for the Elect are celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent, the readings for those Masses should be for those of Year A.
2. Priests should be sure to schedule one or more occasions for the anointing of catechumens with the Oil of Catechumens during the Season of Lent, not at the Easter Vigil.
3. Chrism Masses are tentatively scheduled as follow:
 - a. Tuesday, March 5 – Kauai Vicariate
 - b. Thursday, March 14 – East/West Hawai'i Vicariates
 - c. Tuesday, March 21 – Maui/Lanai Vicariate
 - d. Tuesday, March 26 – Oahu/Molokai Vicariates

Tuesday, March 19 – **Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (Solemnity).

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Thursday, March 28 – **Thursday of the Lord’s Supper**

Friday, March 29 – **Friday of the Passion of the Lord** (Good Friday)

Saturday, March 30 – **The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**

Sunday, March 31 – **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord** (Solemnity, at Masses with a congregation, the rite of the renewal of baptismal promises, used at the Easter Vigil, may take the place of the Creed after the homily.)

Friday, May 10 – **Memorial of Saint Damien de Veuster** (Obligatory Memorial in the Diocese of Honolulu.)

Sunday, May 12 - **Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord** (Celebrated on Sunday in the Diocese of Honolulu.)

Sunday, May 19 – **Pentecost Sunday** (Solemnity)

Monday, May 20 – **The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church** (Memorial)

Sunday, May 26– **The Most Holy Trinity** (Solemnity)

Sunday, June 2 – **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi**
(Solemnity)

Friday, June 7 – **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus** (Solemnity)

Saturday, June 8 – **The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (Memorial)

Monday, June 24 – **The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist** (Solemnity)

Saturday, June 29 – **Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles** (Solemnity)

Tuesday, July 9 – **Our Lady, Queen of Peace, Principal Patroness of the Diocese of Honolulu** (Celebrated as a Solemnity in the Cathedral Basilica. In the rest of churches of the Diocese of Honolulu it is observed as a Feast.) (*Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar*, para # 59 (Table of Liturgical Days, section I & II.)

Thursday, August 15 - **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (Solemnity)

Friday, August 16 – **181st Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace** (Celebrated as a Solemnity in the Cathedral Basilica and with all the proper prayers in all other churches of the Diocese of Honolulu.) (*Dedication of a Church and an Altar,*” Chapter II, para # 26.)

Friday, November 1 - **All Saints** (Solemnity)

Saturday, November 2 – **The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed – All Soul’s Day** (Not a holyday of obligation anywhere in the USA, but pastors are encouraged to add Masses for the convenience of the faithful. Note that there is a wide selection of possible Scripture readings, so the parish or community should choose beforehand the Scriptures it prefers.)

Sunday, November 24 – **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** (Solemnity)

Monday, December 9 – **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Celebrated** (Solemnity, observed as a holyday of obligation in the Diocese of Honolulu. In the rest of the dioceses of the United States, it is not this year. Additional Masses should be offered for the convenience of the faithful.)

Wednesday, December 25 – **The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas** (Solemnity, holyday of obligation in the Diocese of Honolulu and throughout the world; additional Masses should be offered for the convenience of the faithful.)

Please feel free to contact the Office of Worship, 808-585-3342 or email at alquerrero@rcchawaii.org should you have any questions. Blessings!