



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 06, 2025

RE: **2026 LITURGICAL NOTES FOR THE DIOCESE OF HONOLULU -
(Year A, 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 2026 liturgical year begins on the First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2025 (including its anticipated Mass on Saturday, November 29).
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 17, 2026.
6. Outside Advent, Christmas Time, Lent, and Easter Time, on Saturdays that 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 (2026)

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

Sunday, January 4 – **The Epiphany of the Lord** (Solemnity)

Sunday, January 11 – **The Baptism of the Lord** (Feast)

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

Sunday, January 25 – **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 18 – **Ash Wednesday** (Ash Wednesday is a day of universal fast and abstinence in the Church.)

Sunday, February 22– 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 follows:
 - a. TBD – Maui/Lanai Vicariate
 - b. Thursday, March 24 – East/West Hawai'i Vicariate
 - c. Tuesday, March 26 – Kauai Vicariates
 - d. Tuesday, March 31 – Oahu/Molokai Vicariates

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

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Thursday, April 2 – **Thursday of the Lord's Supper**

Friday, April 3 – **Friday of the Passion of the Lord** (Good Friday)

Saturday, April 4 – **The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**

Sunday, April 5 – **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.)

Sunday, May 10 – The obligatory **Memorial of Saint Damien de Veuster** is **NOT** observed this year. The **Sixth Sunday of Easter** is observed.

Sunday, May 17 - **Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord** (Celebrated on Sunday in the Diocese of Honolulu.)

Sunday, May 24 – **Pentecost Sunday** (Solemnity)

Sunday, May 31– **The Most Holy Trinity** (Solemnity)

Sunday, June 7 – **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi**
(Solemnity)

Friday, June 12 – **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus** (Solemnity)

Saturday, June 13 – **The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (Memorial)

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

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

Wednesday, 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.)

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

Sunday, August 16 – **183rd Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace** (Celebrated as a Solemnity in the Cathedral Basilica only this year. In all other churches of the Diocese of Honolulu, the **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time** is observed.) (*Dedication of a Church and an Altar*," Chapter II, para # 26.)

Saturday, September 19 – **Our Lady of La Salette** (Feast) This Feast is only observed in the parishes entrusted to the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette.

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

Monday, November 2 – **The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed – All Soul's Day** (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 22 – **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** (Solemnity)

Tuesday, December 8 – **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Celebrated** (Solemnity, observed as a holyday of obligation in the Diocese of Honolulu and throughout the world. Additional Masses should be offered for the convenience of the faithful.)

Friday, 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.)

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