

**St. Benedict Painted Church**  
**St. John the Baptist Mission Church**

**Response to the Covid-19 Pandemic in the Diocese of Honolulu:**

1. All public liturgical celebrations, including weekday and Sunday Mass, are suspended beginning March 17, 2020 thru March 31, 2020 (pending further evaluation as circumstances unfold and subject to extending this time period).
2. Funeral Masses/Services, Baptisms and all other services are not to be scheduled during this period.
3. Communal Penance Services are canceled. Fr. Sieg will avail himself for individual confessions by appointment. For Mass Intentions, emergency sacraments (including Anointing of the Sick), or any other spiritual needs, please call the parish office. Do not come into the parish office. Please call us at: (808) 328-2227.
4. St. Benedict Painted Church will be open daily 6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. for private prayer.
5. All other public events and gatherings at our parish are canceled/suspended during this time so that social distancing can be practiced. This includes Faith Formation classes, Retreats, Communal Lenten devotions (Via Crucis or Stations of the Cross), Chrism Mass, Prayer meetings, Ministry meetings, etc.
6. Mass will be celebrated without the congregation, however, a live-stream from The Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace in Honolulu each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. can be accessed at <https://www.facebook.com/honoluluacathedralbasilica> or at

[www.hictv.com](http://www.hictv.com). In addition, other parishes may live-stream the private Mass of the priest, so check your parish website to see if this service is offered, or any of these available sites: <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>; [The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception](#); [Catholic TV Mass](#). EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network-Channel 30 for cable customers; Channel 261 for Dish customers) broadcast Mass daily.

7. It is best for US to REMAIN AT HOME and pray from there. Please be patient as the diocese continues to assess/evaluate the situation.

## **PRAYER FOR THE COVID-19 CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC**

[by Bishop Larry Silva; March 12, 2020]

Dear God of all the living, you sent your Son Jesus to heal us from illness and sin. We turn to his healing power in this time of anxiety over the pandemic of this potentially deadly virus. St. Damien and St. Marianne Cope dedicated their lives to service of those who had an infectious disease. St. Marianne Cope said, “I am not afraid of any disease,” because she was confident of your power to save. At the same time, she took prudent precautions of hygiene to assure that she and her Sisters would not be infected. Let us learn from this example to put our trust in you to save us from the ravages of disease and to take prudent measures to prevent its spread. Guide us to know when to isolate ourselves from the possibility of infection, but never let anyone be left without the care and concern of others in the community. As our Diocese of Honolulu has been dedicated to the Divine Mercy, we pray with confidence, “Jesus, I trust in you.”

Saint Damien, pray for us!  
Saint Marianne, pray for us!