



Announcements for December 12 & 13, 2020

Dispensation Extended

Per the Office of Worship, Bishop Siva has dispensed all of the faithful within the Diocese of Honolulu from the obligation of attending Sunday Masses until **Tuesday, February 16, 2021** which is the day before Ash Wednesday. This does include Holy Days of obligation including Christmas. Bishop Silva urges all parishioners who can safely do so, to return to worship at Sunday Mass. His letter regarding this decision can be found on our website.

Christmas Mass Registration Update

Registration for Christmas Masses have been going very well. The **5 PM** Christmas Eve Mass, **Midnight Mass**, and **6:30 AM** Christmas Masses have almost filled the Church and Pastoral Center capacity. Because there are a large number of parishioners who wish to attend those three Masses, seating will be extended outside under tents. If you still intend to sign up for a Christmas Mass we highly suggest that you consider attending one of the other Masses. The schedule is posted outside the church and is also on our web site. Please don't hesitate to call our offices if you have any questions.

Year of Saint Joseph

On Tuesday, Pope Francis announced a special year dedicated to St. Joseph starting from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021 on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church, as well as the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady. A decree granting special indulgences for the duration of the special year was also announced. Please see our website to an article regarding this special announcement. Further resources will be shared as we receive them.

Parish Penance Service

The Parish Penance Service at OLGC will be held on Friday, December 18 at 6:30 PM. We will have 6 priests available to hear your confessions. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity before Christmas begins. You do not have to pre-register for the Penance Service, but please remember to sign in before entering the church.

Farewell to the Lamb Family

Our last Masses with Deacon Ray will be celebrated on Sunday, December 27. We are planning a "drive by" to bid Deacon Ray and Tyra Lamb farewell on that day, so please save the date. Details will be announced soon.