



Announcements for the Week of April 4 -10, 2021

Dispensation Ended

Bishop Silva announced that effective Easter Sunday, April 4 or as of the Easter Vigil, April 3, the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, which has been in effect since mid-March, 2020 will end. However, anyone who is sick, may have been exposed to anyone with Covid-19, or who has a health condition that would endanger themselves or others by being present in church, continues to be dispensed.

Thank You from Fr. Santhosh

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the many people who have helped our parish to make it through these very difficult months of the pandemic.

Thank you to all of the liturgical ministries who were willing to come back to serve once we were allowed to celebrate Mass once again. Thank you Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Choirs, Ushers, Altar Care, Design and Environment Ministers, and Parking Volunteers for your willingness to return, despite the fear that many felt.

Thank you to the members of the Health Ministry and Covid Team who stepped in to take on new roles that we never imagined was needed.

Thank you, Dave and Rodel, our technical crew, who very quickly learned how to livestream Masses and continued to improve as time went on. They also have used their own personal equipment and have sacrificed so much of their personal time so that we can stream Masses on a daily basis.

We are very grateful for the compassionate work of the Ohana Homebound Ministry, Hospital Ministry members and our Bereavement Ministry.

Thank you to the volunteers of our Outreach Ministry, who was the only ministry exempt from the "stay at home order" by the government. Thank you to the many volunteers who came forward to fill in for the ministry members who could not continue to serve and to all of those who donated items for the pantry. We, and the community you serve, are very grateful.

Mahalo to our Finance Committee and Parish Pastoral Council members who helped us to make some difficult decisions during times of uncertainty.

We are very blessed to have hard working volunteers who keep our buildings and landscape in good shape. Thank you for all that you do.

Thank you to our Building Committee who continues to work on our delayed projects and thank you to Garry Dixon who moved us forward on several other projects.

Thank you to all of the prayer groups who continued to pray despite not being able to meet as a group in the church.

Thank you to our Perpetual Adoration volunteers who worked very hard to re-open our Adoration Chapel despite the many challenges.

We are very grateful to Chantelle Luarca and the faculty, staff, families, and other volunteers who worked so hard to allow our students to safely continue their studies in-person.

We are also grateful to Pam Falasco and everyone in our parish Religious Education program who also worked hard to bring back our children for in-person religious education classes.

Thank you to Laurie Munoz and our Comprehensive Youth Ministry volunteers who continue to keep our Middle School and High School Youth engaged through virtual meetings and events.

Mahalo to our entire parish staff for your hard work to open the church in a safe manner and for keeping the office running even during the mandated stay at home orders.

Thank you to Deacon Jeff and Jen for jumping right in to all aspects of ministries here at OLGC.

Thank you Fr. Joseph. As priests we would like to focus solely on the spiritual care of our parishioners, but that is not the reality of being a parish priest. We find ourselves doing work that they did not teach us in seminary and it has been a blessing to be able to face the problems of the pandemic as a team.

Finally, thank you to my beloved parishioners for your outstanding presence during this year of pandemic by coming to pray, volunteering in various ways, and for your incredible financial support! We are so very blessed here at OLGC.