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200 YEARS OF CATHOLICISM IN HAWAII

“Mission of Aloha”

Bicentennial Liturgical Planning Guide



Introduction

In preparation for the celebration of the 200th Anniversary of Catholicism in Hawai‘i, the Diocesan Liturgical Commission, under the Office of Worship, is providing this guide to assist clergy and ministers in the liturgical planning for celebrations pertaining to this joyous occasion. All parishes and vicariates are to participate fully so that all the faithful have the opportunity to join together in commemorating this extraordinary time.

Opening Mass

The Fathers and Brothers of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and of Perpetual Adoration (SS.CC.) arrived in Honolulu’s Harbor on July 7, 1827 and first went ashore on July 8, 1827. They offered the first Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on July 14, 1827.

Bishop Larry Silva has set the date of **Thursday, July 9, 2026** to open the bicentennial celebration with Mass being offered on Oahu and in each vicariate of Kaua‘i, Maui, and Hawai‘i Island **simultaneously at 6:00 PM**.

The Proper of the Mass will be for the **Feast of Our Lady, Queen of Peace**, Principal Patroness of the Diocese of Honolulu. The presidential prayers can be taken from the Common of BVM or *The BVM, Queen of Peace* (Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary, #45). The Gloria is said, and the Preface of the BVM I-II or the *proper Preface* from the Collection is used.

The readings are taken from the Lectionary #707-712 or *Collection #45 The Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace*: Isaiah 9:1-3, 5-6; Psalm 85:9ab-10; 11-12, 13-14; Luke 1:26-38

The sample Universal Prayer below may be used and translated into different languages in a multicultural celebration.

Anniversary Mass

Parishes are encouraged to celebrate their anniversary of dedication of the parish church in a special way to highlight the bicentennial year. Prayers and music should carry the theme of the Dedication of a Church.

Hosting of Relics

Any diocese, parish, or religious institute desiring to venerate the relic of one or both saints of St. Damien of Molokai and St. Marianne Cope, within the Diocese of Honolulu or outside the State of Hawaii, must designate one responsible cleric or religious as the contact person. The contact person must read the PROTOCOL prior to completing the REQUEST FORM (both found on the diocesan website/Office of Worship page) and submitting it to the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Honolulu to confirm the date(s) for the visit of the relic(s). The Office of Worship will provide further details on the handling of the relic(s).

Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament

A Holy Hour is encouraged and may be done in a Vicariate, Parish, Small Group, and Individual setting throughout the bicentennial yearlong celebration.

Novena

A novena to the Patroness of our Diocese, Our Lady of Peace (Malia O Ka Malu), may be prayed in a Vicariate, Parish, Small Group, and Individual setting. There will be a separate directive regarding this.

Suggested Music Selection

Resources found on mondovmusic.com

At The Name of Jesus (Ka Moae)
By All Your Saints Still Striving (Leo: Mauna Kea)
E Na Lima Hana
For A Peaceful World
God is Light (Pua Mohala)
God Is Love (Leo: O Makalapua)
How Great Thou Art/Ke Akua Mana e
I Will Sing of the Lord (Leo: No ke ano ahiahi)
Iesü me ke Kanaka Waiwai
Imua, You Have God's Blessing (Leo: Hilo Hanakahi)
'O Iesü ka Pöhaku Kumu o ke Kihi (Leo: Cornerstone)
O Jesus Joy of Loving Hearts (Leo: Kuuipo i ka Hee Pue one)
Ua Mau / Everlasting
We are God's Own People (Leo: Wehiwehi oe)
We Come To Your Feast (Joncas)
Weave One Heart
Universal Prayers: E Ka Haku E Aloha Mai (Liu)
A Faithful Son of Sacred Hearts
Kamiano (Camacho)
St. Damien (Downes)
St. Marianne (Downes)
The Heart of our Saint Marianne (Sr. Romano/Liu)

Resources from Catholic Publishers (Oregon Catholic Press, GIA, etc)

A Rightful Place
All Are Welcome (Haugen)

All Are Welcome/All Belong (Manibusan)
By the Waking of Our Hearts
Church of God, Elect and Glorious
City of God
Drawn to You
Faith of Our Fathers
For All the Saints
Gather the People (Schutte)
Gather Your People (Hurd)
Gather Us In
Go Make A Difference
Go Out, Go Out
God, We Praise You
Here I Am, Lord
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name
Kapayapaan, Peace Be with You
Laudate, Laudate Dominum
Lord, You Give the Great Commission
Many and Great
Many and One
Now Is the Time
O God Beyond All Praising
One Spirit, One Church
Servant Song
Sing a New Church
The Servant Song
The Summons
They'll Know We Are Christians
10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)
We Are Many Parts
With One Voice

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The Universal Prayer

- For the Universal Church: May it continue to grow in faith, unity, and charity under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, in communion with Pope Leo and our Bishop, let us pray to the Lord.
- For the Diocese of Honolulu and in thanksgiving for 200 years of mission and faith: May we be renewed in our commitment to share the Gospel with all whom we meet, let us pray to the Lord.
- For the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, the missionary order that brought the Catholic faith to Hawaii in 1827, and all religious communities who have served here: May they continue to be blessed with vocations as they share their charism with all the faithful, let us pray to the Lord.
- For the Catholic laity in Hawaii: In thanksgiving for their time, talent and treasure in building the Kingdom of God and for all who carry on the faith for future generations, let us pray to the Lord.
- For our Catholic schools: May they continue to nurture students in faith, wisdom and service, let us pray to the Lord.
- For those in our midst who suffer - the hungry, the homeless, the lonely and the immigrant; may they know the miracle of God's grace and the assistance from our call to stewardship, let us pray to the Lord.
- For our 'Aina: May we be good stewards of God's creation, preserving natural resources for generations to come, let us pray to the Lord.
- For peace: May the spirit of Aloha permeate our communities and our world, and may we be peacemakers in our own lives, let us pray to the Lord.

Community Engagement

When having Opening Mass and/or Special Masses, we encourage community engagement by inviting Societies, Orders, Organizations, Civic leaders:

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| - Knights of Malta | - Royal Order of Kamehameha |
| - Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem | - Ahahui Kaahumanu |
| - Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem | - Daughters and Sons of Hawaiian Warriors |
| - Knights of Columbus | - Government Officials (County Mayors, Senators, Representatives, etc) |

Religious Communities

These religious communities/orders currently minister in the Diocese. We encourage all to pray for them and invite them to liturgies as we celebrate the bicentennial.

Fathers and Brothers of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and of Perpetual Adoration (SS.CC)
Sisters of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and of Perpetual Adoration (SS.CC)
Benedictines (OSB)
Marianists: Society of Mary (SM)
Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic (MM)
Missionary Sisters of Mary Help of Christians (MSMHC)

Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament (SSS)
Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette (MS)
Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities (OSF)
Order of Friars Minor Capuchin (OFM Cap)
Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (BVM)
Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet (CSJ)
Congregation of the Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres (SPC)

Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary (OP)
Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena (OP)
Missionary Sisters of Faith (SMF)
Sisters for Christian Community (SFCC)

Order of Discalced Carmelite Nuns of Our Lady of
Mount Carmel (OCD)
Christian Brothers (CFC)

Cultural Engagement

These cultures are part of the Diocese and can be incorporated into liturgies, whether as a lector (in their language) or in universal prayers (in their language), while in cultural attire.

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| - Hawaiian | - Samoan |
| - Chinese | - Spanish |
| - Chuukese | - Tongan |
| - Filipino | - Vietnamese |
| - Korean | |

The use of the Sacred Gesture in the Liturgy is allowed in the Diocese of Honolulu. As a reminder, the music used must be of a sacred, not secular, character, and is to be appropriate to the liturgical season. Also, since liturgical gestures are acts of praise and worship and not entertainment, applause after the gestures is not appropriate. This should be announced or included in the worship aids as needed.

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Diocesan Prayer for the 200th Anniversary of Catholicism in Hawai‘i

Heavenly Father,
With grateful hearts, we praise and thank You
for two hundred years of Catholic faith in these Hawaiian Islands.
We remember with deep gratitude the courageous pioneers of the Gospel:
the missionaries of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary,
who crossed oceans;
the Native Hawaiian faithful who embraced Christ;
the clergy, religious, and lay leaders
who planted, nurtured, and strengthened Your Church throughout the generations.
Bless all those who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith.
May their witness continue to inspire us to live as faithful disciples of Your Son.
We thank You for the Church of today,
whose members continue the mission of proclaiming the Good News
through prayer, service, and love.
Renew us in faith, strengthen us in hope, and unite us in charity,
that we may be living witnesses of Your presence in our islands.
As we look to the future,
pour out Your Holy Spirit upon the generations yet to come.
Raise up holy vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life, and married life.
Guide our young people to know and follow Your will.
Grant that the faith handed down to us may flourish in every heart and every home.
Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Our Lady, Queen of Peace,
Saint Damien of Moloka‘i,
Saint Marianne Cope,
and all the holy men and women who have served the Church in Hawai‘i,
lead us ever closer to Your Son, Jesus Christ.
May the next century of faith be marked by holiness,
missionary zeal, and steadfast love,
so that all people may come to know and glorify You.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.