

Statement of Fr. William Kunisch on Mayor Caldwell's 2nd Stay At Home Order
August 28, 2020

Dear Friends:

The spike in COVID19 infections on Oahu is serious and is stressing our hospitals and healthcare providers. Unlike back in March, I think all of us know someone with COVID19. Our community is sick, and the only way to get control over this virus is to stay at home, avoid social gatherings of any size, wear a mask, and practice physical distancing. It is important that all of us do our part to help flatten the curve so our schools and businesses can reopen sooner rather than later.

Mayor Caldwell recently issued a second Stay-At-Home order for two weeks, and I hope everyone will adhere to it as it's our best chance to get through this crisis. The order allows for in-person spiritual services to continue, however, we must adhere to our protocols strictly and discontinue even limited singing.

While Mass will be celebrated at the regular times, anyone who is uncertain about attending is under no obligation to do so. Bishop Silva has dispensed the Faithful from the Sunday obligation through October 31. Some may even choose to stay at home on Sunday as an act of charity toward their neighbor and to help our community heal and recover faster. I know many of our parishioners are planning to do just that and I applaud their sacrifice. If you do choose to stay home for the length of the Mayor's order, please join us for our live-streamed Mass at 9:30 AM. The link is available on the Home page of our website.

All of our ministries at ROL have moved online and will continue virtually. Our parish offices will be closed for the duration of the Mayor's order, but our staff will be working from home. If you need assistance, please email us or leave us a phone message at 676-4700. Messages will be checked frequently.

So let each one of us do our part, practice charity, and pray for those who are sick. We rely on the Lord at this difficult time, and we trust that even now, he is working all things for our good.

In Christ's love,

Fr. William
Pastor