

**First Week of Easter.** April 13, 2020

From the desk of Fr. Paulo...

Happy Easter Monday! I hope you all had a prayerful Easter Sunday! The weather yesterday was beautiful though regrettably we could not gather as a parish family to worship. Yet some of you shared that you met and had small Easter gatherings, though limited only to the immediate family.

I want to take this time to extend my mahalo to the 7 parish ministers who were able to be present and assisted me during the past Easter Triduum. I took the advantage of Bishop Larry's directives that gave permission to the pastors to celebrate Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter) with the limit of only 6 parish ministers drawn from (Altar Servers, Lectors & Cantors). The very small number was allowed so that celebrating priest may have a minimum assistance in order to celebrate prayerfully and with proper decorum, Good Friday, Holy Thursday and Easter Liturgies on behalf and united in spirit to the parish family-ohana.

The many liturgical parts in the Easter Triduum to be properly celebrated with prayer and decorum do require assistance for the presiding priest. I had contacted 27 parish ministers 2 weeks ago, some verbally and others through e-mail, informing them of the Easter Triduum celebrations and the bishop's directives. I was fortunate to have 10 respond as able to assist, while 9 declined (due to age, presence of children at home etc.) and the rest no response.

Fortunately, I had sufficient responses to celebrate both Good Friday & Easter Vigil. Mahalo to Betty Kam, Steve Ziadie, Ed Martin,\* Larry Lopez\* and Trina Muraki\* who accepted the Good Friday Services, while Tasha & Hannah Welch-Ornellas, Lucy Salas, Colin, Diane & Serenity Lau accepted the Easter Vigil celebrations. Holy Thursday and Easter Sunday were celebrated alone. Yet the red Sacred Heart of Jesus with all the crosses, symbolically made present in spirit parish families throughout the celebrations of Easter Triduum.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** This coming Sunday, April 19 is Divine Mercy Sunday. The 9 Day Novena began on Good Friday. Please pray the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** also throughout this month of April as we seek Mercy from the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ.

Anyone still needing the Divine Mercy Novena & the Chaplet (pamphlet) may simply call and pick them up at the parish Office.

**EASTER – REGINA COELI:** In place of the **ANGELUS** prayer we have been reciting before every mass, we now turn to **Regina Coeli**, which is prayed during the Easter Season. (Easter - Pentecost). The copy of the prayer and Prayer to **St. Michael** are attached to this letter.

Though, traditionally Catholics prayed the Regina Coeli as with the Angelus at: 6:am, 12noon and 6:pm. But you may pray them anytime during the day. God bless you, Fr. Paulo ofm cap.