

# St. Pius X Catholic Church, Manoa

May 17, 2020

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*All Masses with congregation, activities, and meetings are cancelled until further notice.*

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*Office and Food Pantry will be open as follows:*

### OFFICE

*Tuesday, Wednesday,  
and Friday*

*9:00am - 12:00pm noon*

### FOOD PANTRY

*Tuesday, Wednesday,  
and Friday*

*9:30 am - 11:30 am*

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### Website to Visit:

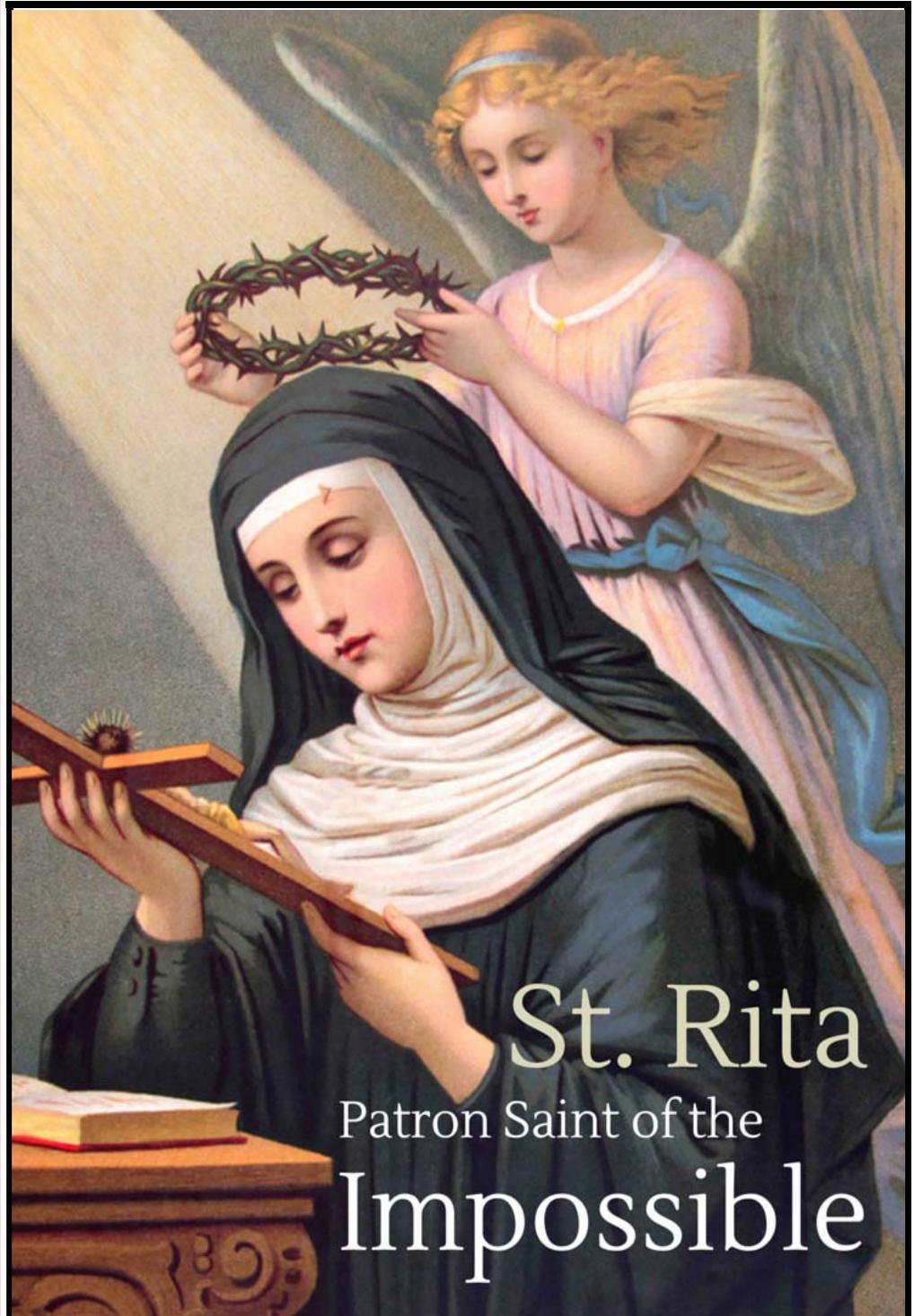
**St Pius X Church**

[www.stpiusxmanoa.com](http://www.stpiusxmanoa.com)

Mass celebrated without congregation and **live-streamed** on Saturdays at 4pm

To join the Facebook Live-stream, click on this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/Diocese-of-Honolulu-Evangelization-TaskForce-110141233723287/videos/>



St. Rita  
Patron Saint of the  
Impossible

**St. Rita of Cascia**  
Pray for Us  
(Feast Day, May 22)



## Pastor's Corner

*Fr. Thomas Joseph, PhD*



Dear Parishioners & Friends!

Bishop Larry has asked the Governor permission to open up the Churches from the first of June. He has promised the authorities that the parishes would keep the social distancing norms and other hygiene requirements. The Bishop has asked each parish to come up with a concrete plan for the reopening. Accordingly a number of the parish leadership met with me and we have come up with a plan. We found that 58 people can be seated in the Church (six feet apart). Another 30 can be accommodated on the two lanai. We need many volunteers as ushers who will seat the congregation, wipe down the pews before and after the service etc. Everyone will be required to wear a face mask. Willa Papandrew will be contacting some of you for help. Be generous with your volunteer help. I shall keep you informed as the date of opening comes up.

Meanwhile some news about what has transpired: the Church has been fumigated; the restroom near the sacristy has been renovated and ready for use. The Sinclair-house will be fumigated and painted in the near future. Thank you for your support and encouragement. Stay Safe!

With Prayers and Blessings

Fr. Tom

### *Upcoming Events*

**MAY 18 - MAY 24, 2020**

#### **18th - MONDAY**

6:00 AM Outreach - Hall  
7:30 AM MASS  
(Rectory Chapel)

#### **19th - TUESDAY**

7:30 AM MASS  
(Rectory Chapel)  
9:30 AM Food Pantry - Hall

#### **20th - WEDNESDAY**

7:30 AM MASS  
(Rectory Chapel)  
9:30 AM Food Pantry - Hall

#### **21st - THURSDAY**

6:00 AM Outreach - Hall  
7:30 AM MASS  
(Rectory Chapel)

#### **22nd - FRIDAY**

7:30 AM MASS  
(Rectory Chapel)  
9:30 AM Food Pantry - Hall

#### **23rd - SATURDAY**

8:00 AM Church Cleaning  
**4:00 PM MASS - Church  
Live-streamed**

#### **24th - SUNDAY**

8:30 AM MASS  
(Church)

**Diocesan Evangelization TaskForce**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

# Vigil MASS

**Facebook**

**Live-streamed**

**Diocese of Honolulu  
Evangelization TaskForce**

**May 16, 2020**

**4 p.m.** (Hawaii Time)

**Fr. Tom Joseph**

St. Pius X Catholic Church, Manoa



*Charismatic  
Praise & Worship*

3:30 p.m. - led by Dominic Olaso



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**Sunday Reflection**

*He will give you another Advocate.*

“You have the right to an attorney. If you cannot afford an attorney, one will be provided for you.” This familiar phrase is part of the “Miranda warning” that police officers give to any person they arrest. It’s based on the belief that no one should stand alone when facing charges. Someone has to be there to make sure the accused is given a fair trial. It must be consoling for the accused person to have someone by their side at their trial to help them face their accuser with dignity and courage.

Isn’t it interesting that this is how Jesus describes the Holy Spirit in today’s Gospel? The Greek word for “Advocate,” *parakletos*, also means defense attorney. It’s especially interesting when we remember that the Scriptures portray the devil as our “adversary” who never stops hurling accusations against us.

This means that we don’t have to stand before the devil’s accusations alone. Jesus has given us the Spirit so that we can stand up against the lies of the evil one. He has given us the best defense attorney in history. Someone who will assure us that we have been forgiven. Someone who will remind us of God’s love for us. Someone who sees our sins and failings but who also sees the true desires of our hearts and never gives up on us.

Always remember the Holy Spirit, your defender, especially when you start thinking that you’re no good or that God has given up on you. Remember him when you begin to doubt the goodness of God’s plans for you and your loved ones.

Every day of your life, be sure that you spend time listening for the Holy Spirit. Let him convince you over and over again that you belong to Christ and that no one can snatch you out of his hands.

**“ Spirit of truth, help me to withstand every temptation and every accusation. ”**

*(Taken from The Word Among Us)*



Readings for the Week

**Sunday, May 17**

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17  
1 Peter 3:15-18  
John 14:15-21

**Monday, May 18**

*St. John 1, Pope and Martyr*

Acts 16:11-15  
John 15:26-16:4a

**Tuesday, May 19**

Acts 16:22-34  
John 16:5-11

**Wednesday, May 20**

*St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest*

Acts 17:15. 22-18:1  
John 16:12-15

**Thursday, May 21**

*St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs*

Acts 18:1-8  
John 16:16-20

**Friday, May 22**

*St. Rita of Cascia, Religious*

Acts 18:9-18  
John 16:20-23

**Saturday, May 23**

Acts 18:23-28  
John 16:23b-28

**Sunday, May 24**

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

***The Ascension of our Lord***

Acts 1:12-14  
1 Peter 4:13-16  
John 17:1-11a



**OFFERING COLLECTION**

**RECEIVED**

**May 9 & 10, 2020**

Total Collection..... \$ 1,130.00  
Building Fund.....\$ 460.00  
Food Pantry.....\$ 500.00  
Catholic Communication...\$ 35.00

**Total:.....\$ 2,125.00**

**Online Giving.....\$ 315.00**

(May 04 - 08, 2020)

**Please mail in your contributions or try on-line giving.**



**Mass Intentions**  
FOR THE WEEK



8:30 am - Sun, May 17  
Mariamma Joseph +

7:30 am - Mon, May 18  
Nancy Nebel +

7:30 am - Wed, May 20  
Matilda Souki +

7:30 am - Fri, May 22  
Pro Populo  
(For all Parishioners)

4:00 pm - Sat, May 23  
Marianno Fernando +

**MASS INTENTIONS**

The best way to remember our dearly departed is by praying for them. And the best prayer we can offer is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Masses can be offered for health and healing, in thanksgiving, for birthday blessings, etc. So we encourage you to walk into the parish office and register. Donation of \$10.00 per Mass is requested. Please make checks payable to:

**St Pius X Church**  
**Mahalo!**

## Saint Rita of Cascia's Story

St. Rita of Cascia was a wife, mother, widow, and member of a religious community. Her holiness was reflected in each phase of her life. Born in 1381 at Roccaporena in central Italy, Rita wanted to become a nun but was pressured at a young age into marrying a harsh and cruel man. During her 18-year marriage, she bore and raised two sons. After her husband was killed in a brawl and her sons had died, Rita tried to join the Augustinian nuns in Cascia. Unsuccessful at first because she was a widow, Rita eventually succeeded.

Over the years, her austerity, prayerfulness, and charity became legendary. When she developed wounds on her forehead, people quickly associated them with the wounds from Christ's crown of thorns. She meditated frequently on Christ's passion. Her care for the sick nuns was especially loving. She also counseled lay people who came to her monastery.

St. Rita of Cascia died May 22, 1457. Beatified in 1626, Rita was not canonized until 1900. She has acquired the reputation, together with Saint Jude, as a saint for impossible cases. Many people visit her tomb each year.

(Taken from "Franciscan Media")



### LIVE STREAM

May 9, 2020

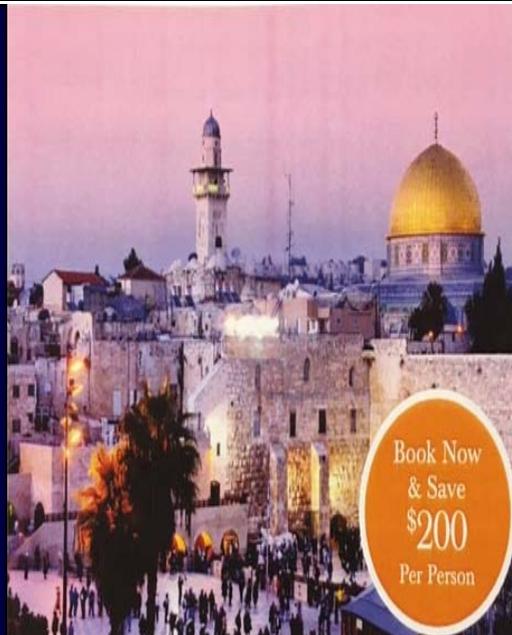
4:00 p.m. Mass  
with

**Fr. Thomas Joseph  
and Dominic Olaso**



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