



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII  
**DIOCESE OF HONOLULU**  
WITNESS TO JESUS

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: All Clergy, Religious Communities, and Parishes

FROM: Rev. Alfred Omar Guerrero, Director

DATE: August 13, 2026

RE: Mass Dispensation due to Inclement Weather

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**The Governor declared a state of emergency for Hawai'i ahead of Tropical Storm/Hurricane Lala, so travel may be imprudent. Traveling for Mass could be unsafe or prohibited, placing one's life and the lives of others at risk. Bishop Michael T. T. Castori, SJ, has granted a dispensation for all those affected, so the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday, August 16, 2026, is not in force.**

**For those who cannot attend Mass, time should be spent reading the Word of God or in prayer to mark the Lord's Day.**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;  
though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.  
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.  
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

- From Psalm 46

***A Prayer to Avert Storms and Hurricanes***

Father, all the elements of nature obey your command.  
Calm the storms and hurricanes that threaten us  
and turn our fear of your power into praise of your goodness.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

***Prayer for Protection During a Storm***

Loving God, maker of heaven and earth, protect us in your love and mercy. Send the Spirit of Jesus to be with us, to still our fears and give us confidence. In the stormy waters, Jesus reassured his disciples by his presence, calmed the storm, and strengthened their faith. Guard us from harm during this storm and renew our faith to serve you faithfully. Give us the courage to face all difficulties and the wisdom to see the ways your Spirit binds us together in mutual assistance. With confidence we make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.