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**TO :** HEADS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE, RESEARCH, AND ACADEMIC UNITS

**FROM :** OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

**RE :** UST RELIGIOUS SERVICES AND PRAYER INITIATIVES IN TIME OF THE PANDEMIC


**Date :** 26 AUGUST 2021

While the University continues to explore ways to help the Thomasian community face the continuing threat of the COVID-19 disease, especially as we face the emergence of new and more infectious variants, we would like to begin, first and foremost, by lifting to God all our worries, concerns, afflictions, and thanksgivings, through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the *source and summit* of our Christian life, and of all our efforts to remain with God and in God throughout this extraordinary crisis.

The University, through the Office of the Vice-Rector for Religious Affairs, enjoins everyone to gather virtually to pray as one Thomasian community, through the following religious activities, which shall be streamed live via the University's official Facebook page ([facebook.com/UST1611official](https://facebook.com/UST1611official)):

1.	<b>Holy Mass in Time of Pandemic</b>	A <i>Mass in Time of Pandemic</i> <sup>1</sup> will be held on Friday, August 27, 2021, 4:00 p.m., for the intentions of those who have been greatly affected by the pandemic, including those who have died.
2.	<b>Nine Days of Prayer for Healing and Protection</b>	Novena Masses will be offered daily at 11:00 a.m. from August 31, 2021 to September 8, 2021.  The weekly Mass, Holy Rosary, and daily simultaneous prayer for the Thomasian community will be launched on September 8, 2021, Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. By this, we lovingly entrust to the Blessed Mother all our prayers, hopes, worries, and troubles. ( <i>For details, kindly see Nos. 3 and 4.</i> )

<sup>1</sup> Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, *Decree on the Mass in Time of Pandemic* (Prot. No. 156/20), 30 March 2020.

3.	<b>Weekly Mass for the Intentions of the Thomasian Community</b>	<p>Beginning September 8, 2021, a Eucharistic celebration will be held every Wednesday, at 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Those who would like to offer particular intentions may submit them through the link or by scanning the QR code. They shall be included in the weekly Mass. Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3y4bCGm">https://bit.ly/3y4bCGm</a></p>  <p>The <b>cut-off</b> for the submission of your intentions is <b>at 5:00 p.m. every Tuesday</b>. Prayer intentions submitted after the cut-off will be accepted but included in the following week's Mass.</p>
4.	<b>Healing Rosary for the Thomasian Community</b>	<p>The various units shall take turns in leading the weekly recitation of the Holy Rosary, observing the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Rosary will be streamed every Friday, at 8:00 p.m., beginning September 10, 2021;</li> <li>• Presentation slides with the Rosary in the Dominican format will be provided in advance to the hosts for the week. The hosts are enjoined to adhere closely to the format and keep the prayer as short and simple as possible to maintain an atmosphere conducive to meditation and contemplation.</li> <li>• The prayer may be conducted live or recorded in advance. In case of the latter, the recording should be submitted to the UST Communications Bureau at least one day before the live stream, i.e. Thursday, by 5:00 p.m.</li> </ul>
5.	<b>Angelus, 3 o'clock Prayer to the Divine Mercy, and Thomasian Prayer in Time of Pandemic</b>	<p>Classes or meetings are enjoined to pause at 12:00 nn (Angelus), 3:00 p.m. (3 o'clock Prayer to the Divine Mercy), and 6:00 p.m. (Angelus) for these prayers.</p> <p>The said prayers should be followed by the supplemental petition for the Thomasian community. <i>Please see the attached copy of the Thomasian Prayer in Time of Pandemic.</i></p>

In the midst of this pandemic and as we begin our academic year, it is opportune to present anew the spiritual resources that can be availed of in this time of crisis through the religious services of the Santísimo Rosario Parish-UST and prayer initiatives of the UST Center for Campus Ministry.

Santísimo Rosario Parish Schedule of Services	Sunday Masses:	7:30 AM and 9:00 AM 4:00 PM and 5:30 PM
	Weekday Masses:	6:15 AM and 7: 30 AM
	Thu - Fri - Sat	8:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Prayers for Healing
	Saturday Masses:	6:15 AM and 7: 30 AM 4:00 PM and 5:30 PM (for Sunday)
	Sunday to Saturday	8:00 PM - Daily Family Rosary (Confraternity of the Rosary) <a href="https://bit.ly/ConfraternityoftheRosary">https://bit.ly/ConfraternityoftheRosary</a>

Finally, may we ask the unit heads to please submit the names of the members of their respective units who: (1) are currently sick, as well as (2) those who have died. They shall be included in our Mass and prayer intentions. These may be submitted via Google Form (<https://bit.ly/3jbzH9R>).

With God’s blessing, we will rise together above these challenges; but first, we cling to Him Who is the “merciful Lord of our restless being.”

Thank you very much for your continued support and cooperation.

  
**FR. LOUIE R. CORONEL, O.P., EHL**  
*Secretary-General*



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**THOMASIAN PRAYER IN TIME OF PANDEMIC**

(To be prayed simultaneously after the Angelus/3 o'clock Prayer to the Divine Mercy)

*God of all nations,  
The Psalmist assures us,  
"Blessed are all who take refuge in You" (Ps 2:2).  
In this time of pandemic,  
we pray for all those afflicted around the world.  
At this particular time of the day,  
we also pray for each other and with each other  
as one Thomasian Community.*

*By Your unending grace,  
may the sick be healed,  
those enduring hardship be supported,  
the dead be brought to eternal life,  
the grieving be comforted, and all of us,  
together with our families and friends,  
be protected from the ravages of this pandemic.*

*In the Gospel, Your Son assures us,  
"in the world you will have tribulation  
but take courage, I have overcome the world" (Jn 16: 33).  
May this trial end soon  
and may we contribute whatever we can as Thomasians  
for the good of all, especially of those who need it most.*

*By your gift of the Tria Haec<sup>2</sup>,  
strengthen us in faith,  
sustain us in hope,  
and stir our hearts to love.  
Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

*Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.  
Saint Dominic, pray for us.  
Saint Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.  
Saint Catherine of Alexandria, pray for us.  
All Thomasian martyrs, pray for us.*

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<sup>2</sup> Three statues at the center of the façade of the UST Main Building are collectively known in Latin as "Tria Haec" ("these three"), a phrase derived from 1 Corinthians 13:13 where St. Paul declares: "These three things last forever: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." The depiction of the Tria Haec seems to tell us that the history of UST is a history that is impelled by faith, propelled by hope, and compelled by love.