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**Pay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar
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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of Sacred Heart Parish in Pahoa, Hawaii, strive to be a community of faith. We believe we are called by God to be disciples of Jesus Christ and to be good stewards within the Church and our local communities.

We are called to praise and reverence God, to support one another on our journey of faith, to work for the salvation of our souls, and to labor for peace and justice. By the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, we do this by communal liturgical worship, faith sharing, ongoing faith formation, stewardship, outreach ministries, and by selflessly giving of our time, talent and treasure.

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LIVING the WORD

A Reflection on Matthew 22:15-21 **The Test of Kingdoms**

For the past three weeks Jesus has been chiding the Pharisees and now they come to him with a trap, bringing their own adversaries, the Herodians, to help them. Recall Pharisees claimed to be adherents of the Mosaic Law and wanted to bring back the Kingdom of David. The Herodians were a political party and backers of Rome which had put King Herod and his dynasty on the throne. These two groups are adversaries but that day they joined forces to trick Jesus into a faith and political blunder.

They spring the trap by asking Jesus “Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?” Matthew tells us that Jesus knew of their malice, which is to say their wrongful intentions towards him and his message. Calling them hypocrites, he asks them for the coin that pays the census tax, and they immediately produce a Roman denarii. That they possessed the coin shows they were paying the tax. Jesus asks them to acknowledge the image and the image the inscription on the coin. The image would have been that of reigning emperor, Tiberius Caesar. The inscription read, “Tiberius Caesar, divine and son of the divine Augustus” on one side and “Great High Priest” on the other. Is it not that these very same titles would be used for Jesus as the Son of God.

Their acknowledgment seals the trap, but it is the Pharisees and Herodians who are ensnared. Jesus says “Then give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God. This is not a flippant one liner but a challenge that everyone should do their duty as a good citizen of their country and as a good citizen of the kingdom of Heaven. Jesus does not address what we should do when our responsibilities as citizens clash with our duty to God, this is a test for each person's conscience. The realm of politics does not exist in one sphere and religion in another, they are interwoven. What we must do is seek the truth in God, from God, and return it to God by our actions and choices.

The Catholic Church has always been a bulwark for social peace and justice. The cornerstones being respect for life from conception to natural death, each person's worth and dignity as a child of God throughout their lives, solidarity with the poor and the outcasts, seeking the common good for all, care for the poor and most vulnerable, peace, promised by the Prince of Peace, care of creation which has been entrusted to us by the Creator, the dignity of work, and participation in all aspects of common and share life by every individual. We all live in earthly kingdoms and political realities but we should all strive for citizenship in the Kingdom of God.

Thoughts of a Growing Young Catholic



I remember when I was younger I went to church that I didn't even know the name of it before. Honestly, I didn't want to go to church when I was younger because I didn't understand what was happening. When I walked into the church, I didn't even bless myself with the Holy water which was bad now that I remember that. Once the Mass started, I would already get bored and get lost in space. I didn't even try to sing or follow along with the other people during the Mass. As I got older, I stopped going to church because my parents

were so busy most of the time. But as I got into my teenage years, my mom made me go to church again. I understood more things by then and I wanted to obey my mother. So I went to church, and I tried my best to follow along with the people. At this point, I felt a difference between my younger self compared to my older self.

I now realized that church was something that I should be taking more seriously. When the priest does his talk called, the homily, I had to be attentive. I now come to understand that the church is something bigger than us. I also listened to what other people can teach me about my religion. I thought that this is some pretty serious business going on here. So from then on, I started doing more for myself to make sure I'm really involved with my religion more and more.

In 2018, the priest was looking for Altar Servers. I took up the offer and that's when my journey started as an Altar Server. To better understand, an Altar Server is a person that assists the priest during the Mass. Now I do not only go to Mass every Sunday, I was also serving at the Altar when I go to church. I made many mistakes at the beginning, but as time went by, I learned enough that I could even be serving confidently at the Mass.

Since I knew a lot about being an Altar Server, my Altar serving friend invited me to serve during the Latin Mass. I was hesitant at first because this Mass is different from all the others. The movements in this Mass are different as well as having to learn certain parts in Latin language. But something inside me wanted me to do this so I said agreed. I watched videos on how to serve this Mass and practiced my Latin so that I would know how to respond.

The first few Masses were confusing and I made a lot of mistakes. It took me a lot of times to serve this particular Mass without committing a single mistake. Now, I can serve the Latin Mass alone. Today, I am still an Altar Server at Pahoia Sacred Heart Church, and I like what I am doing for my church. To be honest, I never thought I would be Altar serving in the first place.

When I was younger, it wasn't that impossible that I and my parents would be frequenting church sometimes but I never thought of becoming an Altar Server, but look where I am now. I go to church every Sunday and I am an Altar Server too. I never thought that these things would've happened to me. I believe that the moral of this story is that good things come to people that wait because going to church is good and being an Altar Server is even better because those things make me feel good and that I'm doing what God wants me to do. Lastly, I think my destiny is created by God Himself because He is bringing me closer to Him so that I could do better things for Him and the world.

Pray for Healing

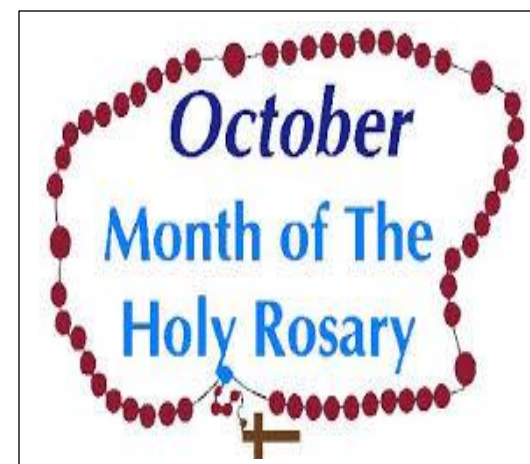
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Toys for Tots

Toys for Tots is a Hawaii Electric Light Company initiative to gather toys from businesses in the community so that the disadvantaged children may have a toy for Christmas. This year, the deadline is October 23, 2020. If you or anyone you know is in need of this service, please call the church office or come in to register. The ages are from <1 to 12 years old. We need to have name and age of each child registering. If your children are not counted, there may not be a toy for them, as it was explained by HELCO that toy donations will be challenging this year.

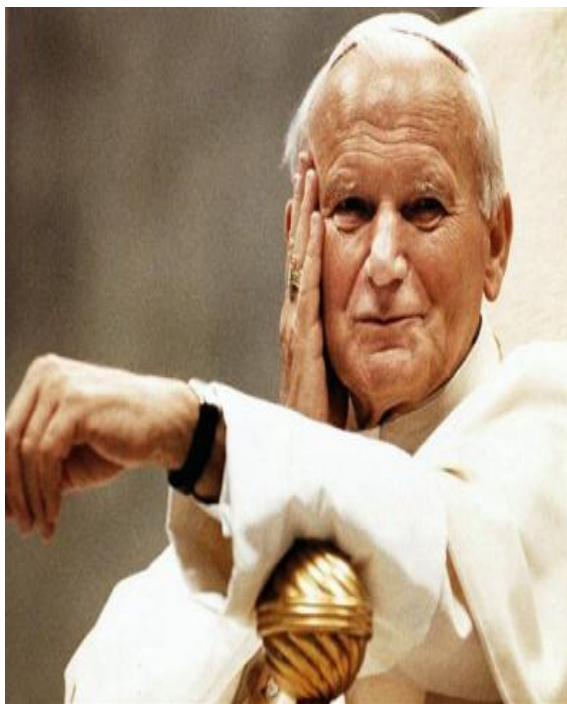
POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS OCTOBER The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.



FINANCIAL REPORT October 14, 2020

Offertory	\$1322.00
Candles	29.46
Latin Mass	307.00
Mass Intentions	315.00
Donations	145.00
Repair & Maintenance	30.00
Masks Sales	57.00
World Mission Sunday	10.00
TOTAL	\$2,215.46



October 22, 2020

Feast Day of St. John Paul II

This mountain climbing Polish Pope was so filled with the love of God it was contagious. A talented and gifted "man of letters", a playwright, a philosopher, an intellectual giant, a poet, but more importantly, a genuine human being with a heart that embraced the whole world, like the Heart of the One whom he represents on earth. He truly has been the "Vicar of Christ", representing the Lord, the King of Kings, for so many millions throughout the world.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, October 18

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
Psalm 96:1, 3-5, 7-10
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Matthew 22:15-21

Monday, October 19

Ephesians 2:1-10
Psalm 100:1b-3, 4abc--5
Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday, October 20

Ephesians 2:12-22
Psalm 85:9ab-10, 11-14
Luke 12:35-38

Wednesday, October 21

Ephesians 3:2-12
Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6
Luke 12:39-48

Thursday, October 22

Ephesians 3:14-21
Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Luke 12:49-53

Friday, October 23

Ephesians 4:1-6
Psalm 24:1—4ab, 5-6
Luke 12:54-59

Saturday, October 24

Ephesians 4:7-16
Psalm 122:1-3, 4abcd-5
Luke 13:1-9

STEWARDSHIP

In today’s second reading, St. Paul thanks the Philippians for being willing to share in his hardships and promises that God, in turn, will fully supply all their needs. Our God truly cannot be outdone in generosity!

**BISHOP LARRY’S
DISPENSATION UPDATE**

“Since mid-March through October 31, 2020 I have issued a dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19. I am hereby extending that dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation through December 31, 2020. As I do so, however, I urge everyone who is able to return to Mass, without undue risks to their health or the health of others, to do so. Please note that in the Diocese of Honolulu, besides all Sundays, the holy days of obligation are the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, December 8; and Christmas on Friday, December 25. Again, while all are dispensed from the obligation of attending, I urge you to do so if you can. It is highly recommended that those who do avail themselves of the dispensation substitute some other prayer experience so that worship of God does not lose its primary focus in our lives.”

**Reflections from the Word of God to Prepare for the 2020 Elections
Prepared by Most Reverend Larry Silva, Bishop of Honolulu (9/23/20)**

[Scripture quotes from the New American Bible, Revised Edition]

As faithful citizens of the United States, the State of Hawaii, and the local regions to which we belong, we not only enjoy the right to vote, but we have a civic duty to do so to make our democracy a government “of the people, by the people, and for the people.” The following are offered as an invitation to prayer and discernment about some of the issues facing our community to help all discern God’s will regarding the persons we elect for public office. We urge you to pray over them in this time leading up to our November 3 elections. **One Nation under God - Religious** Our nation was founded on “the laws of nature and nature’s God.” Do we still share this fundamental belief? For those who do believe, is that belief fostered or threatened by our culture and its leaders? “Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with your whole heart, and with your whole being, and with your whole strength.” (Deuteronomy 6:4-5) **The Sanctity of Life from Conception until Natural Death** Pope Francis has said that without the right to life, no other right has meaning. What can we do to halt and reverse the hidden Holocaust of abortion that is so accepted that it is protected by law? How can we assure that our leaders will work for a greater respect for life in all its stages, including the lives of convicted criminals, of the frail elderly, of the poor, and of other vulnerable persons? “I call heaven and earth today to witness against you. I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live.” (Deuteronomy 30:19-20) **Unity of the Races** God has made every person in his image and likeness, yet we often live with biases, prejudices and closed hearts to people who are different from us. How can we all, as individuals and as communities, work toward justice, dignity and equality for all in our land? “Glorious things are said of you, of city of God! Rahab and Babylon I count among those who know me. See, Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia, ‘This one was born there.’ And of Zion it will be said: ‘Each one was born in it.’” (Psalm 87:3-5a) **Welcoming Newcomers** Our country is a country of immigrants, and people are still coming here to escape persecution, oppression and debilitating poverty. How can we more effectively welcome immigrants as sisters and brothers and assist them in becoming integral members of our country of immigrants? “You shall not oppress or afflict a resident alien, for you were once aliens residing in the land of Egypt.” (Exodus 22:20) **Care for the Poor and Homeless** What can be done to provide all with good healthcare – mental and physical? How can we as a community put more people to work to restore their dignity and their ability to care for themselves and their families? How can we work toward more affordable housing? “And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’” (Matthew 25:40) **Pray! Vote! Stay involved! God bless our country, our beloved islands, and all our communities!**

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