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 20:1-16
God Does Not Leave Us Wanting
The parable of the laborers in the vineyard is unique to Matthew. The landowner does not sit in his home nor stay in his work shed, rather, he goes out to search for laborers and does so throughout the day. He finds the first group of workers early in the morning and hires them for an agreed upon wage. He later goes out at noon, then again at three o'clock, to hire more laborers and agrees to pay them what is right. Finally, at five o'clock, one hour before the work day ends - he sets out searching again. This time he asks those he finds if they have been there idle all day, to which they reply, no, they've been there all day because no one would hire them. That's very different from being idle. They stuck it out all day, even staying out there until the work day was almost over, hoping for any opportunity to work and earn something for themselves and their families. He hires them, but oddly, this time nothing is said about wages. When the work day ends, he pays the last workers, those who were so desperate for work, first. He gives them a full day's wage. Next, he pays those who worked from noon and from three o'clock. These had been promised a just wage which would have been based on the hours they worked, but he also gives them a full day's wage. Finally, he pays the earliest group the very same wage as all the other workers, the wage agreed upon that morning. What's going on here?
There are many ways to interpret this parable, but if we look it's opening sentence: “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner...”, then it's not so much a parable about laborers as it is about God's mercy, compassion, generosity, and grace. Unlike God, we are very concerned with equivalent reward for the actual amount for the time worked. Some of us are born and bred Christians, others come to God at various stages of life, while some for whatever many reasons, find God only much later in life. What we all have in common is that we have all been promised the same thing: God's love and mercy. What we have to recall is that God's love and mercy take many different shapes and have many varied means of expression and they are always sufficient for the needs of each individual called to participate in God's work. God's grace, mercy, compassion, and love, never leaves a person needing more than they received.

St. Pio of Pietrelcina
Feast of
St. Padre Pio
September 23, 2020

Born to a southern Italian farm family, the son of Grazio, a shepherd. At age 15 he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Friars in Morcone, and joined the order at age 19. He suffered several health problems, and at one point his family thought he had tuberculosis. He was ordained at age 22 on 10 August 1910.

While praying before a cross on September 20, 1918, Padre Pio received the stigmata. He is the first priest ever to be so blessed. As word spread, especially after American soldiers brought home stories of Padre Pio following WWII, the priest himself became a point of pilgrimage for both the pious and the curious. He would hear confessions by the hour, reportedly able to read the consciences of those who held back. He was reportedly able to bi-locate, levitate, and heal by touch.

In 1956 he founded the House for the Relief of Suffering, a hospital that serves 60,000 a year. Padre Pio died on September 23, 1968 at age 81.

Catholic Culture.org
Pray for Healing
* Shirley & Steve Torres *
* Ben Beltran * Alfred Micallef
* Jan Malinowski * Charla Irvine
* Billy Kenoi * Sarah Marie
* Anwar Payne * Tom Kutcher
* Fr. Alapaki Kim * Gifara Alsahouri
* Alicia Galvan * Joseph Kealoha
* Maile Palacat *
* Nyah Lacro * Odysesys Tafuna
* Tommie Higgins * Kathleen Matsuda
* Peter Vana, II * Edward Micallef
* Felicia Hanohano * Tom Sorcy *
Gisela McGuire * Emiliano Francisco *
Jaime Florendo * Damia Burns
Michael Cunningham * Suzanne Cole
Angie Camello

Holy Land Collection
Due to Covid-19, our Diocese postponed the Holy Land 2nd Collection, to held the in the month of September instead of during Lent when our church was in a state of upheaval with Covid. These monies collected support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land where there is much suffering and strife. We are asked to give even how little, as our brethren there have even less. In giving, we will be blessed.
Mahalo

POPE FRANCIS
PRAYER INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER

Respect for the Planet's Resources
We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

FINANCIAL REPORT
September 16, 2020

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MASS SCHEDULE
There are still seats available at the following Masses.
Saturday: 4:00pm & 5:30pm
Monday: 11:30am & 5:30pm
Wednesday: 11:30am

Please contact Liz Morgan at shpahosocialmedia@gmail.com or call 965.1694 to inquire about availability and reservations about Sunday Masses. Please note that no one will be turned away without a reservation.

Sunday: 7:30am & 10:30AM
SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, September 20th
Isaiah 55:6-9
Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
Matthew 20:1-16a

Monday, September 21st
Ephesians 4:1-7
Psalm 19:2-5
Matthew 9:9-13

Tuesday, September 22nd
Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13
Psalm 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44
Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 23rd
Proverbs 30:5-9
Psalm 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163
Luke 9:1-6

Thursday, September 24th
Ecclesiastes 1:2-11
Psalm 90:3-6, 12-14, 7bc
Luke 9:7-9

Friday, September 25th
Ecclesiastes 3:1-11
Psalm 114: 1b, 2abc,3-4
Luke 9:43b-45

Saturday, September 26th
Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8
Psalm 90:3-6, 12-14, 17
Luke 9:43b-45

STEWARDSHIP

In today’s Gospel, the vineyard owner says, “I am free to do as I please with my money, am I not?” We are likewise free. Is a generous return to the Lord in thanksgiving for His many blessings among the choices we have made?

OPEN LETTER TO PARISHIONERS

Dear Member of our Parish ‘Ohana

We would like to express our gratitude for your continued participation in our parish fundraisers. Prior to the "Pandemic" we had began our "Good Friday Fish Dinner Sale. Many of you purchased tickets.

At our recent Finance Committee Meeting it was decided to offer those who purchased tickets a REFUND. During the entire month of September, 2020, you will be able to receive such. Simply bring your ticket to the CHURCH OFFICE during open hours and we will process your refund.

We trust this will be most satisfactory and is long overdue.

Mahalo and thank you again for supporting our fund raising activities.

Sincerely yours,

Richard J. Robbins,
Finance Committee Chair

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Living the heartbeats of His Heart for 91 years now!

Cor ad cor loquitur.
September 7, 2020
Aloha to all!

(Caveat: Due to many scamming strategies, please respond to this appeal only directly to Fr John Molina or to the parish office. Thank you.)

We need your help. The global Covid-19 crisis and its effect to economy is affecting our Parish ‘Ohana too. In order to boost our financial resources, we are now cutting expenses. However, there are just expenses that we cannot do away with. You so always loved our village church and still you do. We humbly knock at your door to help us once more to move on ... at least at the duration of this crisis.

As for the moment, our Holy Mass collections/offerings are amounting to an average of $3,400 a month (thanks be to God and to our generous parishioners!). But that is about 55% less than the usual collection before the Covid-19 crisis.

How can you help?

Aside from the many parish based fundraisers: Masks for sale, Bake sales ... You may have Holy Masses offered (contact our parish office) or donate through our on-line giving (see our parish website or contact the parish office); or wholly or partially adopt any of our church’s monthly expenses (please contact me directly or the parish office):

a. Rectory expenses
b. Office expenses
c. Ground maintenance expenses
d. Water and Electricity expenses
e. Liturgy and worship expenses
f. Liturgy and worship expenses

All donations are tax-deductible!

Mahalo for your love and concerns! We pray for each other and please keep safe and healthy.

May God ever bless you and your loved ones.
Fr John T Molina