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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,

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LIVING the WORD LIVING the WORD A Reflection on Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

Finding Contentment

Paul wrote to the Philippians while under house arrest in Rome. That meant he had to supply for all his needs himself, or others must do it for him. Paul was a proud man, a skilled laborer. He boasts in his letters that he was selfsufficient and did not take charity from anyone, except that is from the Philippians with which he had a very close and special relationship. But Rome and Philippi are separated by a distance of over 4,000 miles and there was no PayPal by which Paul could receive steady and timely assistance.

Paul writes how he knows to live in humble circumstances and also with abundance, of being well fed or hungry, of having his needs met or being in need. He lived through highs and lows, through periods of success and failure, of days in the limelight, of nights in chains, he received praise but was cursed and beaten. While we know which set of circumstances we personally would prefer to live in, Paul seems able and happy in either because everything he did was to spread the good news of Jesus Christ and for the glory of God.

Last week we saw how prayer and thanksgiving were Paul's vaccine against the infections of anxiety and worry, this week we learned his secret for contentment: Christ Jesus. 'I can do all things through him who strengthens me." He assures his friends of his gratitude for their help, but wants them to know that there's nothing in life that he, they, and you and I, can do without Christ. All comes to us through him, with him, and in him.

Looking back, pre-Covid life can most probably be described as a time of abundance no matter what our circumstances were at that time. Life in the midst of Covid is a time of physical, spiritual, and psychological hardship. Can we take Paul's secret of contentment to heart and find some joy, comfort, ease, and serenity in Jesus? There is a future. Can we walk towards it with the one who makes even our most difficult times bearable?

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I remember when I was younger I went the 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 practised 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 Pahoa 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.

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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.

Parking Lot Improvements

Dear People of Sacred Heart Parish,

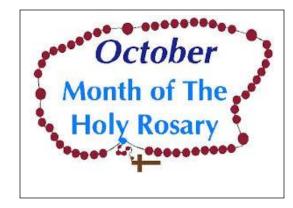
I would like to say Thank You so much to those that helped me in this project. Thank you to the parishioners that helped to fund the project, Thank You to my family for helping me with starting this project and helping me with logistics and getting supplies to do the work, and Thank You to Father John for giving me permission to work on this project. I have been working on the rest of the Eagle Project workbook after completing the physical portion of the project which was the restriping and cleaning the remaining areas that needed to be pressured washed, and installing the ADA signs. On top of all that I would like to say Mahalo again for your support.

Sebastien Tablit

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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 September 30, 2020

Offertory	\$1901.00
Candles	39.59
Latin Mass	253.00
Mass Intentions	100.00
Dumpster Donation	310.00
Catholic Relief Services	5.00
Donations	163.00
Repair & Maintenance	40.00
Catholic Charities	5.00
Masks Sales	55.00
Yard	20.00
Good Friday	5.00
Palm Sunday	5.00
Easter	5.00
Easter Flowers	5.00
Rice Bowl	4.00
TOTAL	\$2,915.59

Food Pantry

October 15th is Food Pantry distribution day. Drive through will be begin 10 AM. Volunteers can come at 9AM to set up. If you have extra produce to share, please bring it in on Thursday or Friday morning. There will also be a registration for Toys for Tots at the same time. Toys for Tots help with toys for the keiki for our yearly Christmas Giving Tree.

SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, October 11th Isaiah 25:6-10a Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-6 Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 Mathew 22:1-14

Monday, October 12th Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1 Psalm 113:1b-2, 3-5a, 6-7 Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday, October 13th Galatians 5:1-6 Psalm 119:14, 43, 45, 47-48 Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday, October 14th

Galatians 5:18-25 Psalm 1:1-4, 6 Luke 11:42-46

Thursday, October 15th

Ephesians 1:1-10 Psalm 98:1-3abcd, 4-6 Luke 11:47-54

Friday, October 16th

Ephesians 1:11-14 Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,12-13 Luke 12:1-7

Saturday, October 17th

Ephesians 1:15-23 Psalm 8:2-3ab, 4-7 Luke 12:8-12

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!

On the Cover

The watercolor painting on the cover of this publication is on the wall behind the candle offering stand in Sacred Heart Pahoa church. It is a 20" x 28" beautifully framed portrait of St. Damien. This original painting, was done by Jeff Pieterzak, a parishioner of Sacred Heart. Jeff and his wife Debbie, reside in Hawaiian Beaches and have been members of Sacred Heart for many years. We wish to thank Jeff and Debbie for this beautiful artwork, for all the years of support you have given to the church. From a basketball hoop to a lawnmower to this beautiful painting, your devotion is unmatched. May you be blessed

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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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