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*"...how often should I forgive?
"Not SEVEN times, but, I tell you, SEVENTY-SEVEN times."*

Matthew 18:21-22, NRSV

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 18:21-35

COUNTING ON FORGIVENESS

Leave it up to Peter to jump into the fray and ask Jesus how often he should forgive his brother. He doesn't even pause before answering his own question "up to seven times." Peter thought he was being magnanimous, for didn't the rabbis teach, you only had to forgive your brother three times. Peter was willing to go beyond doubling what the rabbis taught. If he was expecting to be commended by Jesus he must have been very disappointed to hear Jesus say he should forgive his brother seventy times seven times. Or in other words, there is to be no limit to forgiveness.

Forgiveness and mercy are the cornerstone of the new covenant. "I shall make a new covenant with the house of Israel...I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and they will be my people...for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sins no more."

(cf Jeremiah 31:31-34)

If it is to mean and actually do anything, forgiveness has to be linked with reconciliation.

Jesus died for our sins offering us forgiveness, but that was not the end goal. The Eucharistic Prayer says, it was through Jesus' death that God "willed to reconcile us to [himself]." It goes on to say "May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the world. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth..."

Forgiveness is completely intertwined and inseparable from reconciliation, peace, salvation, faith, charity.

Forgiveness and mercy are the heart of Christianity, they should be the air in our lungs, the blood in our heart. How can we faithfully say the Lord's Prayer "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us" if we are not willing to forgive others as often as God is willing to forgive us, repeatedly, day after day, month after month, year after year?

Take a moment of silence, try counting the number of times God has forgiven you, then ask for the grace to always be forgiving of others.



The primary source of support for our church and parish facilities is you, our parishioners. The weekly offertory is the major source of funding for the parish. In normal times your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure made it possible to sustain the operational expenses of our parish as well as provide for the programs and activities so important to our community.

We have re-opened our church but there is only a small number of parishioners able to attend the weekday and Sunday Masses and we continue to see a sharp decline in the offertory collection. We need the help and generosity of each and every parishioner to pay for the general upkeep of the Church, electricity, water, trash, phones, the building, property and liability insurances, health insurance, staff salaries, and the assessment payable to the Diocese. Please give us your support.

Here are several options for you to continue to give your weekly offering.

1. Mail your offering to:

Sacred Heart Church 15-3003 Pahoia Village Rd., Pahoia Hawaii 96778

2. Stop by the church and drop your offering in the donation box located on the portico near the entrance to the church.

3. Online Giving is a safe, secure, and convenient way to give. To learn more about this, please visit <https://pahoasacredheart.org/online-giving>

4. Give your weekly offering when you come to Mass.

Together, as one faith-filled 'ohana, let us continue the work of the past, attend to the needs of the present, and build for the future. Mahalo nui loa for your generosity in these most difficult times. God bless and keep all of you and your families healthy and safe.

Pray for Healing

- * Shirley & Steve Torres *
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- Gisela McGuire * Emiliano Francisco *
- Jaime Florendo * Damia Burns
- Michael Cunningham * Suzanne Cole
- Angie & Roy 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

Grandparents Day & Catechetical Sunday

Feast Day Bake Sale

September 12 &13, 2020 after all the masses

Today is the Day! You are invited to visit our Bake Sale Table.

The selections are many, to include cakes, breads, cookies, filipino delectables, and other goodies too many to mention.



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 9, 2020

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| Offertory | \$1,456.00 |
| Candles | 35.75 |
| NSF Reimbursement | 20.00 |
| Adopted Refuse Donation | 40.00 |
| Face Mask | 100.00 |
| Latin Mass | 231.50 |
| Mass Intention | 335.00 |
| HAAS | 1,643.47 |
| Parking Lot Donation | 1,000.00 |
| TOTAL | \$4, 861.72 |

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 shpahoasocialmedia@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 6th

Ezekiel 33:7-9
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9
Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20

Monday, September 7th

1 Corinthians 5:1-8
Psalm 5:5-7, 12
Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 8th

Micah 5:1-4a
Psalm 13:6abc
Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

Wednesday, September 9th

1 Corinthians 7:25-31
Psalm 13:45:11-12, 14-17
Luke 6:20-26

Thursday, September 10th

1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13
Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24
Luke 6:27-38

Friday, September 11th

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27
Psalm 84:3-6, 12
Luke 6:39-42

Saturday, September 12th

1 Corinthians 10:14-22
Psalm 111:12-13, 17-18
Luke 6:43-49

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is not optional! "None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master", says St. Paul. "While we live, we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die, we die as His servants."

OPEN LETTER TO PARISHIONERS

Dear Member of our Parish O'hana

We would like to express our gratitude for your continued participation in our parish fund raisers. Prior to the "Pandemic" we had began our "Good Firday 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 Septmeber, 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.

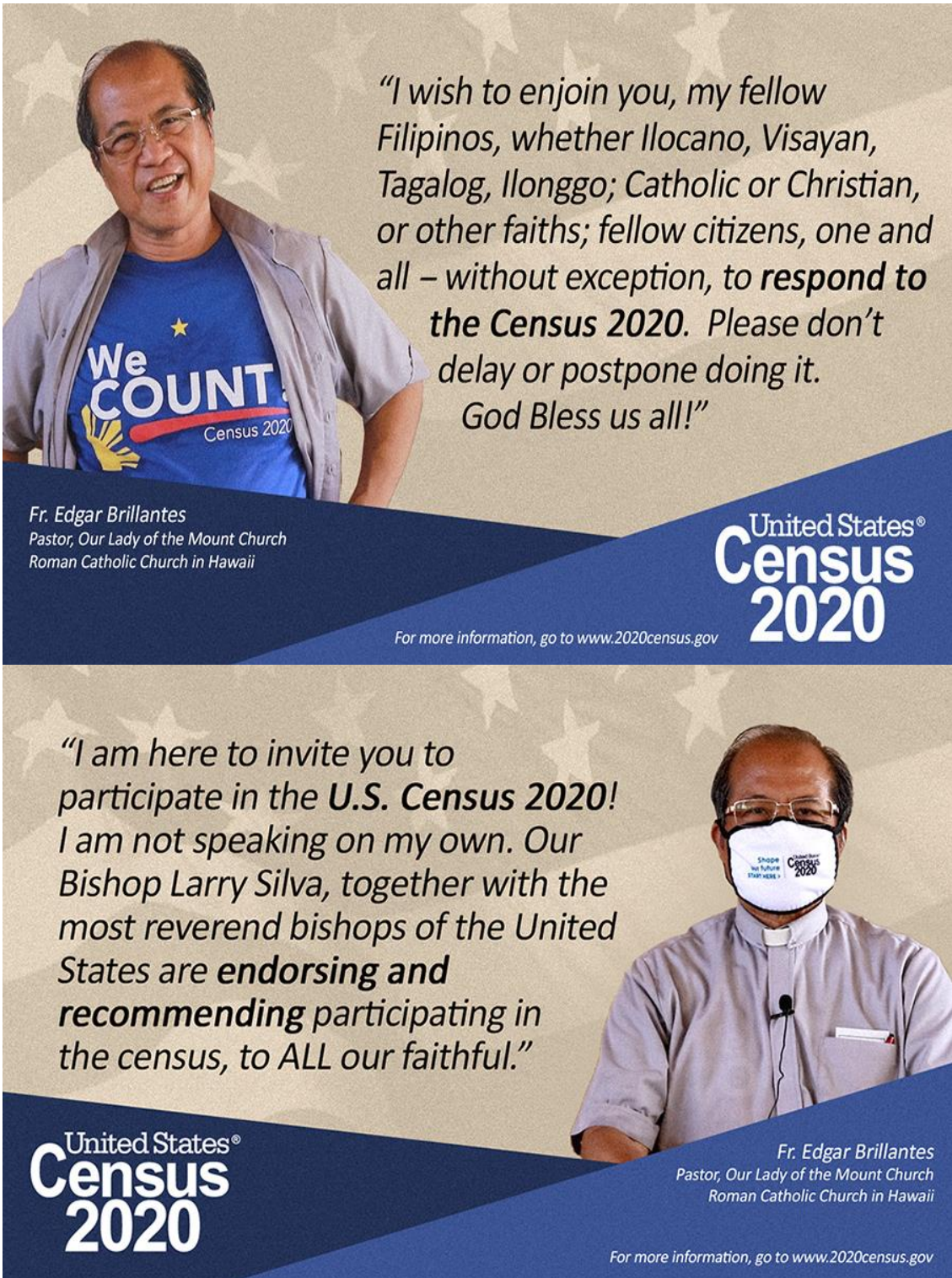
We trust this will be most satisfactory and is long overdue.

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

Sincerely yours,

Richard J. Robbins,

Finance Committee Chair



*"I wish to enjoin you, my fellow Filipinos, whether Ilocano, Visayan, Tagalog, Ilonggo; Catholic or Christian, or other faiths; fellow citizens, one and all – without exception, to **respond to the Census 2020**. Please don't delay or postpone doing it. God Bless us all!"*

Fr. Edgar Brillantes
Pastor, Our Lady of the Mount Church
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