



# The Banyan Tree

Like the Banyan Tree, our parish community is broadening and deepening its spiritual roots.

## Holy Nativity Church Update: August 16, 2017



**The Episcopal Church  
of the Holy Nativity**

**August 29,** School Picture Day

**September 4 (Labor Day),** Office and school closed

### **Worship Schedule:**

**Wednesday 10 am**

**Sunday 7:30 and 9:30 am**

**Sunday School 9:30 am**

### **Interim Rector**

*The Rev. Luis Rodriguez*  
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### **The Vestry**

*Sr. Warden: Austin Nakoa*

*Jr. Warden: Eva Eglinton*

*Treasurer: Jeane Steele*

*Wyn Aubrey-Child, Justin Donahue, Nina*

*Livingston, Natalie Okeson (Clerk), Louisa Le*

*Roux, Rich Miller, Ed Moore, Bill Seeley, Ken*

*Zitz*

### **Office Hours**

*Closed Fridays*

*Mon. thru Thurs., 8:30 am- 5 pm*

*Wed., 10 am- 6 pm*

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### **Parish Bookkeeper**

### A MESSAGE FROM REV. LUIS RODRIGUEZ

The events of this last weekend have left me – and I imagine many of you – wondering what response to make, but also wondering what these events say about our country, about who we are and what we are about. I have come to no real conclusions, and I am frightened at the conclusions I may come to. I do know that I was proud of being an Episcopalian and a priest in this diocese because Bishop Bob's response was immediate. I was proud of being part of a community that is willing to confront the difficult issues of the world we live in. Bishop Bob was in Guam over the weekend, and from there he wrote to the diocese: "News of the events in Charlottesville, Virginia arrived here on Guam as people continued to process the threat of missiles pointed at their island home. It has been difficult to fathom that the evils of the 20th century have again invaded our world. The grave destruction of the atomic bomb was launched from a nearby island. The great fear of nuclear annihilation has returned to our daily lives. Jackbooted thugs dare to wave the Nazi flag with the swastika and initiate

## **Serving August 6**

### **7:30 am service**

Lector - Kim Garner  
Prayers/EM - Mike Sen  
Ushers - Thank you to Mike Sen for filling in!

### **9:30 am service**

Lectors - Sumner Howard  
Prayers - Barbara Abe  
EM- Wyn Aubrey-Child  
Ushers - Bob Steele, Mark Slovak

Altar Guild -Delia Moore's Team

## **Serving August 13**

### **7:30 am service**

Lector - Shauna Nakamura  
Prayers/EM -Kim Garner  
Ushers - Austin Nako

### **9:30 am service**

Lectors - Natalie Okeson  
Prayers - Mark Slovak  
EM- Sandra Braham  
Ushers - Justin Donahue, Rich Miller

Altar Guild -Sandra Braham's Team

## **Serving August 20**

### **7:30 am service**

Lector - Lorraine Mau  
Prayers/EM - Mike Sen  
Ushers - David Callies

### **9:30 am service**

Lectors - Cindy Ramirez  
Prayers - Natalie Okeson  
EM- Lila Johnson  
Ushers - Bob Steele, Justin Donahue

Altar Guild- Lorraine Mau's team

## **Serving August 27**

### **7:30 am service**

Lector - Kim Garner  
Prayers/EM - Linda Sayegusa  
Ushers - Mike Sen

### **9:30 am service**

Lectors - HNS Student  
Prayers - HNS Student  
EM- Louisa Le Roux

violence with hate-filled rhetoric. Racism is again publicly joined to violence in the streets of our nation."

The world's violence and ugliness feels a little more palpable at the moment, and it can be easy to feel helpless. Still, Bishop Bob offered a word of hope, counseling the diocese to reflect on these words of Dorothy Day: "Love and ever more love is the only solution to every problem that comes up. If we love each other enough, we will bear with each other's faults and burdens. If we love enough, we are going to light that fire in the hearts of others. And it is love that will burn out the sins and hatreds that sadden us. It is love that will make us want to do great things for each other. No sacrifice and no suffering will then seem too much.

Yes, I see only too clearly how bad people are. I wish I did not see it so. It is my own sins that give me such clarity. If I did not bear the scars of so many sins to dim my sight and dull my capacity for love and joy, then I would see Christ more clearly in you all. I cannot worry much about your sins and miseries when I have so many of my own. I can only love you all, poor fellow travelers, fellow sufferers.

I do not want to add one least straw to the burden you already carry. My prayer from day to day is that God will so enlarge my heart that I will see you all, and live with you all, in his love."

May we each become aflame with love so as to burn away all that is hateful and violent, both in ourselves and in our world. May the love which is God's gift to us, become the gift we bring to counter all that degrades people and keeps them in fear. May we pray and act always in love, and may

## Readings

### Sunday, August 6

First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:13-21

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

### Sunday, August 13

First Reading: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

### Sunday, August 20

First Reading: Genesis 45:1-15

Psalm 133

Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28

### Sunday, August 27

First Reading: Exodus 1:8-2:10

Psalm 124

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

### Last Sunday's Attendance

7:30 am service - 15

9:30 am service - 52

### Average Attendance Year to Date

7:30 am service - 23

9:30 am service - 56

## Prayer List

George Abraham

Geoff Miller

Ulu Duncan

## Holy Nativity School

Tim Spurrier, Head of School

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the divine love transform us and our world to shine brightly as heralds of justice and compassion.

Bishop Bob has recommended the regular use of these two prayers through the end of the Church year, and has asked every parish to use them at the end of the Prayers of the People:

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Prayer for Peace Among the Nations*

*(BCP page 816)*

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of the United States, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Prayer for Social Justice*

*(BCP page 823)*

## *New Operations Manager*

Mr. Mark Bradley has joined the staff at Holy Nativity as our Operations Manager. Among other duties, this new position is responsible for bookkeeping, personnel, and property management. Mark comes to us with valuable experience in finance, education, and administration of non-profits. He will be a wonderful addition to our parish team. Didi

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**Denise Falls, Manager**  
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Wednesdays and Fridays  
9 am - 3 pm

Saturdays  
9 am - 12 noon

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will remain with us through the end of the month to make the transition as smooth as possible. With the exception of Wednesdays, Mark will be in the office from 8:30 am to 5 pm. His office hours on Wednesdays are 10 am to 6 pm. Please schedule your appointments with him at [hncoperationsmanager@gmail.com](mailto:hncoperationsmanager@gmail.com)



**OUTREACH SUB-COMMITTEE OPEN MEETING**

The Vestry's sub-committee on outreach is holding an open meeting this Sunday, August 20, to begin brainstorming on how best we can meet the needs of our local community. **The meeting will be held after the 9:30 am Eucharist.** If you are interested but cannot attend, or if you have any questions, please get in touch with Wyn Aubrey-Child ([wynaubrey@gmail.com](mailto:wynaubrey@gmail.com))

**"Back to School" Sunday**

On Sunday, August 27, we are making a special effort to welcome the staff, parents, and students of our school. While we share a wonderful campus, our paths do not often cross. This is an opportunity to show our

welcome and offer hospitality. At the 9:30 am Eucharist, members of the school community will serve reading the lessons, as well as the prayers. We will also host a special coffee hour with some activities for our younger members, and an opportunity for fellowship and conversation. Please make every effort to be here that day.

**Happy Wedding Anniversary to  
Rich and Kim Miller!**

This month is the 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of The Millers. They were married at Holy Nativity on August 22, 1982. Beautiful couple, still. You two brighten every corner. May you have many more years of life together. We love you.

Happy Anniversary!





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