



The Banyan Tree

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

Holy Nativity Church Update: August 2, 2017



The Episcopal Church of the Holy Nativity

August 4 (This Friday), IHS
Cooking for the Homeless, 1-3 pm in
kitchen next to the gym.

August 8, First day of school at HNS

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
hncinterim@gmail.com

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
Monday thru Thursday 9 am - 1 pm
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A MESSAGE FROM REV. LUIS RODRIGUEZ

A number of weeks ago I wrote about the physical improvements going



on at our campus. We are coming to the end of these: the new grease trap is in place, the roof is nearing completion (and ahead of schedule at that), and due to some very kind donations and many volunteer hours the final touches are going on in our renovated meeting room. It has been a busy few months, but this sort of work speaks volumes about our commitment to stewardship of our property. We are now looking at a number of changes and additions to our staff. Some time ago Denise Falls rejoined the staff of Holy Nativity as our Thrift Shop Manager. She brings a lot of energy and a first-hand experience of the ins-and-outs of the Thrift Shop. We look forward to the work she will do with us. **Melia Cox** is also joining as our Pastoral Assistant and School Chaplain. This position is a joint venture with our school, and she will serve as a visible link between these two

Parish Administrator

Aleeka Kay Edwards (part time)
aedwards@holynativityschool.org

Parish Bookkeeper

Mark Bradley (part time)

Serving August 6

7:30 am service

Lector - Kim Garner
Prayers/EM - Mike Sen
Ushers - TBD

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 - TBD

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 Steel, TBA

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

communities. This new position is a great collaboration with our school, and a wonderful opportunity for the parish generally. She will work closely with our school – students, staff, and parents – as their chaplain, but will also work more widely in the parish both on Sunday mornings and as a presence in our local community. Melia is in ordination process with plans to attend seminary in the autumn of 2018. Lastly, and very sadly, we all know that Didi Wong will be leaving as our bookkeeper after many years of dedicated service to our church. She will be greatly missed. However, **Mark Bradley** will be joining the staff at Holy Nativity as our Operations Manager. Among other duties, this new position will be 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 will remain with us through the end of August to make the transition as smooth as possible.

Lots of changes, but attendant on these are a lot of exciting possibilities for mission and witness; for growth and fellowship. If you see Denise, Melia or Mark on campus say hello, and give them a classic Holy Nativity welcome.

Me ka mahalo nui,
Fr. Luis

Welcome Melia Cox!

Prayers - HNS Student
EM- Louisa Le Roux
Ushers -Joel Verghese, Mark Slovak

Altar Guild -Nina Livingston's Team

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 - 21
9:30 am service - 40

Average Attendance Year to Date

7:30 am service - 20
9:30 am service - 52

Prayer List

George Abraham

Holy Nativity School **Tim Spurrier, Head of School** **(808) 373-3232**

Holy Nativity School is dedicated to excellence in education within a small and personalized environment. Built upon the qualities of respect and inclusion, as exemplified in the Episcopal tradition, Holy Nativity School values each child's individuality as it develops principled citizens who recognize their role in a global

Melia Cox was born and raised in Nashville, Tennessee. She

received her undergraduate degree from the University of Glasgow in Scotland, then moved back to Tennessee to work with her father. She



has lived in Hawaii for the past five years, graduating from Hawaii Pacific University with a Master's degree in 2016. She is now seeking ordination through the Episcopal Church in hopes of becoming an Army chaplain.

"I am looking forward to joining Holy Nativity as your chaplain and for the adventures awaiting us this new school year."

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.

community.

Click [here](#) to visit the School website.

Holy Nativity Thrift Shop **Denise Falls, Manager** **(808) 373-3744**

Wednesdays and Fridays
9 am - 3 pm

Saturdays
9 am - 12 noon

Click [here](#) to visit the Thrift Shop
webpage.



FAMILY PROMISE MONIES

Thank you to all the kind people who contributed to the "begging bowl" placed outside the church on two Sundays, a few months ago. We collected \$400.00 cash for our project.

The shallow subsidy program we are going to join, where we help house a homeless family, will require a goal of \$3,600 per annum, per family, paid up front to F. P. so they deal with the financing with the family's landlord. As it would take too long and too many fundraisers to raise our goal amount, the vestry decided to begin the project after the Fall Festival and use monies from that funding. The \$400 you have contributed will also go to FP to help with the other needs of the families such as food, clothing, household items etc. This will be delivered by me in the form of a check this week, to Crystal who runs FP out of her offices in town, and house for the waiting families, in Kailua.

If anyone wants more information or updates on this outreach project, please contact me and I will be happy to give you the latest news.

Thanks again,

Wyn Aubrey-Child
Outreach Sub-Committee Chair

[Happy Wedding Anniversary to
Rich and Kim Miller!](#)

This month is the 35th 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!



Farmers Market
Wednesdays 4—7:30 pm
Holy Nativity Church Parking Lot



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