



# The Banyan Tree

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

## Holy Nativity Church Update: September 7, 2017



**The Episcopal Church  
of the Holy Nativity**

**September 8 (Tomorrow)**, Grandparent's Day,  
8:00 am

**September 11**, Community Education Workshop;  
6 pm in Nave

**September 17**, Celebration of Life for Bishop S.O  
Chang; The Cathedral of St. Andrew, 4 p.m.

**October 21**, The Great Pumpkin Festival

### **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](mailto: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

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### **Office Hours**

Closed Fridays

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

Wed., 10 am- 6 pm

### A MESSAGE FROM REV. LUIS RODRIGUEZ



As you can imagine, in the last week I have been glued to the news, watching and listening as events have unfolded in Texas. Tales of suffering and loss, but also of heroism and sacrifice have profoundly touched me. As we look to the possibility of another strong hurricane hitting Puerto Rico, as well as fires raging in my native California and numerous other disasters, we are reminded of something we do not often want to face – the extent to which our lives are at the whim of nature and circumstance. As inheritors of the Scientific Revolution and all of its benefits, we can sometimes be blinded to truth that so much of life is ultimately beyond our control, and that in the end there is often little that we can do to avoid real crisis. Still,

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## **Serving September 10**

**7:30 am service**

Lector - Melia Cox  
Prayers/EM - Linda Sayegusa  
Ushers - Aleeka

**9:30 am service**

Lectors - Mark Slovak  
Prayers - John Verghese  
EM- Kathy Otani, Wyn- Aubrey Child  
Ushers - Rich Miller

Altar Guild - Delia Moore's Team

## **Serving September 17**

**7:30 am service**

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

**9:30 am service**

Lectors - Justin Donahue  
Prayers - Melia Cox  
EM- Louisa Le Roux, Sandra Braham  
Ushers - Mark Slovak, Bob Steele

Altar Guild - Sandra Braham's Team

## **Serving September 24**

**7:30 am service**

Lector - Shauna Nakamura  
Prayers/EM - Kim Garner  
Ushers - Mike Sen

**9:30 am service**

Lectors - Sumner Howard  
Prayers - Natalie Okeson  
EM- Kathy Otani, Lila Johnson  
Ushers - Rich Miller, Justin Donahue

Altar Guild- Nina Livingston's Team

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## **Readings**

**Sunday, September 10**

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11  
Psalm 119:33-40  
Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14  
Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

we also discover that crisis reveals a profound sense of equality. The divisions which we take so seriously and guard so passionately melt away in the waters of a flood, the destructive repercussions of a fire, or even a world-wide financial calamity. Race, gender, economic standing, political leanings, and our myriad markers of distinction, recede and expose our common humanity. In times of crisis it is this common humanity we long to affirm, and our hands and heart long to reach out and make a stand against the present common "enemy". Ultimately, these are the stories we remember in the aftermath of any disaster; stories of those who reached out in courage and compassion, who reached out to affirm the fundamentals we have in common.

Many of us, far away from the flooding in Texas or any other crisis that passes across our screens and newspaper, still long to reach out and affirm that connection; and for many the cry wells up in us: "What can I do?" Episcopalians have always been committed to the ties that bind people together, and The Episcopal Church always seeks to create and foster possibilities in which we can affirm the call of the Gospel and the call of our shared humanity. Do you feel this need to reach across division and reach out in humanity to those suffering and in need? Do you seek to affirm our common humanity. Please consider contributing to the work of Episcopal Relief and Development. ERD has been around for more than 75 years, and is "the compassionate response of the Episcopal Church to human suffering in the world. It faithfully administers the funds that are received from the Church, providing relief in times of disaster and promoting

### **Sunday, September 17**

First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

Psalm 103: 1-7, 8-13

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35

### **Sunday, September 24**

First Reading: Jonah 3:10-4:11

Psalm 145:1-8

Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

### **Last Sunday's Attendance**

7:30 am service - 13

9:30 am service - 52

### **Average Attendance Year to Date**

7:30 am service - 21

9:30 am service - 55

### **Prayer List**

Geoff Miller

Carol Anne O

Holly B

Marj Grune and family

The family of Wayne Otani

### **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 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.

sustainable development by identifying and addressing the root causes of suffering". Visit their website at [www.episcopalrelief.org](http://www.episcopalrelief.org). Whatever you do, reach across the divisions of our world – real and imagined – and tap into that which unites us. We should not need a crisis to make us aware of our common humanity.

Mahalo nui loa,

Reverend Luis Rodriguez

## **Join us Tomorrow For Our Annual Grandparents/Grandfriends Day!**



grandparents day  Friday  
September, 8<sup>th</sup>

Holy Nativity School invites our  
grandparents, grandfriends, parents and  
all loved ones to our campus for this  
special annual event!

~ 7:30 Welcome with coffee  
in the St. Francis Garden  
~ 8:00 All School Chapel in the Nave  
~ 8:45 Breakfast/ Student  
Presentation  
~ 9:15-10:00 Classroom Visits

Please RSVP for breakfast by calling (808) 373-3232  
or emailing [admissions@holynativityschool.org](mailto:admissions@holynativityschool.org).



## ***Community Education Workshop***

Monday, **September 11**, at 6 pm our church and school are hosting a workshop featuring Dr. Jason Keifer. Entitled ***What Students Need to Succeed: Building Resilience***, the workshop focuses on the importance of resilience and answers questions about ways to help children develop this essential quality.

## **Aina Haina Public Library Annual Book Sale**

September 22nd (Fri.) & September 23rd (Sat.)

10 am– 4 pm



**Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

**10:00am to 4:00pm**  
*at Holy Nativity School*



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