



The Banyan Tree

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

Holy Nativity Church Update: July 20, 2017



The Episcopal Church of the Holy Nativity

August 2, Francis Mau funeral- 9 am

August 5, Chuck McCrary funeral- 4 pm

August 8, First Day of School for all students

October 21, HNS 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
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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
Monday thru Thursday 9 am - 1 pm
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A MESSAGE FROM REV. LUIS RODRIGUEZ



Last week I attended the *Obon Festival at Hale'iwa*. If you are not familiar with Obon it is a Japanese-Buddhist celebration to honor the spirits of the dead, particularly one's ancestors. The three-day celebration is a time when the spirits of ancestors are supposed to revisit the household altars. At the festival's end, paper lanterns with lit candles inside are set afloat on the waters, symbolically sending the ancestors back to the land of the dead. At Hale'iwa the lanterns are set out from the beach. A central part of the celebration is dancing, and the ancestors are felt to be dancing right along. For these three days the veil that separates the living from the dead is lifted, and we can all rejoice in our fundamental connectedness, a connection that ultimately not even death can sever.

It was perhaps the dancing that struck me the

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Serving July 23

7:30 am service

Lector - Lorraine Mau
Prayers/EM - Mike Sen
Ushers - TBA

9:30 am service

Lectors - Kathy Otani
Prayers - Jeff Taylor
EM- Lila Johnson
Ushers - Rich Miller, Mark Slovak

Altar Guild- Lorraine Mau's team

Serving July 30

7:30 am service

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

9:30 am service

Lectors - Justin Donahue
Prayers - Kathy Otani
EM- Sandra Braham
Ushers -Rich Miller, Justin Donahue

Altar Guild -Nina Livingston's Team

Readings

Sunday, July 23

First Reading: Genesis 28:10-19a
Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23
Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25
Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sunday, July 30

First Reading: Genesis 29:15-28
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39
Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Last Sunday's Attendance

7:30 am service - 23
9:30 am service - 36

Average Attendance Year to Date

most poignantly and which made me reflect most deeply. It is was certainly liturgical, and yet it was completely experiential, completely *incarnational*. There were no explanatory leaflets, there were no instructions, one simply joined in, allowing one's self to be carried off by the rhythm of the music, and by following along with others, the dance became one's own. One was carried into and by the "liturgy". This was not an intellectual exercise, but a profoundly experiential one. It made concrete the ineffable reality of connection without trying to understand or explain it, but merely experiencing it as we joined it, and it was all ultimately beyond our control.

I wish our Christian liturgies were more like this – they once were. I sometimes wonder the extent to which we use our books and leaflets to hide from the real mystery of the liturgy happening before us – Jesus made present in the proclamation of the Gospel, Jesus made present and offered to us the bread and wine of Holy Communion. With our eyes following every word, we can hold on to the fantasy of our control. I am often surprised (and a little saddened) as a priest that looking out at the congregation at some of the most powerful liturgical points, many faces are down in a book – however venerable – while the glory of the enfolding drama and mystery passes by before them. **I want to challenge each of you for one Sunday, to lay aside the Prayer Book and the leaflets (chances are you know all the words already) and simply join in the dance of the liturgy by listening, by the traditional devotional postures and actions – standing, kneeling, bowing, crossing yourself.** See what happens. Worship, after all is not a intellectual exercise, but a risky, whole-person–turning to God in the hopes that God will transform us.

7:30 am service - 21
9:30 am service - 53

Prayer List

Coralie V., Heather J., Frank Y., Rev.
Dr. George Clifford, Carol O

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.

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

Wednesdays and Fridays
9 am - 3 pm

Saturdays
9 am - 12 noon

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Me ka mahalo nui,
Fr. Luis

**"His candle
burns at both
ends, it did not
last the night,
but he still
gives off a
lovely light."**



This past week, heaven welcomed Francis Mau and Charles McCrary home.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a service for Francis, which will be held in our Church on **2 August** (Wednesday) commencing at 9 am.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a service for Chuck, which will be held in our Church on **5 August** (Saturday) commencing at 4 pm.

We pray for the solace of Lorraine, Ann, and their loved ones.

***A Treeple Threat:
Justin Donahue, Mike Sen, and Bill Seeley***

Congratulations to Justin Donahue on placing 4th in Tree Climbing Competition! Also, thank you to Justin for fixing the garden fountain; and to Mike Sen and Bill Seeley for their consistent help with all property/electrical maintenance. We appreciate you!



Do you recognize anyone?



We've heard that one of these children is the

daughter of Maxine Angell! Also, one of Lorraine Mau's seven children is also pictured here. Do you recognize anyone else? We are all enjoying this fun, parish game!

Prayer List

Starting today, the Prayer List will now be refreshed every three months. Please email hncparish@gmail.com to included a loved one on the list.

****Traffic Alert****

Special traffic controls will be in effect in Aina Haina on **Sunday 23 July** for the Tinman Triathlon. Please stop by the church office if interested in viewing the map of street closures



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