



# The Banyan Tree

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

## Holy Nativity Church Update: July 6, 2017



### The Episcopal Church of the Holy Nativity

July 7, IHS Cooking for the Homeless,  
1-3 pm in kitchen next to the gym.

**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

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**Parish Bookkeeper**

### A MESSAGE FROM REV. LUIS RODRIGUEZ

Through the prophet Isaiah, God speaks these words:

"In returning and rest you shall be saved; in



quietness and in trust shall be your strength." (Isaiah 30:15) I find them words of comfort, but also words of caution, because they remind me that my strength lies not in activity, but instead in how much I allow myself to stop and be silent, to stop and listen. They remind me of how often I get stuck reacting to the immediate, rather than living in the present, and thus perceive what is really important, what really matters, what is it that really matters, and what is it that I can let go of. We live in a world and culture which seems to value activity almost at any cost – if we have nothing to do we must validate our existence by making something up to do. The consequence of this is that we end up exhausted and unfocused, desperately chasing solutions for made-up or insignificant problems. The prophet reminds us that our well-being (remember, the root of the word *salvation* lies in the Latin, *salve*,

## **Serving July 9**

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

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

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

Lectors - Mark Slovak  
Prayers - Natalie Okeson  
EM- Louisa Le Roux  
Ushers - Joel Verghese, Justin Donahue

Altar Guild -Sandra Braham's team

## **Serving July 16**

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

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

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

Lectors - John Verghese  
Prayers - Rebecca Verghese  
EM- Kathy Otani  
Ushers - Joel Verghese, Bob Steele

Altar Guild -Delia Moore's team

## **Serving July 23**

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

Lector - Lorraine Mau  
Prayers/EM - Mike Sen  
Ushers - Arne Phillips

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

Lectors - Wyn Aubrey-Child  
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

meaning literally "be well") and strength lies in stopping, resting. I like to think of this as "finding my center", which is always God and what God is calling me to. In returning and rest we can step away both from ourselves and what we perceive as the immediate concerns; we can see the larger picture, and sometimes – appropriately – allow events and circumstances to run their course without our needing to control them. Again, it frees me from my obsession with the immediate, and lets me live in the present – the only place where we can ever authentically live, the only place where we can ever really encounter God.

Me ka mahalo nui,  
Fr. Luis

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## **Welcome Back, Denise Falls!**

Denise has been connected to Holy Nativity Thrift Shop since the early aughts, and now resumes her role as Thrift Shop Manager.



Originally from Philadelphia, Denise also does behind-the-scenes casting and fitting for local fashions shows (Honolulu Fashion Week, Goodwill Goes Glam, ARTafterDARK). Stop by the shop to say hello! She loves talking about her favorite show "Orange is the New Black", her favorite band "The Foo Fighters", and her 20 year-old-daughter who's enrolled at New York University!

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## **A News Story from Aleeka Kay: Hiking with a 'Hawk**

### **Readings**

#### **Sunday, July 9**

First Reading: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67  
Psalm 45:11-18  
Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a  
Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

#### **Sunday, July 16**

First Reading: Genesis 25:19-34  
Psalm 119:105-112  
Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11  
Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

#### **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 - 17  
9:30 am service - 48

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

7:30 am service - 15  
9:30 am service - 54

### **Prayer List**

Coralie V., Heather J., Frank Y., Chuck M., 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.

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

A few of you have asked me if it was me who you saw on Hawaii News Now and KHON2 this weekend...it was! My partner and I organized a hike at Aiea Loop Trail for The Bennett Foundation, which raised \$1k to benefit healthy lifestyles in children. We began the morning with an 'oli and ended the day feasting on farm-to-table viands from 'Ai Love Nalo. In between, there were enough hugs and laughs to rustle every leaf on the trail! NFL Defensive End Michael Bennett joined us with his contagiously charming wife, Pele, and their children. We also had a surprise guest in rookie Quinton Jefferson, who also plays for the Seattle SeaHawks. It was a day of positive vibes that we're happy the news stations were eager to cover. We love working with celebrity charities that are values-aligned to our mission of "lifting as we climb."



**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.



*A Thank You note from Barb Poole-  
Street:*

*Holy Nativity Changes the Lives of  
Ducks*

...the *Mighty Ducks*, that is! The *Mighty Ducks* is a Special Olympics team started over 20 years ago with the support of Holy Nativity and the participation of several church families. Over the years, Holy Nativity has served as a sponsor for the Ducks, offering the use of the gym for our basketball teams in the fall, Osco Field for our softball practices in the spring, and Glantz Hall for the potlucks we periodically hold for fellowship and dissemination of information.

With the support from Holy Nativity, the Ducks have flourished, becoming a large and active Special Olympics team. We participate in every sport offered by Hawaii Special Olympics except ice-skating, have over 180 athletes on the rolls, and participate in every State Tournament. Last month our two coach-pitch softball teams played in the state competition and won the gold and the silver medals!

If you are familiar with Special Olympics, you will know that they serve the Intellectually Disabled in our community, who have limited activities available

to them. Participation in Special Olympics focuses on sports activities, and thru this it is able to increase our athlete's fitness levels and self-esteem, provide social experiences, develop friendships, provide medical care to those needing it, and offer opportunities for athletes to develop public speaking skills. In short, Special Olympics changes lives in many different ways, and we have a lot of fun as we go along!

The Ducks are presently practicing soccer and bocce ball at Niu Middle School field, but will return to Holy Nativity for Basketball after Labor Day. Anyone interested in participating, as a Special Olympian, a coach or a volunteer would be most welcomed. Contact Barb Poole-Street (358-4292 or [bpoolestreet@gmail.com](mailto:bpoolestreet@gmail.com)) for more information.

All of the Mighty Ducks have great appreciation and send many thanks to you all for the generosity you have shown us over the years! Thank you!

### **A Special "Brush-up" for our Meeting Room**

The work on our church campus continues, and recently we had a special group of volunteers who worked hard to clean off paint from the rock wall of our meeting room. Special thanks to Noah Zitz, Owen Zitz, Brenden Eglinton, Brooke Eglinton and Alexander Domeki for their work. Below are pictures of them as they carry on their work. The care and maintenance of our property is part of the privilege of stewardship we have at Holy Nativity, and a privilege we take seriously. Thanks to these young people, and to everyone who works hard to make Holy Nativity the beautiful and special place it is.



**\*\*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



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

A sign for a farmers market. The text is in green and brown on a light-colored wooden background. There is a small illustration of a basket of vegetables on the left side of the sign.

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