



The Banyan Tree

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

Holy Nativity Church Update: June 8, 2017



The Episcopal Church of the Holy Nativity

August 8, First Day of School

October 21, 5th annual Great
Pumpkin Festival

Mondays, Wednesdays,
Thursdays, Morning Prayer, 8:30 am

Tuesdays,
Morning Prayer, 7:30 am

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
Wyn Aubrey-Child, Justin Donahue,
Nina Livingston, Natalie Okeson,
Louisa Le Roux, Rich Miller, Ed
Moore, Bill Seeley, Ken Zitz

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A MESSAGE FROM REV. LUIS RODRIGUEZ



Many of you may not know this, but my first service at Holy Nativity was a Wednesday morning Eucharist with the schoolchildren. What I remember most was that a number of children were barefoot. I loved it, as I spent a lot of my teen years without shoes, by choice. I was again reminded of this at the 6th grade graduation. Sharing this observation with a mainland friend, she expressed discomfort. I thought to myself, "Culture is everything." In the West, going barefoot is a mark of either poverty or disrespect. Here in Hawai'i, it is quite the opposite. It is a sign of reverence, esteem, and humility. We find this latter understanding in the Holy Scriptures and in ancient Near East. When Moses encounters God in the burning bush, the Lord beckons him saying, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." (Exodus 3:5) At the same time, being barefoot puts us into contact with the earth (in Latin, *humus*), humbling us with a reminder of our origins. It plants us firmly on the ground. I think being barefoot keeps us honest; helps us think more consciously about where we are planted, where we live.

As we enter into the summer season, I hope that we can take some time to slow down. The last year has brought a lot of change to Holy Nativity and attendant anxiety.

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Serving June 11

7:30 am service

Lector - David Callies
Prayers/EM - Mike Sen
Ushers - David Callies, Austin Nakoa

9:30 am service

Lectors - Wyn Aubrey-Child, Cindy Ramirez
Prayers - Jeff Taylor
EMs- Sandra Braham, Louisa Le Roux
Ushers - Mark Slovak, Rich Miller

Altar Guild -Sandra Braham's Team

Serving June 18

7:30 am service

Lector - Kim Garner
Prayers/EM - Linda Sayegusa
Ushers -Austin Nakoa, TBA

9:30 am service

Lectors - Mark Slovak, Lila Johnson
Prayers - Natalie Okeson
EMs- Lila Johnson, Wyn Aubrey-Child
Ushers - Bob Steele, Mark Slovak

Altar Guild -Delia Moore's Team

Serving June 25

7:30 am service

Lector - Lorraine Mau
Prayers/EM - Kim Garner
Ushers - Austin Nakoa, David Callies

9:30 am service

Lectors - John Verghese, Justin Donahue
Prayers - Cindy Ramirez
EMs- Louisa Le Roux, Kathy Otani
Ushers - Joel Verghese, Justin Donahue

Altar Guild - Lorraine Mau's Team

Readings

Sunday, June 11

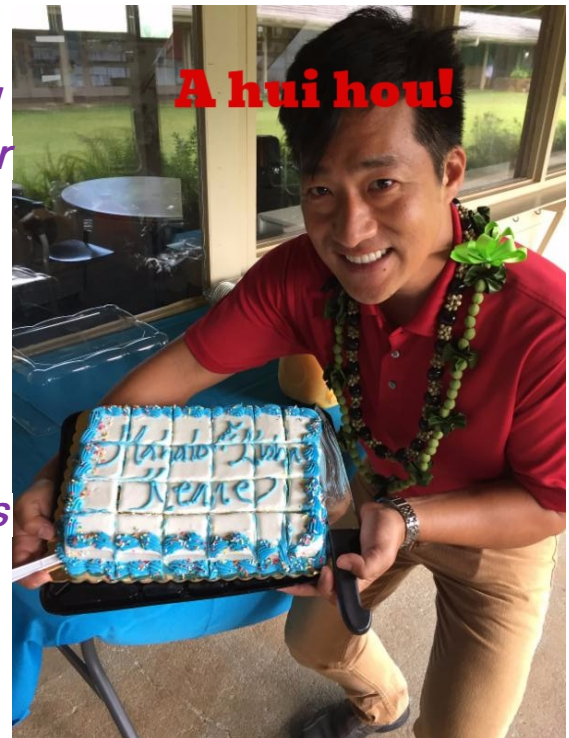
First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-

Our reaction to these changes can undermine our rootedness and confuse us about who we are and what we are called to be. I hope we can take some time to look around and notice where we are planted; to connect with the ground on which we stand. I hope we can take some time to be barefoot, physically and spiritually. Don't be surprised if one Sunday, you look down, and notice that I, too, have taken a lesson from our students.

Aloha,
Fr. Luis

*Thank you
for blessing
us with your
talents,
Keane.*

*We were
lucky to
have you as
our choir
director!*



The town hall meeting concluded with a good-bye cake for Keane, a happy birthday song to Chandi Hinrichs, and a catered brunch for our parishioners!

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday, June 18

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8

Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8, 9-23

Sunday, June 25

First Reading: Genesis 21:8-21

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Second Reading: Romans 6:1b-11

Gospel: Matthew 10: 24-39

Last Sunday's Attendance

8:30 am Service- 70

Average Attendance Year to Date

7:30 am service - 21

9:30 am service - 62

Prayer List

Coralie Vellis, Heather Jones, Chuck McCrary, Rev. Dr. George Clifford

Holy Nativity School

Tim Spurrier, Head of School
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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

Caroline Bond Davis, Manager
(808) 373-3744

Wednesdays and Fridays

9 am - 3 pm

Saturdays

9 am - 12 noon

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







The Easter Study Course concluded yesterday. What are your thoughts on Paula Gooder's book, *The Risen Experience: The Spirit of Easter* ? You may email the church office to let us know! hncparish@gmail.com



Congratulations 6th grade! The faculty and staff are very proud of each of you and wish you the best of luck on your middle school journey!

End Homelessness

In addition to volunteering for *IHS Cooking for the Homeless* on the first Friday of every month, there is another opportunity to do outreach.

Holy Nativity partners with an agency called *Family Promise* which assists homeless families to find housing. Our efforts at HNC are primarily that of providing funds to subsidize costs. If you have any questions or wish to help with this program, contact Wyn Aubrey-Child on (808) 366-1386



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