



# The Banyan Tree

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

## Holy Nativity Church Update: May 3, 2017



### The Episcopal Church of the Holy Nativity

**May 3,** Book Study Course with Rev. Rodriguez, 6:30 pm

**May 4,** Centering Prayer in the Chapel, 4 pm

**May 5,** IHS cooking for the homeless, 1-3 pm in the kitchen next to the gym

**May 8,** University of Hawaii presentations on Malama Maunaloa at HNC, 6- 8 pm

**May 11,** Finance Committee Meeting, 9:30 am

**May 16,** Vestry Meeting, 6 pm

**June 1,** Last day of HNS school

**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

### A MESSAGE FROM REV. LUIS RODRIGUEZ



I begin this issue of *The Banyan Tree* with innumerable expressions of gratitude for all those who worked so hard to make our school's Lei Day celebrations utterly magnificent. Last Friday was one of the most amazing experiences I've had since arriving in Hawai'i. I watched the dress rehearsals earlier in the week, but nothing prepared me for the event itself. Since my arrival in Hawai'i, I have been awed and humbled by people's intentional engagement with the traditions and history of these islands, and Friday's activities were no different. I recently learned from a talk I attended that the Hawaiian understanding of time is that the future is behind us, and we enter it with our eyes directed to the past. We can only make sense of the future by looking at living creatively with our past. As a

### **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

### **Office Hours**

Closed Fridays  
Monday- Thursday 9 am - 1 pm  
(808) 373-2131  
[hncparish@gmail.com](mailto:hncparish@gmail.com)  
[www.holynativityhawaii.org](http://www.holynativityhawaii.org)

### **Parish Administrator**

Aleeka Kay Edwards (part time)  
[aedwards@holynativityschool.org](mailto:aedwards@holynativityschool.org)

### **Parish Bookkeeper**

Didi Wong (part time)  
[dwong@holynativityschool.org](mailto:dwong@holynativityschool.org)

---

## **Serving May 7**

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

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

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

Lectors - Mark Slovak, Lila Johnson  
Prayers - Kathy Otani  
EMs- Louisa Le Roux, Wyn Aubrey-  
Child  
Ushers - Mark Slovak, Rich Miller

Altar Guild -Nina Livingston's Team

## **Serving May 14 (Mother's Day)**

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

Lector - Shauna Nakamura  
Prayers/EM - Mike Sen  
Ushers - Arne Phillips, David Callies

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

Lectors - Justin Donahue, Wyn  
Aubrey-Child  
Prayers - Jeff Taylor  
EMs- Louisa Le Roux, Kathy Otani  
Ushers - Joel Verghese, Justin  
Donahue

Altar Guild -Sandra Braham's Team

## **Serving May 21**

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

Lector - Mike Sen

historian, this resonated with me. It's what I actually always believed myself. There was certainly this sentiment at our Lei Day festivities. By creating spaces and opportunities for our students to engage with the inherited tradition, I think we are affording them insight and skills to move into the future, both for each of them and for their communities. The Church is similar to this, in that we place a high value on tradition and history. Indeed, as Anglicans it's part of our "three-legged stool" - scripture, tradition, and reason. Being grounded in these allows us to move into our future on a firm footing, and engage with its challenges in disciplined and informed ways. Without living consciously with our past and traditions, we end up rootless, careening from "solution" to "solution." It's important to remember that as

Christians, as Episcopalians, and parishioners of Holy Nativity. I am so glad that our school knows that too, and works so hard to instill this truth in our children.

Fr. Luis

---

## ***A Hui Hou***

Dear Congregation,

I will be embarking on a new career opportunity at the end of June and I want to take a moment to express appreciation for you. For more than a decade, I've enjoyed being around good people with noble ventures.

I will spend the next few months completing my existing responsibilities, and ensuring a smooth transition. Thank you for your support throughout the years and I trust you will continue to expand your cooperation with the succeeding bookkeeper.



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

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

Lectors - Ed Moore, John Verghese  
Prayers - Cindy Ramirez  
EMs- Lila Johnson, Wyn Aubrey-Child  
Ushers - Mark Slovak, Justin Donahue

Altar Guild - Delia Moore's Team

## **Serving May 28**

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

Lector - Lorraine Mau  
Prayers/EM - Linda Sayegusa  
Ushers - Austin Nakoa, Mike Sen

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

Lectors - Rebecca Verghese, Jeff Taylor  
Prayers - Mark Slovak  
EMs- Lila Johnson, Kathy Otani  
Ushers - Ed Moore, Joel Verghese

Altar Guild -Lorraine Mau's Team

## **Readings**

### **Sunday, May 7**

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47  
Psalm 23  
Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25  
Gospel: John 10:1-10

### **Sunday, May 14**

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60  
Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16  
Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10  
Gospel: John 14:1-14

### **Sunday, May 21**

First Reading: Acts 17:22-31  
Psalm 66:7-18  
Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22  
Gospel: John 14:15-21

### **Sunday, May 28**

First Reading: Acts 1:6-14  
Psalm 68: 1-10, 33-36  
Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14: 5:6-11  
Gospel: John 17:1-11

## **Last Sunday's Attendance**

7:30 am service - 19  
9:30 am service - 52

## **Average Attendance Year to Date**

7:30 am service - 21  
9:30 am service - 62

With Blessings,  
Didi Wong  
Bookkeeper

## **Hosting Coffee Hour**

There is a Coffee Hour sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board outside. What a blessing to complete our prayers in church and know that we can extend our time together over a cup of coffee and a snack. Your participation in bringing this about is an important contribution for building the life of Holy Nativity. It provides for our parish brothers and sisters, and is a means of welcoming new visitors to our community.

Thank you to Chandi Hinrichs for hosting coffee hour last week.



Just when you think you know all love is...along comes the laughter of babies! Congratulations to parishioners Bob and Jean Steele on their grandchild, Hutchison !

## **Manu-o-Ku**

Manu-o-Ku, also known as "white tern", are one of the few native Hawaiian birds that can be seen in Honolulu. This is the only city in the United States where manu-o-ku nest, and only from Niu Valley to Sand Island. You are all cordially invited to the celebration of this unique seabird, to be held on Saturday May 20th, on the grounds of I'olani Palace. Contact

## **Prayer List**

Sumner Howard, Murray Grune, Joyce and family, Shirley, Joshua and family, Coralie Vellis, Heather Jones, Frank Young, Chuck McCrary, Rev. Dr. George Clifford, Marianne Wassel, Agenhart, Poukihi Awai, Izzy, Marion, Maya Moore, Lora Moore Vezzosi, Kay Morgan, Rosalie Thiessen, the family of Lani Osco, the family of Robert Eugene Walden, and the family of Frederick Borsch

## **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** **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.

## **Mālama Maunalua**

Monday, May 8th at 6 pm, there will be a collaborative project between Natural Resources and Environmental Management graduate students & Mālama Maunalua that offers our community a better understanding of the Maunalua Bay ecosystem services. Join us in the nave as we learn about water quality, sediment dynamics, and the effects of invasive algae removal.

## **End Homelessness**

### **The Shallow Subsidy Project**

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 rental costs. There is an opportunity to contribute to this work today during coffee hour. If you wish to help with this program, contact Wyn Aubrey-Child on (808) 366-1386.

## **IHS Cooking for the Homeless**

Every month, Holy Nativity prepares meals for the Institute for Human Services, an organization that serves food to the homeless. The next *IHS Cooking for the Homeless* session is Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1- 3 pm in the kitchen next to the gym. All are welcome to volunteer to help cook. Mahalo to the regular volunteers for their dedication to this outreach. If you have any questions, contact Carol Otani: carolotani@sbcglobal.net

## **Meeting Room**

The meeting room/conference room will be cleaned on May 8 (Monday). If you have anything stored in the room, please be advised that it will be permanently removed.

## **Call for More Vendors !**

The Farmers Market is again becoming a bustling marketplace. In addition to the Thai food vendor, we are adding more carts and at a reduced weekly price for the vendors. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in selling at the Farmer's market, please stop by the church office to fill out an application.



**The Episcopal Church of the Holy Nativity**  
**5286 Kalanianaʻole Hwy, Honolulu, HI 96821**  
**808-373-2131**  
**[holynativity@gmail.com](mailto:holynativity@gmail.com)**  
**[holynativityhawaii.org](http://holynativityhawaii.org)**

