

# THE SHEPHERD STAFF



## GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

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FEBRUARY 2019

It's February....and thoughts turn to hearts, flowers, chocolates, and romance. We get so wrapped up in another commercial driven holiday that we forget that Valentine<sup>1</sup>, a Roman priest, met a gruesome execution on February 14, 278 A.D.

How does that relate to us today? For one thing, romancing a long ago event and turning it into lacy, paper hearts professing love for one and all is not a bad thing....it's just that it shouldn't be the only thing. So we at Good Shepherd must not just see the hearts and flowers of who we were, but need to see the reality of who we are and who we would like to be. We are at the point of our shared journey where together we move forward. Of course we can always learn from the past but that is one place we cannot and should not stay.

When we refer to the church, we must remember that the Church is us, all of us. We are the life of the Church and we are entrusted to nurture its existence and we will do that together....not just a few, but all.

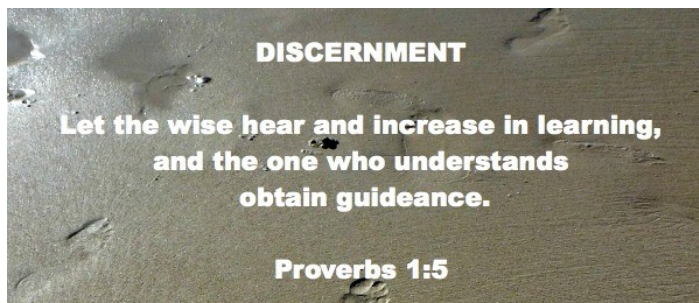
The New Year is unfolding and there is much being planned here at Good Shepherd. On February 24, 2019, Bishop Robert Fitzpatrick will be visiting us and dedicating our newly completed Memorial Wall and Garden. It will also be the onset of the Chinese New Year, the year of the Pig, an auspicious and prosperous year. Then comes March and the start of a Holy Lent, leading us to Easter.

So let us enjoy this season of Joy!

Your in Jesus's name,

K. Peter Lee  
Senior Warden

<sup>1</sup> Saint Valentine, officially Saint Valentine of Rome, was a widely recognized 3rd-century Roman saint commemorated on February 14 and since the High Middle Ages is associated with a tradition of courtly love. - Wikipedia



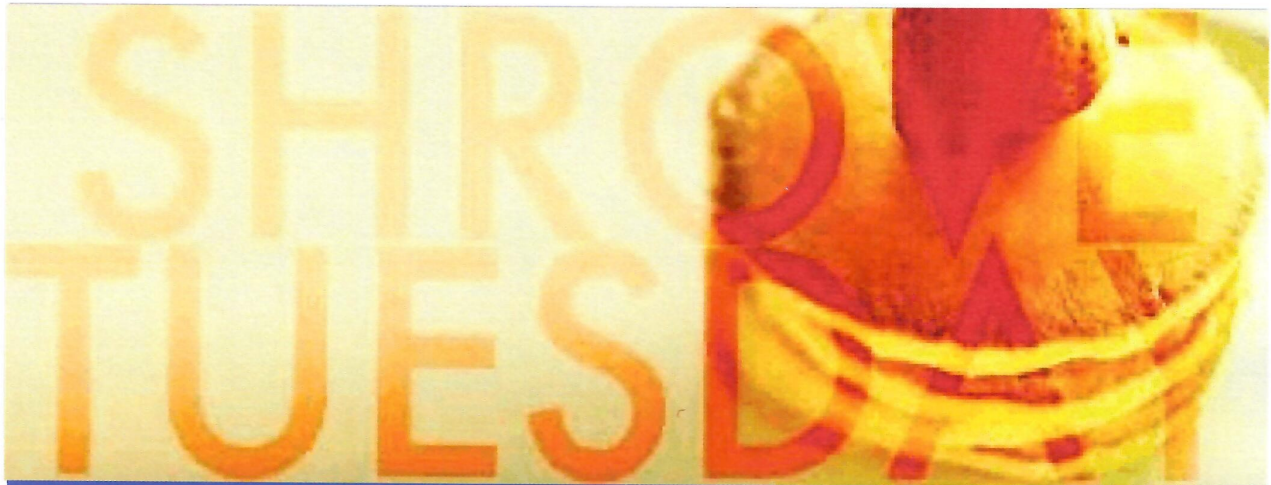
You have heard the announcement that the discernment committee will meet in the tower at 5:30pm on the first Tuesday of the month. So, what is the discernment committee?

Traditionally, discernment committees are formed when a member or members of a congregation announces that a call has been heard to seek ordination to the priesthood. The

committee here at Good Shepherd did just that. However, our committee continues to function to this day. In the past we saw the ordinations of the Rev.s Linda Decker and John Tomoso as Priests and the Rev. Richard Wirtz as Deacon.

We still meet, albeit a small group and work together supporting each other in our personal journeys. The invitation is always open to anyone and everyone to join in and share where we are and where we are going in our lives with Christ Jesus.

We look forward to seeing you on the first Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm in the tower.



Shrove Tuesday

@ Good Shepherd Episcopal Church - Maui

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

6:00 pm



*Get ready for the 40 days of Lent.  
Feast on Pancakes, Sausage, and  
Other Fat-Tuesday type of foods!  
Games + Candy + Beads + Fun +  
Music + Fellowship*



*Bring your dried Palms to burn to create ashes for Ash Wednesday!*



**Donations of food (bacon, sausage, spam, hot dogs) and cash appreciated. Contact Bessy Evangelista @ 727-9113 for info.**



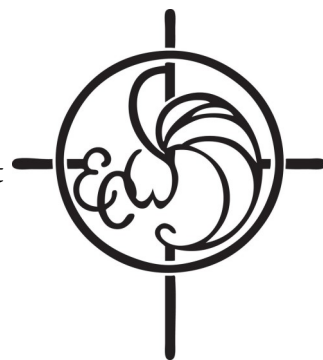
# Good Shepherd **WOMEN IN MINISTRY**

The women in ministry of the Good Shepherd Church adopted a small family of 4 during the holidays. They are a loving couple who have two small children and are just meeting their daily needs without much more. Both are working full time and needed a helping hand during the holidays. We blessed them with gift cards from Safeway and WalMart. It was a total surprise for them and they were overcome with gratefulness. The wife said it was truly a blessing for them to have a little extra which went a very long way for the four of them.

At Ka 'Ohana Kitchen lunch program on Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, Cora Brown and family distributed 42 small cans of Danish cookies to each client or family with just 6 left over which she passed on to Ka Hale A Ke Ola Homeless Shelter.

Thank you all for your continued support during our rummage sales and Holiday Fun'd Fair.

On February 10th, the Women in Ministry of Good Shepherd Church will hold a meeting after the 9:00am Sunday service.



LOTS OF FUN at the Holiday ECW Luncheon at Café Ole on the Dunes on December 5th.



**SAFE CHURCH TRAINING** — Training is mandatory for all clergy, employees, and most volunteers. This includes all paid employees, vestry members, youth leaders, Sunday School volunteers, acolyte leaders, lay Eucharistic ministers and visitors, worship leaders, all regular church volunteers, etc.

Training needs to be renewed every three years.

Go online at <http://www.episcopalhawaii.org/safe-church-trainings.html>

Please note that you will need your user name and password in order to log in. Please contact Irina Martikainen for log-in information, or with any questions regarding Safeguarding trainings.

Once you have completed the courses, print or download and save your certificate and email it to the parish office at: [office@goodshepherdmaui.org](mailto:office@goodshepherdmaui.org)



Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return.



# ASH WEDNESDAY



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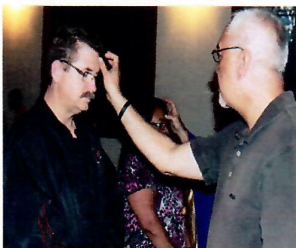
*Good Shepherd Episcopal Church - Maui*

*Wednesday, March 6, 2019*

### Ashes To Go



All are welcome to receive



ASHES TO GO  
11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM  
CHURCH AND MAIN STREETS

SOLEMN SERVICE  
7:00 PM

**Contact Parish Office at 244.4656 for more info.**

JEANNE ABE  
 ERNESTO & EDITHA ACIDERA  
 MANNY & JUANITA ADZUARA  
 MELCHOR & PURIFICATION ADZUARA  
 ELIZA AGPOON  
 DUTCH & MICHELLE AKANA  
 KEKUHAPUO & CINDY AKANA  
 LOUISE ALOY  
 SILVESTRE & CHRISTINE BATULAYAN  
 LARRY & CORA BROWN  
 MARILYN & MORENO BUTAY  
 FERDINAND & GLORIA CAJIGAL  
 SERGIO & SOSIMA CAJUDOY  
 FILOMENO & ORLINA CALA  
 ALEX & EDITHA CAOILE  
 LYDIA COLOMA  
 VELMA COLOMA  
 ALBERTA COPELAND  
 NARCISO & CLARITA CORPUZ  
 BENITO & TERESITA CUELLO  
 GAVINA DADIS  
 SHARON DANIELS  
 WILLIAM & NANCY DAVIES  
 JOHN & LINDA DECKER  
 ERMINIO & GLORIA DELACRUZ  
 BRIGIDA DOMINGO  
 ALFREDO & BESSY EVANGELISTA  
 CATALINA EVANGELISTA  
 MAGDALENA EVANGELISTA  
 NENITA EVANGELISTA  
 SHIRLEY EVANGELISTA  
 DOLORES GARCIA  
 TANNIS GRIMES  
 VINCENT GUSMAN  
 JOVELYN HALUBER  
 JULITA IBANEZ  
 JACINTA IDICA  
 DAWN KALUAKINI  
 LEO & MERLE KALUAKINI  
 GILBERT KEITH-AGARAN  
 SHIRLEY KODANI  
 JOSEPH & MEREN KUZARA  
 MIRIAM LAKE  
 JOSE & ESTRELITA LAMPITOC  
 ARTHUR & SIGRID LATAYADA  
 KENNETH PETER LEE  
 CATALINO MAILEM  
 CARIDAD MANUEL  
 NESTOR & JULIET MANUEL  
 MARINA MELCHOR  
 MARY LOU MELLINGER  
 PILAR NATIVIDAD  
 MARILYN OURA & ALFREDO ROMERO  
 ELICIA PALOMAR  
 ERNESTO & FLORENCIA PASALO  
 RONNIE & VIRGINIA PASALO  
 MARIA PAUL  
 ANGELO & JUANITA REBUDAL  
 NESTOR & MADALLIENE RONDAL  
 ROSALINA PUMARAS  
 SHELLEY RIEBLING  
 ALINE ROLAFF  
 JOSEFINA SAGAYAGA  
 BERNARD & LUCY SANTIAGO  
 LANI SCOTT  
 BRIAN & CINDY SHUSTER  
 SOCORRO SINFUEGO  
 MARK & EUGENIA SITTS  
 LYNNE TAKARA  
 JOHN & SUSAN TOMOSO  
 MAUREEN VANDENBURGH  
 EMILIANO & SUSANA VILA  
 SUSAN WIRTZ

2019 PLEDGE CARDS ARE  
 AVAILABLE IN THE FRONT OF  
 THE CHURCH, IF YOU HAVE  
 NOT YET PLEDGED.

*You will be enriched in every way for your great  
 generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God  
 through us. - 2 Corinthians 9:11*

## CAMP MOKULE'IA: 2019 YOUTH EVENTS & SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Camp Mokule'ia is excited about their 2019 program and Summer Camp season that  
 includes opportunities for youth to attend camps on Maui and the Big Island. There are  
 also two special Diocesan youth events being planned:

Youth Rally - April 27, 2019

Youth Ministry Planning Retreat - (August/September 2019)

### 2019 Camp Mokule'ia Summer Camp - Registration is Open!



Camp Mokule'ia started offering summer camp opportunities in 1947. Since  
 then, thousands of children and youth have participated and had their lives  
 changed as a result. At camp, children and youth can make new friends, learn  
 new skills, become more independent, experience living in Christian community,  
 and discover God's abundant love.

We are already excited about our 2019 Summer Camp season! In addition to 3  
 weeks of camp at Camp Mokule'ia on Oahu we are offering two weeks of camp  
 on outer islands (one on Maui and one on the Big Island). We are expanding the  
 activities we offer at Camp Mokule'ia to include paddle boarding and outrigger

canoeing. We are hiring 8 summer camp counselors that will be here all summer and will spend a whole week in training  
 before campers arrive.

We hope to see your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighborhood children, or anyone else you think would  
 benefit from a week of fun on the North Shore at Camp Mokule'ia in 2019!

**Registration is open so don't hesitate to go ahead and register to secure your spot!  
 If you have any questions about summer camp please call the camp office at (808) 637-6241.**

#### 2019 Summer Camp Options

##### Mini Camps:

(3 day/2 night camp experience for children currently in grades 1-2)

Mini Camp	Oahu	June 23-25
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##### Elementary Camps:

(week long camp experiences for children currently in grades 2-5)

Elementary #1	Big Island	June 16-20
Elementary #2	Oahu	June 23-28
Elementary #3	Oahu	July 7-12
Elementary #4	Maui	July 16-20

##### Middle School Camp:

(week long camp experiences for youth currently in grades 6-8)

Middle School #1	Oahu	June 9-14
Middle School #2 <td>Big Island <td>June 16-20</td> </td>	Big Island <td>June 16-20</td>	June 16-20
Middle School #3 <td>Oahu <td>July 7-12</td> </td>	Oahu <td>July 7-12</td>	July 7-12
Middle School #4 <td>Maui <td>July 16-20</td> </td>	Maui <td>July 16-20</td>	July 16-20

##### Senior High Camp:

(for youth currently in grades 9-12)

Senior High	Oahu	June 9-14
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**Enroll  
Today!**

[campmokuleia.org](http://campmokuleia.org)  
 (808) 637-6241



## CAN I HAVE A SHOW OF HANDS FOR VOLUNTEERS?



*Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom. You are exalted as head above all. Riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. From all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.*

*- 1 Chronicles 29:11-12, 14*

## A Cup of Cold Water

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL! 1,000 mahalo's to all of you who make ACCW work! We look forward to another year of serving our poorest of poor on Maui. Look to the ACCW annual report ( should be made available by February 2019) for 2018 for all of our final stats!

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

Saturday February 2nd, 2019 5:00 pm King Kamehameha Gold Clubhouse...4th annual Tasteful Benefit! Come one, come all! GET YOUR TICKETS NOW....VISIT TRINITY BTS website to link on!

Saturday February 9th, 2019 9:00 am ACCW Annual meeting Trinity by the Sea Church, Kihei

Saturday August 17th, 2019 4:00 pm ACCW volunteer appreciation day, Trinity by the Sea, Kihei

### ACCW STATS DECEMBER 2018

PEOPLE SERVED	743
MISSION RUNS	14
MILES DRIVEN	423

### Distributed the following:

CHILLED WATER	648
HYGIENE	1,595
BASIC FIRST AID	150
FOOD	4,602
CLOTHING	432
BIBLES/DAILY BREAD	88

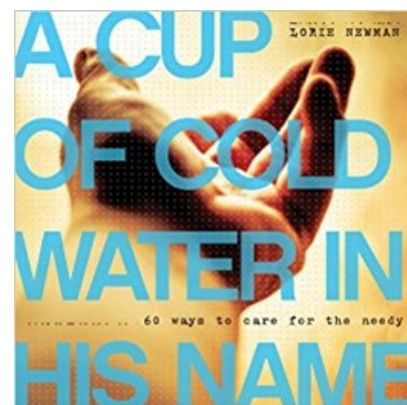
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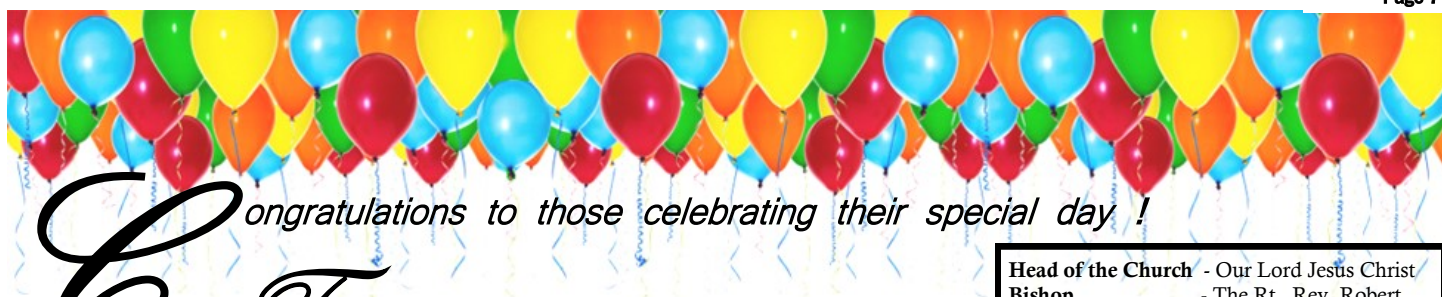
Over 500 freshly made PBJ sandwiches were made for us by faithful angels from **Kahului Hongwanji, Wailuku Hongwanji, Trinity by the Sea, Holy Innocents and Quaker Friends**. Deb and Trip Lynch brought 100 tangerines to share at Christmas.

### DONATIONS NEEDED:

Socks, travel size shampoo & conditioner, towels, slippers, light travel size blankets.

Monetary donations are always welcomed. Write checks out to: **A Cup of Cold Water.**





# February

Brigida Domingo	02/01
Nestor Rondal	02/03
Roque Agpoon	02/05
Zeny Cabading	02/08
Dolores Garcia	02/09
Catherine Yago	02/09
Lovely Agtama	02/10
Guiller Evangelista	02/11
Lyn Alpuro	02/12
Megan-Lynsey Alpuro	02/16
Andrew Yagin	02/18
Gavina Dadis	02/19
Takeo Pasalo	02/21
Larry Adzuara	02/26

02/10 Manny & Juanita Adzuara  
02/24 Melchor & Purification Adzuara



As you have noticed our Memorial Wall and fencing have progressed to near completion. All will be dedicated by Bishop Fitzpatrick on Sunday, February 24, 2019 between the 7am and 9am services.

We gratefully and thankfully acknowledge the generosity of our anonymous donor for funding this extensive project. The first order of plaques will be installed and the invitation is extended to one and all to purchase plaques in memory of our passed loved ones. They are of cast bronze and are available at \$850 for one or two for \$1,600. All monies go into the Building Fund to help in the maintenance of our beloved historic Good Shepherd Episcopal Church. Please call Cora at the parish office if you are interested in purchasing a bronze plaque.




<b>Head of the Church</b>	- Our Lord Jesus Christ
<b>Bishop</b>	- The Rt. Rev. Robert Fitzpatrick
<b>Priest</b>	-
<b>Assisting Priest</b>	- The Rev. Linda Decker
<b>Assisting Priest</b>	- The Rev. John A. Hau'oli Tomoso
<b>Sr. Warden</b>	- K. Peter Lee
<b>Jr. Warden</b>	- Louise Aloy
<b>Vestry 2018</b>	- Jeanne Abe Bessy Evangelista Lucy Santiago
<b>Vestry 2019</b>	- Gloria Cajigal - Marie Paul - Susan Tomoso
<b>Vestry 2020</b>	- Christine Batulayan - Sannah Evangelista - Natasha Lau
<b>Vestry Clerk</b>	- Lucy Santiago
<b>Delegates</b>	- Louise Aloy - John Decker - Sannah Evangelista - Marie Paul - K. Peter Lee - Susan Tomoso - Edward Evangelista - Pacifico Evangelista
<b>Treasurer</b>	
<b>Acolyte Master</b>	
<b>Queen Emma</b>	
<b>Athletic Club</b>	- Lawrence Kauhaahaa
<b>ECW Co-Chair</b>	- Louise Aloy - Eugenia Sitts
<b>ECW Secretary</b>	- Vacant
<b>ECW Treasurer</b>	- Cora Brown
<b>Music Director</b>	- Ferdinand Cajigal
<b>Parish Secretary</b>	- Cora Brown
<b>Bookkeeper</b>	- Lani Scott
<b>Building/Ground</b>	- Louise Aloy
<b>Evangelism</b>	- needed
<b>Fellowship</b>	- needed
<b>Finance</b>	- K. Peter Lee
<b>Formation</b>	- Becky Freidenburg
<b>Fundraising</b>	- Sannah Evangelista
<b>Outreach</b>	- needed
<b>Pastoral Care</b>	- needed
<b>Property Management Committee</b>	- Shelley Riebling
<b>Stewardship</b>	- needed
<b>Worship</b>	- Pacifico Evangelista
<b>Youth</b>	- Natasha Lau
<b>Youth Council Pres.</b>	- Shandi Agpoon
<b>Youth Council VP</b>	- Kimberly Taroma
<b>Youth Council Sec.</b>	- Kathleen Taroma
<b>High School Rep.</b>	- Jordan Akana
<b>Middle School Rep.</b>	- Isaiah Lampitoc

\*THE DEADLINE FOR THE SHEPHERD STAFF NEWSLETTER ARTICLES & INFORMATION IS DUE ON THE 10TH OF EVERY MONTH.

# THOSE WHO SERVE CHRIST IN HIS CHURCH



**\*\*NOTE:** Please call the parish office to sign up where needed

	<b>February 3 4 Epiphany</b>	<b>February 10 5 Epiphany</b>	<b>February 17 6 Epiphany</b>	<b>February 24 7 Epiphany</b>
<b>Ushers/Greeters 7:00am</b>	Les Totah	Louise Aloy	Mark & Eugenia Sitts	Keku & Cindy Akana
<b>Lectors 7:00am</b>	Keku Akana Eugenia Sitts	Mark Sitts Louise Aloy	Jeanne Abe Maureen VanDenburgh	Les Totah Sharon Daniels
<b>Intercessor 7:00am</b>	Les Totah	Maureen VanDenburgh	K. Peter Lee	Louise Aloy
<b>Eucharistic Minister 7:00am</b>	Eugenia Sitts	Louise Aloy	K. Peter Lee	Maureen VanDenburgh
<b>Coffee Host 7:00am</b>	Jeanne Abe	Jeanne Abe	Mark & Eugenia Sitts	Keku & Cindy Akana
<b>Lectors 9:00am</b>	Estrelita Lampitoc Marie Paul	Sannah Evangelista Maggie Evangelista	Gil Keith-Agaran Becky Freidenburg	Youth
<b>Intercessor 9:00am</b>	K. Peter Lee	Maggie Evangelista	K. Peter Lee	Gil Keith-Agaran
<b>Eucharistic Ministers 9:00am</b>	K. Peter Lee Marie Paul Sergei Lampitoc	Dolores Garcia Maggie Evangelista Marina Melchor	K. Peter Lee Mary Lou Mellinger Gloria Cajigal	Sheena Agtagma David Batulayan Natasha Lau
<b>Coffee Host 9:00am</b>	Needed	Brigida Domingo Dolores Garcia	Needed	Needed
<b>Flower Altar Guild</b>	Louise Aloy	Daryl Atay	Daryl Atay	Louise Aloy
<b>Altar Guild Po'o</b>	Mary Lou Mellinger	Marie Paul	Mary Lou Mellinger	Needed
<b>Ohana Kitchen</b>	Team 9 GSEC Youth	Team 2 Shirley/Nenita Evangelista	Akana Ohana	Kumu Kamaka Kukona Mahealani Ah Hee

## BECOME A VOLUNTEER - MAKE A DIFFERENCE

	<b>March 3 Last Epiphany</b>	<b>March 10 Lent 1</b>	<b>March 17 Lent 2</b>	<b>March 24 Lent 3</b>	<b>March 31 Lent 5</b>
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	Les Totah	Louise Aloy	Mark & Eugenia Sitts	Keku & Cindy Akana	Les Totah
<b>Lectors 7:00am</b>	Eugenia Sitts Mark Sitts	Keku Akana Louise Aloy	Maureen VanDenburgh Jeanne Abe	Sharon Daniels Lynne Takara	Louise Aloy Les Totah
<b>Intercessor</b>	Les Totah	K. Peter Lee	Maureen VanDenburgh	Les Totah	Louise Aloy
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Lynne Takara	Keku Akana	Eugenia Sitts	Louise Aloy	Maureen VanDenburg
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Jeanne Abe	Jeanne Abe	Mark & Eugenia Sitts	Keku & Cindy Akana	Jeanne Abe
<b>Lectors 9:00am</b>	Marie Paul Estrelita Lampitoc	Maggie Evangelista Sannah Evangelista	Becky Freidenberg Gil Keith-Agaran	Cora Brown Chancellor Brown	Youth
<b>Intercessor</b>	K. Peter Lee	Maggie Evangelista	Gil Keith-Agaran	Cora Brown	K. Peter Lee
<b>Eucharistic Ministers 9:00am</b>	Marie Paul Sergei Lampitoc Dolores Garcia	Maggie Evangelista Gloria Cajigal Marina Melchor	Mary Lou Mellinger K. Peter Lee Marie Paul	Sergei Lampitoc Dolores Garcia Maggie Evangelista	Sheena Agtagma David Batulayan Natasha Lau
<b>Coffee Host 9:00am</b>	Needed	Needed	Nancy & Bill Davies	Needed	Dutch & Michelle Akana
<b>Flower Altar Guild</b>	Louise Aloy	NO FLOWERS	NO FLOWERS	NO FLOWERS	NO FLOWERS
<b>Altar Guild Po'o</b>	Marie Paul	Mary Lou Mellinger	Needed	Marie Paul	Mary Lou Mellinger
<b>Ohana Kitchen</b>	Team 3 Guzman Ohana	Marshallese Congregation	Ka Ohana O Kamai	Team 6 Brown's	4ever Family & FriendsLesaaaa



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FEBRUARY						
3 7:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Choir rehearsal 10:00am Youth Council 12:30pm Ohana Kitchen 1:00pm Marshallese Full Gospel	4 3:30pm QEAC 5:30pm Filipino folk dance	5 3:30pm QEAC 5:30pm Discernment	6 3:30pm QEAC	7 3:30pm QEAC 12:00pm Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Evangelism	8 6:00pm Acolyte practice	9 9:00am ACCW Annual Mtg, Trinity BTS 5:00pm Holy Eucharist
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24 BISHOP'S VISIT 7:00am Holy Eucharist 8:15am Blessing of Memorial Rock Wall 9:00am Holy Eucharist/Youth Sunday 10:00am Choir rehearsal 10:00am Potluck 11:00am Bishop mtg w/Vestry 12:30pm Ohana Kitchen 1:00pm Marshallese Full Gospel 5:00pm Tongan Congregation	25 3:30pm QEAC 5:30pm Filipino folk dance	26 3:30pm QEAC 5:00pm Building & Grounds mtg	27 3:00pm Property Management 3:30pm QEAC	28 12:00pm Women's Bible Study 3:30pm QEAC		

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**"We're on the Web"**

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### **Worship Schedule**

**Saturday Eucharist 5:00 p.m.**

**Sunday Eucharist 7:00am & 9:00am**

**Address Service Requested**

The *Book of Common Prayer (BCP)* categorizes feasts and holy days of the Church (Liturgical) Year as:

1. PRINCIPLE FEASTS
2. SUNDAYS
3. HOLY DAYS
4. DAYS OF SPECIAL DEVOTION
5. DAYS OF OPTIONAL OBSERVANCE

For 2019, as we did in 2018, we will Celebrate the Eucharist on Thursdays @ 6:30 p.m. The dates are announced in the Parish Schedule of events, for "Other Feasts of our Lord" and for "Other Major Feasts". Why do we have these Holy Days? Since the early church, Christians have kept a cycle of feasts and remembrances that aim to sanctify certain times of the year and to regularly call to mind, whenever they gathered for prayer, the life of Jesus and the witness of Mary, the Mother of God, who is first among the saints, and their memories of the lives and witness of other saints and holy men and women. They are part of what we call "The Great Cloud of Witnesses". To commemorate these Holy Days, that have deep and special meaning for us, it is good and proper that we come together in prayer, praise and thanksgiving. Think of this action on our part, as having a positive impact on our community that can help better our lives and those of others.

We started out our Thursday 6:30 p.m. Eucharists on Jan. 3rd, when we celebrated The Holy Name of Jesus. The rest of these Thursday 6:30 p.m. Eucharists are:

Jan. 31st - The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple  
March 21st - The Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ to the BVM  
April 12th - The Diocesan Patronal Feast of Ss. Damien and Marianne of Moloka'i  
May 30th - Ascension Day  
June 10th - Nativity of St. John The Baptist  
Aug. 1st - The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
Sept. 12th - Holy Cross Day  
Sept. 26th - St. Michael and All Angels

The BCP, in its instruction on Holy Days, helps us to understand that the Holy Eucharist is the principal act of Christian Worship on the Lord's Day (Sunday) and at other (Holy Days)...(for) the entire Christian Assembly (Congregation or parish) to participate in on a regular basis. Through these Holy Days, like we do on Sundays, we give glory and praise to God, through his Son, Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Through these Holy Days, our work as a people of God, which is the Liturgy of the Church throughout the year, is made fuller, with great devotion and faith. Please, why not attend one of these.

