

December 2016

#### Let us this day

- Give thanks for each breath you take
- \* Ask for forgiveness
- Pray for your pastor and his staff
- \* Volunteer to serve in church
- Support Disaster preparedness with a \$25 check
- Commit to attend Christmas
  Eve and Day Worship Services

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# The Journey

St. Mary of Mo'ili'ili

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# Christmas Season Christmas Day Every Day

Worship Fully - because Christmas begins and ends with Jesus!

**Spend Less** - and free your resources for things that truly matter.

**Give More -** of your presence: your hands, your words, your time, your heart.

Love All - the poor, the forgotten, the marginalized, the sick, in ways that make a difference.

> Merry Christmas

Source: Advent Conspiracy

We welcome you in the name of our Lord Jesus to St. Mary's during this Advent Season, hoping you will be inspired by the music, message, and spirit of our worship together.

Advent is a season when Episcopalians are called to see through the distractions of a consumer crazed society where shoppers are pushed, shot, or trampled upon just hours after stuffing themselves with turkey.

One begins to wonder who the real turkeys are?!

When the Lord God declared: "I will give you treasures hidden in secret places" (Isaiah 45.3), he was not talking about a 50% sale at Macy's on Black Friday, or Best Buy on Cyber Monday.

It used to be that Santa kicked off the holiday season with his appearance on the last float of Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Now we hear Christmas products in the stores before Halloween.

Have we become a nation that masquerades as Christians? A nation that has exchanged Jesus for Santa? A nation that decorates their Christmas trees before the Advent season even begins?

I remember how exciting it was as a child to savor the season by opening a window of my Advent calendar each day. The delayed gratification of dressing an evergreen tree day by day taught me patience and gave me an opportunity to ponder the mystery of Christ's birth.

The consumer frenzy that sucks us into increasing amounts of debt is hazardous not only to our financial well-being, but also our spiritual health.

The only debt we need carry is the one we have to the GOD who teaches us that a humble birth of a babe born in a manger can lead to a much greater sense of awe and wonder than anything we could ever buy.

I wonder, then, what that same GOD will be calling you to ponder this Advent season?

Happy Holidays! Fr. Gregory+



### **Development Meeting**

All St. Mary's members and Vestry are encourage to attend this important gathering on Saturday, December 17, 2016 at 9:00am. Bishop Fitzpatrick will discuss our plans for development. The development will sustain our status as a parish for many years to come.





### **Native Lives Matter**

We give thanks, O LORD, for those who cared for your land in ages past, and pray for their descendants, that they find fulfillment and peace in their native traditions.



### St. Mary of Mo`ili`ili

"We continue to pray for the health and wellbeing of Indigenous communities throughout the world, we remember especially, on this day, those whose land, traditions, and culture were decimated by the colonial expansion of North America.

Officiant: Rev. Martha Blanchett (Yupik)

Sound & Video Tech: Fr. Gregory Johnson (Haole) We speak not only against the genocide, but also the ongoing marginalization of Native peoples everywhere.





v <mark>Service</mark>



We gather, therefore, not only to confess the injustices committed by those who came before us, but also our silence or inaction in the face of bigotry, racism, pollution, greed, theft, violence, assault, denial, and discrimination."

Hawaiian Chant (Oli): Kumu Halaki Ancheta (Hawaiian)

> Litany: Gwynn Johnson (Cherokee)

Celebrate the Native Heritage In Us and Other

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Displayed clothes

Thank you Jay, Roger, Charlene, Fr. David, Rev. Martha, Chuck and Gail.









**The Place was PACKED** 



Thank You Volunteers









### Evensong November 2, 2016

A Contemporary celebration for those who appreciate The integration of art, music,, tradition, and film



Eternal Rest, Grant Them We Pray The eight Tune by Thomas Tallis

"Eternal rest grant them we pray and shine the light of

endless day; Appoint for them a place for those who in you died and in you rose.

Lord Jesus Christ our glorious King protect their souls from suffering; Deliver them from darkness deep and give the angels guard to keep.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye Heavenly Host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."



### **All Soul's Day**

Choral Director: **Rev. Dan Werning** Choir: **Kari Magurah**: Soprano; **Sara Ricer**: Alto; **Tommy Trotter**: Tenor; **Dave Webb**: Bass



"Now as the night has come, and our lamps are lit, we give you thanks for the Light that dwells within us, O GOD."





Visiting from Good Samaritan



Bessie and Les Hata with their constant companions: Kip and Oreo Oreo is the black and white dog of course New to St. Mary



Chong Yang and Ai Vang



Farewell to Joey, Jayron and Suzumu from the Sunday School gang. They're moving to Kentucky.



## **Sunday School**

Sunday School kids taking a fun picture on how much they're going to be miss each other. They wrote goodbye cards to each other.



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# Lucy's Quilting and Sewing circle

Every Tuesday 9:30 am-2:00pm at St. Luke's



Rev. Martha holds up the quilt she just finished Sewers are from St. Luke, St. Mary, and Good Samaritan

Join Us



Alice at the cutting board



Laurie Lee enjoying her project



Fr. Woo leads noon day prayers before lunch



Fr. David Blanchett completes his 2nd quilt

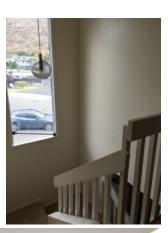




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**Above left and middle:** Jay helps Chuck keep the grounds of St. Mary's in top notch shape.

**Above far right:** shows the excellent paint work Jay did at the church's townhouse in Hawaii Kai.

**Bottom Right:** Chuck Williams points to new dishwasher that Christopher Date installed at the townhouse. Visible also is the paint and cabinet work completed by Jay.



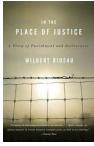
### St. Mary of Mo`ili`ili Book-of-the-Month Club

(or the Reincarnation of The Bible in 90 Days Forum)

Title - Author - Month

2015:

Unapologetic: Why Despite Everything Christianity Can Still Make Sense – Dr. Francis Spufford - October Walking with Jesus - Pope Francis - November Accidental Saints – Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber – December



January's Reading 2016:

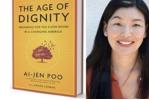
What We Talk About When We Talk About God - Rev. Rob Bell - January

Made for Goodness - Archbishop Tutu - February Become a Better You - Rev. Joel Osteen - March

In Praise of Doubt – Dr. Peter Berger - April

The Original Jesus - Bishop N.T. Wright - May

Being Mortal - Dr. Atul Gawande - June My Bright Abyss - Christian Wyman - July



February Reading

10 Lies the Church Tells Women - Rev. J Lee Grady - August Breathing Under Water: Spirituality & the 12 Steps - Rev. Richard Rohr - September

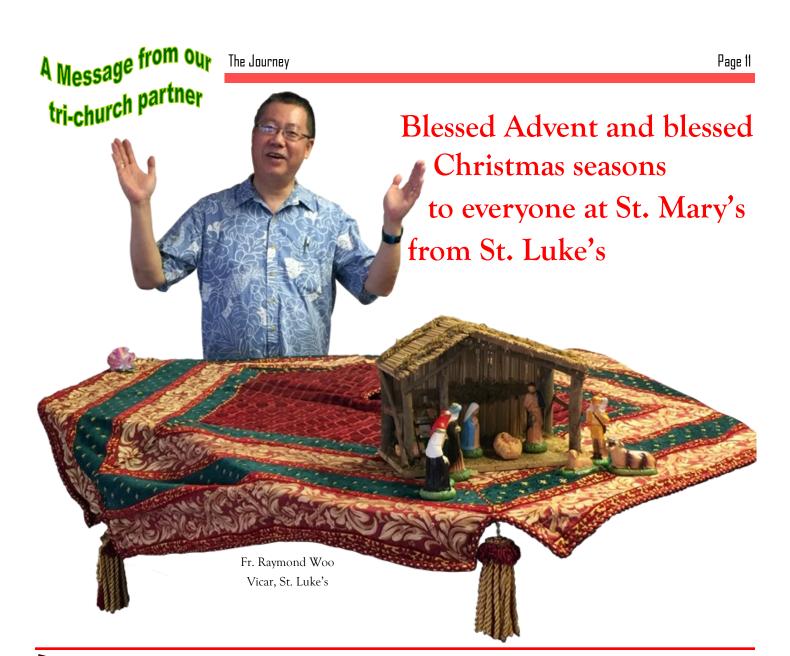
Galileo's Daughter – Dr. Dava Sobel - October

Advent Conspiracy: Can Christmas Still Change the World? - McKinley, Seay, and Holder - November

2017

In the Place of Justice: A Story of Punishment & Justice - Wilbert Rideau - January

The Age of Dignity: Preparing for the Elder Boom in a Changing America - Al-Jen Poo - February





Bill and Rachel May

# **Angels at Play Preschool**



Preschool and kindergarten donated a boat load of food for the Homeless Food Pantry

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## Mo'ili'ili Homeless Outreach Service

December 29 - 10am In Gathering Room Volunteers report at 9am



# Sunday Worship Service 9:00ar

### **Aloha Hour**

10:00am Sundays in Gathering Room



Sunday , 18th 10:15 AM Conference Room



Thursday Dec 8th, 7:00 PM Soldiers Chapel, Dinner to follow

#### Development Meeting

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Saturday, 8:00PM Christmas Day Service

> Sunday at 9:00am Followed by Potluck In Gathering Room

### **December Birthdays**

3-A.J. Anastacio 14-Faith Blanchett 18-Joe Pang 22-Suzumu Edward 23-Charis Mok 23-Dara Tawarahara 30-Brian Anastacio 31-David Blanchett

Tri Church: LUCY QUILTING CIRCLE Tuesday Dec. 7th 9:30am– 2pm at: St. Luke's

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5-June Morioka 5-Thelma Pang 22-Dorothy Sumida 23-Takeshi Kouchi 31-Norman Yamaguchi

# **Christmas Eve Service**

# Free Health Classes

### YOGA CLASS

Tuesdays 10:00am Gathering Room

### ZUMBA CLASS

Saturdays Dec 3 & 10 8:30am Gathering

### HULA MINISTRY

Saturdays 3, 10 & 17 10:30-11:30am Gathering Room

> TAI CHI CLASS

No Classes in December



Wednesday 10:00 AM Dec. 7 & 14 only Gathering Room

Office Closed December 2, 9, 16, 21, and 26

