

### The Journey

St. Mary of Mo'ili'ili

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#### Let us this month

- \* Exercise
- \* Pray for the church staff
- \* Visit the sick and shut-in
- \* Vow not to be racist
- \* Get busy for the Lord
- Volunteer to help with the homeless ministry—last Thursday of each month

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## To Be Absent From The Body Is To Be Present With The Lord



Kimiko (Kay) Okutani June 18, 1916 - November 5, 2018 Committed to her Christian faith and service at St. Mary's



Annie Kau November 10, 1920 - April 22, 2018 Long time Episcopalian & faithful member of St. Mary's



George Nakamura
April 18, 1925 - October 31, 2018
Faithful member of St. Mary's served as usher, greeter and was part of the garden ministry



## The Remembrance of Good and faithful servants

By Ruth Yoshioka

Ruth Yoshioka

Annie Kau was very disciplined in her daily life, as seen in her clean and beautifully furnished

home. She had her hair done every Saturday and faithfully attended church on Sundays. The few missed Sundays were because her grandchildren were visiting and she needed to prepare breakfast for them. Annie lived up the heights and in later years, especially in the evenings, we'd pick her up for events at St. Mary's, which she appreciated so much. She was interested in how the young folks who grew up at St. Mary's were and asked about them, especially our son, Curtis. Annie enjoyed



Annie Kau

hand-quilting Hawaiian quilts and made a number of them. I was a recipient of a Hawaiian quilt cushion... a beautiful remembrance of Annie.



George Nakamura

George Nakamura: We became fast friends when Bill Sumida held Bible Classes, oh, so long ago!! George recalled scripture to make his point and was very adamant about interpreting it. He learned well from Bill Sumida. There was a time when George and fellow parishioner Sets Kouchi, and her grandchildren, Ashley and Blayze could be seen weeding and cleaning the church property. George had a "sweet tooth" and pumpkin pie was his favorite. He loved to gather at Jack-in-the Box

for meals and meet old friends to preach the Word of God. He freely expressed to folks and strangers alike "God Bless You!" In the last few years, on Sunday mornings, I would look Ewa of King Street to see if I could see George in bright golf shirt, walking with his walker and heading for St. Mary's. He was a great prayer warrior and opened our prayer time by thanking Jesus for taking away our sins on the cross.

Kay Okutani: Oh! a remarkable woman. We became fast friends as she became more home bound, our friendship was increased. During our visits, she reminisced about her childhood, her life as a young bride and helping her husband in their shop...I believe it was a sign making shop. The long hours at the shop and raising 5 children. She was committed to her Christian faith. She and a few of us attended classes at St. Mary's that covered varied topics besides the Bible. This was fun time as Jane Oki also was part of this group. Kay also quilted Hawaiian quilts and crocheted many neck/shoulder warmers. Her hands were busy in spite of having Macular Degeneration ... she could feel



Kimiko (Kay) Okutani

each stitch as she crocheted, She had given up Hawaiian quilting because her loss of vision. Her mind was sharp in spite of her hearing and vision deficits. During one of our visits, she asked me to replace her hearing aid battery...then she said "do the other one, too! Then I don't have to ask again." About 6 months ago, Kay wrote me a letter to thank me for our friendship... mind you, she was visually impaired and the letter was hand written and I could read every word. She was a remarkable woman!

The women were very creative and kept busy...including Jane Oki, who sewed all her clothes and linens for the church. They were role models and I will miss our Icons. Ruth



## Christmas Eve

# Service Billem

## January Important Dates

January 13, 2019 - vestry meeting

January 20, 2019 - annual parish meeting

January 27, 2019 - Fr. Greg's retirement party after last (abbreviated) service



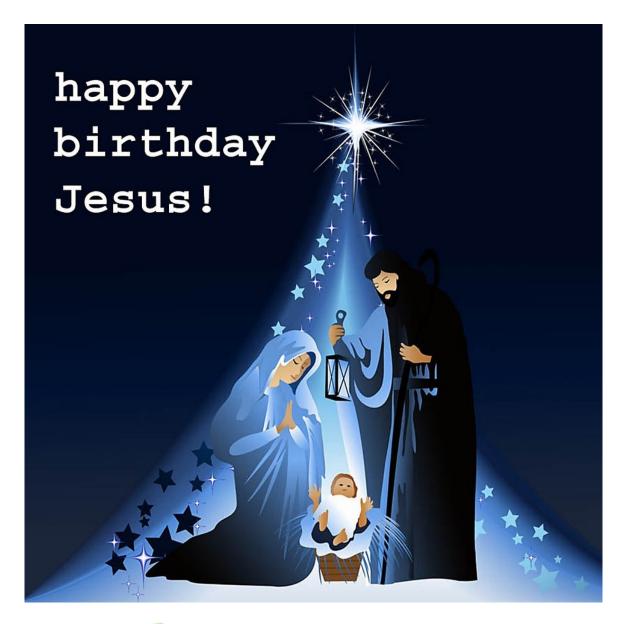
# 10:00am December 27th Homeless Outreach Meal In Gathering Room

# Let Us Show That We Really



Love Our Neighbor







14-Faith Blanchett18-Joe Pang20-Jackie Uahinui22-Leah Condello23-Charis Mok23-Dara Tawarahra25-Jesus31-David Blanchett

## **Nurd's Words**

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When I was in seminary, I remember an older bishop from a rural Midwest diocese who spent a week with us. Since almost all of us were

slated to serve in parishes and missions upon our graduation, we soaked up every word he shared because we wanted to "Be Ready." He said something I have never forgotten and it had nothing to do with how to administer a congregation. His words were: "Before I die, I want to be able to do one thing – say the Lord's Prayer well."

He reminded us that the Lord's Prayer's familiarity made it extremely difficult to stay focused while saying it. And he was right.



#### December 2018

From the time we enter the Christian life, we learn to say the Lord's Prayer. I don't remember anyone specifically teaching it to me as a child. It was always said every time we worshipped. That's how we learn it. Whether we are celebrating the

Eucharist, doing Morning or Evening Prayer, at baptisms, confirmations, the burial office, healing of the sick or other services, it's always there. It is <u>the</u> constant in our personal and corporate devotional life.

Our minds can easily wander as we say it. We have it memorized. But say it we must! It is the prayer Jesus personally gave his followers, and as followers we should strive to "say the Lord's Prayer well." To say it well is to enter deeply into the mind of our Lord. The opportunity is before us, even though it may take a lifetime.

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#### Mo'ili'ili Homeless Outreach Service

December 27- 10am In Gathering Room Volunteers report at 9am



### **Sunday Worship Service 9:00am**

#### **Aloha Hour**

10:00am Sundays in Gathering Room

### **Vestry Meeting**

December 9 - 10:15am Conference Room

#### **Office Closed**

December 25

## **Prayer Ministry**

8:15am Sundays in Soldier Chapel

#### Kimiko Okutani Funeral

11:00am - Dec 16

Nuuanu Memorial

# 5-June Morioka 5-Thelma Pang 22-Dorothy Sumida

#### Free Health Classes

WARRIORS AT EASE CLASS



YOGA CLASS

Tuesdays 10:00am December 4, 11, & 18 Gathering Room MEDITATION CLASS

Saturdays 3:00pm Gathering Room





ZUMBA CLASS

Saturdays 8:30am Gathering Room

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