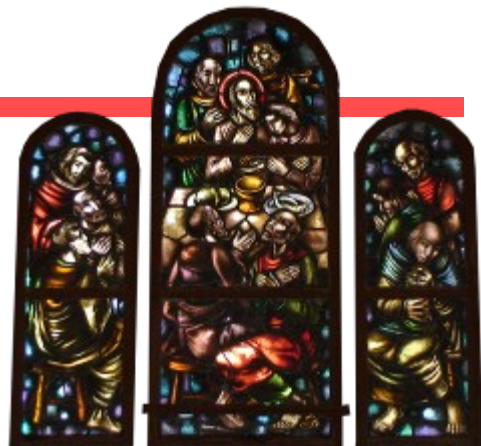




# The Journey

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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## Let us this month

- \* Vow to hurt no one
- \* Do daily exercise and drink lots of water
- \* Call a relative you did not talk to at Christmas
- \* Volunteer to help more in the church
- \* Pray for guidance in selecting a new rector
- \* Sing louder for the glory of God

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# Happy New Years



**The Vestry  
and all the staff  
and volunteers at  
St. Mary's Episcopal Church  
in Mo'ili'ili  
pray that you have  
a very blessed  
Christmas Season  
and New Year.**

Jesus is the Reason  
For the Season

# Reflections

by Bill Mok  
Senior Warden



Last Sunday at announcement time, I semi-jokingly said “if you want to make sure the Vestry pick the right person to be our next Rector, you better start praying now”. To be sure, it is not a joke.

At the time of this writing, I really do not know much about the candidates the Search Committee had presented to the Vestry. I can tell you they look very good on paper, and I have a feeling it would be a very tough decision for the Vestry.

Yes, their qualifications and experiences match what we asked for in our Parish Profile: a rector with a Pastoral heart, a collaborative leader to equip and give authority to the laity to go out and serve, a person who is curious and is respectful of the local culture, who is enthusiastic, flexible, open minded and inclusive. Wow, we sure have a lot of demands, but the Search Committee came through with three candidates. So what is the Vestry to do with the three candidates, all meeting all these qualifications? Yes, we will meet them in January, and go through a round of what someone may describe as speed dating, with each Vestry member spending perhaps 5 hours with each candidate. And we are supposed to make a decision based on that?

So you better start praying, for wisdom to ask the right question, for openness in our mind to listen and absorb all the information we would gather, and most importantly, for quietness in our heart to discern.

St. Mary's needs a leader who can challenge and guide us to accomplish our objectives of evangelism and growth, a pastor to support and feed our spiritual needs, someone to and minister to us at many critical points in our personal lives. We are eager to have our new rector refine our vision, strengthen our teamwork, and move us forward to serving Christ.

We look forward to receiving whom God has already chosen.



week 1

week 2

Lighting



Candle of Hope

Candle of Peace

The Advent

Lighting  
The  
Wreath



week 3

week 4

Candle of Love

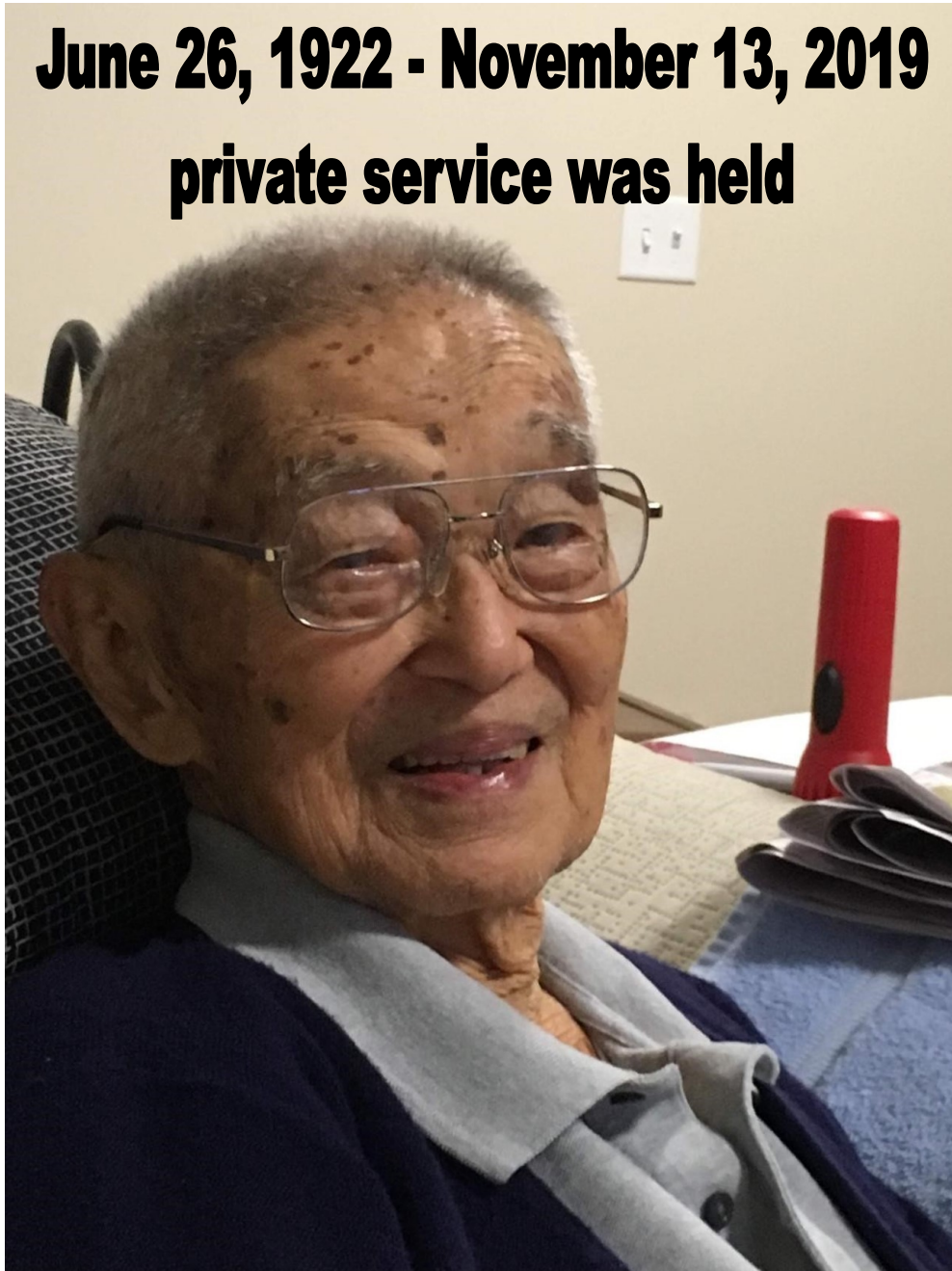


Candle of Joy



# Jon Y. Ushijima

**June 26, 1922 - November 13, 2019**  
**private service was held**



Jon retired from the City & County of Honolulu after 32 years as a bio chemist. Jon was a faithful member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church who served as Junior Warden, member of the Vestry, and was part of the garden ministry.

Jon was predeceased by wife, Mildred (Millie) and six brothers. He is survived by son, George (Lynn), three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

# December Celebrants

Rev. Heather Patton-Graham



Dec 1

Rev. Haaheo Guanson



Dec 8



Dec 22

Rev. Benjamin Newland



Dec 15

Rev. Heather Patton-Graham



Rev. Haaheo Guanson

Dec 29





By James Maruyama

# Meet the PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

## An Interview with Charlene Date, Administrator with St. Mary's.

The Journey was fortunate to have the opportunity to interview St. Mary's Administrator, Charlene Date and get to know her better as well as get her insights on the future of St. Mary's.

**TJ:** *When did you first begin working for St. Mary's? What prompted you to work for St. Mary's?*

**CD:** I replaced Janice Horimoto when she retired in January 2004. I took early retirement from Bank of Hawaii after working 30 years in the Controllers Division (accounting & management reporting departments). Being a widow since 1999 and raising two kids by myself, I needed a job where I could spend more time with my children.



**TJ:** *What aspects do you enjoy working for St. Mary's? What aspects do you not enjoy?*

**CD:** Validating records/reports are challenging & satisfying and having a variety of responsibilities (secretarial, accounting, property management, janitorial, supervise Sexton) makes the day go by quickly. What I don't enjoy is always being the default person when it's not my responsibility to get things done.

**TJ:** *What are some of the big changes you have seen since working for St. Mary's?*

**CD:** During Fr. Hathaway period it was very family oriented and the whole congregation was involved with the ministries. In Fr. Johnson period it was ministering to the homeless and working poor and offering free classes to the Mo'ili'ili community. Many of our kupuna have passed or living in care facilities and their families now attend church once or twice a year.

**TJ:** *What are some of your personal hobbies? What do you enjoy doing on your free time?*

**CD:** I used to do a lot of needlepoint crafts but now I just work on sudoku puzzles. My free time would be when I get to watch television.

**TJ:** *What do you see as the biggest challenge for St. Mary's going into the future?*

**CD:** Attracting the younger generation and obtaining members willing to tithe.

**TJ:** *What are your hopes for St. Mary's?*

**CD:** Families with young children and students from the University of Hawaii becoming part of the congregation.

# Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services

**Thank You to those who did  
the readings during the  
Christmas Eve and Day services.  
Thank you to those who did the  
multi-cultural lighting  
of the advent/Christmas wreath**



*Chuck*

*Frank*

*William*

*Isaiah*

*Larke*

*Charis*

*Justin*

*And others*

# December



## Giving Thanks To:

*Pictured at table is Jackie Mok and Sets Kouchi*

# Mok, Hirozawa and Ushijima Families

There is an **ecumenical event** 7pm on **January 17, 2020** at **Central Union Church, 1660 S Beretania St, Honolulu.**

We are invited to join the 28th Annual Liliuokalani Hookeikahi Service commemorating the Queen's legacy of Justice, Nonviolence and Reconciliation. Three early missionaries to Hawaii will be honored. One of which is Betsey Stockton who was African American and started the first school for "common people" in Hawaii.

Bishop Robert L. Fitzpatrick and Dr. Haaheo Guanson will also be present.

For more information and to RSVP please contact:  
Dr. Kahu Kaleo Patterson, 808 330-3769 [Kaleop@me.com](mailto:Kaleop@me.com)

*NOTE: Cultural night at St. Mary's was to be held January 17. However, because of this event, Cultural Night will be next held on February 21, 2020 at 6pm.*



# Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday

January 26, 2020

11:00a.m.

St. Mary's annual parish meeting will be held offsite

Lunch will be served

Election of three vestry members

Three convention delegates

One junior warden

Headcount for lunch mandatory

Please sign up with Sunday Greeters by 1/19/20

## Reassignment

As of January 1st, Postulant Frank Condello II leaves St. Mary's for training elsewhere. Senior warden Bill Mok publicly thanks Frank on the last Sunday in December for the work he has done for the parish. Frank's wife Leah (2nd from left) and Jackie Mok looks on.



# Our Sunday Services

## December Readers



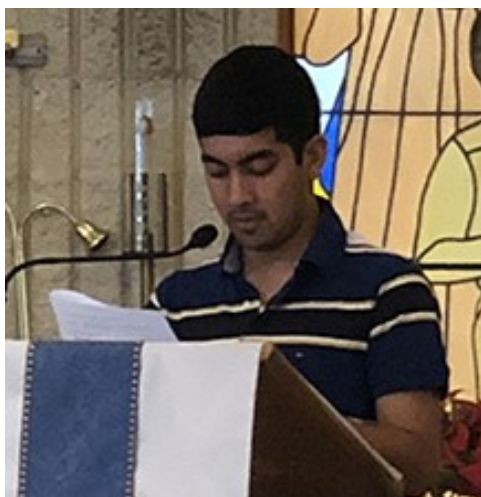
Frank II



Hugh



Ruth



Frank III



Martha



Isaiah



Gail



Pablo



Jackie



# Christmas Pageant



## Angels at Play Preschool & Kindergarten

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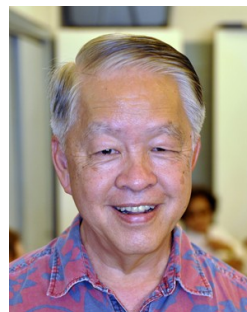
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## Mo'ili'ili Homeless Outreach Service

January 30, 2020 - 10 am  
In Gathering Room  
Volunteers report at 9am



## Sunday Worship Service 9:00am

**Office Closed**

January  
1st & 20th

## Prayer Ministry

8:15am  
Sundays in  
Soldier Chapel

## Vestry Meeting

10:15am  
January 19th

## January Supply

Rev. Preston Lentz  
Rev. Philip Paradine  
Rev. Heather Patton-



## January Birthdays

3-Bill Mok

7-Betty Hirozawa

16-Murray Cohen

26-Isaiah Horimoto

## Annual Parish Meeting January 26, 2020

## Free Health Classes

**YOGA**

**CLASS**

Tuesdays 10:00am  
Gathering Room

**WARRIORS**

**AT EASE**

**CLASS**

Saturdays 10:00 am  
Gathering Room



## Service of Singing, Prayer and Healing

Wednesdays:  
12pm - 12:40pm  
Soldier Chapel