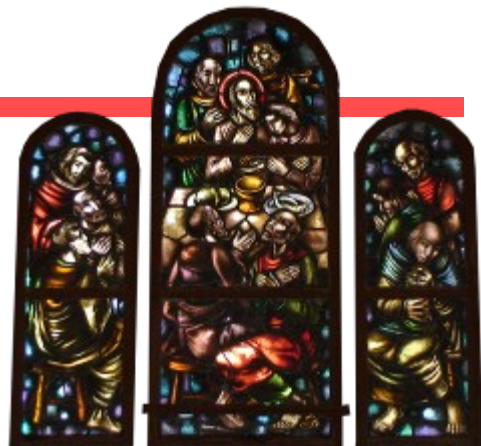




# The Journey

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

An Online Monthly Pictorial News Record



May 2021

## Easter 2021

### Let us this month

- \* Get Your COVID Vaccine
- \* Watch St. Mary's on YouTube - channel "Saint Mary's Honolulu"
- \* Bless a mother this Mother's Day
- \* Thank God every day for the gift of life
- \* Love all our neighbors
- \* Remember you **can** be a blessing to others- just do it

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## baptism of Cora Vonne Browning

He Is Risen

*Photo by Graham White*

# Reflections

by Fr. Charles A. Browning II  
Priest in Charge

## THE FIFTY DAYS

This is coming to you all at an interesting juncture of time. The content of this edition of our *Journey* consists of photos from Holy Week and Easter Day, which has passed, but is also an edition that aims to look forward to what is to come—namely, Pentecost and the long, green season that follows it.

This means that we are firmly in the midst of Easter *season*, the great fifty days spent celebrating Jesus' resurrection from the dead and the resultant new world that has been brought into being. These fifty days are meant to be a countermand to the forty days of fasting we experienced in Lent—a rich and festal time full of joy and cheer!

In this regard we have something on the disciples of Jesus. Yes, they all got to see with their own eyes the resurrected Lord, but they lived in a transitional time where they could not yet fully comprehend what all of it meant. We have the grace of hindsight. During their fifty days after Easter Sunday they likely mulled and argued about all of these reports of Jesus appearing (as Saint Paul notes in I Corinthians 15:6, He appeared to somewhere around 500 people during this time), then they watched Him ascend—where they received *both* marching orders *and* a command to wait! Then there was the hurricane and fire in that upper room and everything started to *really* change for them.

But for us, we get to revel in what has been revealed. We know that Jesus is seen at the altar, heard in the scriptures, encountered in the community of the faithful. We feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in baptism, in conversations, in the still moments of tranquility and beauty on our island. Yes, we spiritually connect to the rhythms of those ancient times, but we are not beholden to the limits of those times. Instead, we have the pleasure of living well into the new reality all the saints of yesteryear had longed for. We are living in the best of times because we are living with the knowledge of all that God has done—from forgiving sin and defeating death itself to liberally pouring out the Holy Spirit into the creation, further intimating Himself to us.

It's why we emphatically say "Alleluia" at this time.

I'm writing this as the news from the CDC has come out, permitting an easing of outdoor mask-wearing and less restrictive guidance on fully vaccinated people. Which means that we are moving ever-closer to the end of a long and arduous year. How fitting is it that we have become so richly aware of the power of ventilation, of moving air, at this time? After all, the word for "spirit" in

the New Testament (*pneuma*) is a word that also means wind, moving air. The Spirit is poured out for us in order to further liberate us from all that would hold us hostage. A fitting image for our current time, I must say.

So, let's say alleluia to the remainder of these fifty days and celebrate deeply what Jesus has accomplished. And let's also say "come, Holy Spirit" and get ready to be swept up into the next thing God is doing.

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## Christian Formation Classes

Wednesdays: 6pm



Live on YouTube  
Saint Mary's Honolulu



# Holy Week at St. Mary's - 2021

March 28



The Liturgy of the Palms

It began with Palm Sunday



## Maundy Thursday

April 1

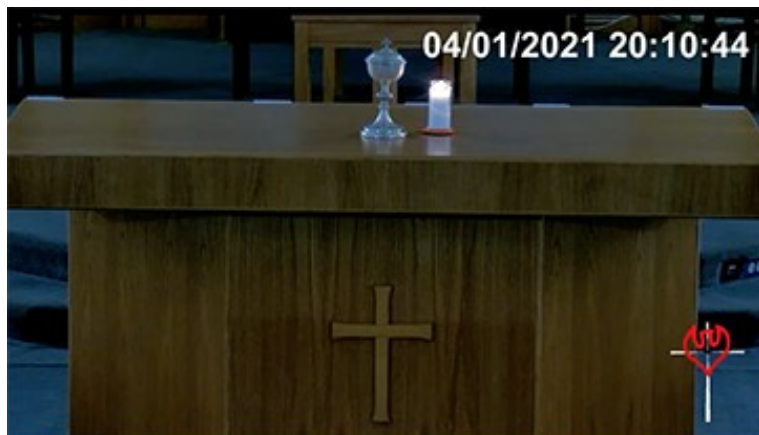


Stripping of the Altar



Jackie Mok,  
Soloist





## Sweet Hour of Prayer April 1

Candle on the Altar burning in the sanctuary and online - 12 hours, from 8pm April 1st to 8am April 2nd. The faithful were invited to pray.

## Good Friday April 2



## Service of Light April 3





# EASTER - Christ is Risen



Father Browning officiating at the Fount



Pablo Cortez III is doing a reading



It Was A  
Wonderful  
Service



Cainna Browning  
Soloist



The  
Browning  
family  
Around  
The  
Fount





# Remember Rose?



Brand new American citizen in Honolulu

"This is from Rose:

(James 1:17 ) Every Good Gift & perfect comes from Above. from my heart God I give you thanks & praise for the gift & blessings of a Citizenship BUT above ALL, I thank you Lord for the gift of Citizenship of Heaven.

\*To my friends \*

I take this opportunity to thank you and tell you how exciting & blessings to celebrate my happiness of becoming an American Citizen with you, it means a lot to me that you found time to attend to this one time event in my life in spite of your busy schedules.

I don't take it for granted I felt special & honored, just know you are very special, and you always brings a lot of joy in my life, I'm blessed to have people like you in my life, your presence in this event brought me immense amount of happiness. You made my event meaningful & awesome \*God bless you \*

\*SHALOM\*

**Rose Njuguna** from Kenya who attended St. Mary's in the past has officially become an American Citizen April 27, 2021. She is so happy and we are happy for her.

Bottom left is a message from her. Rose also mentioned a special thanks to Eugenia Park.



Rev's Martha and David Blanchett congratulates Rose Njuguna



Rose shows off her certificate while surrounded by friends

# Road Map

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## Vestry Meeting

10:15am

May 16

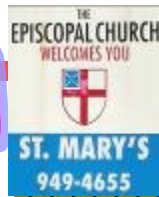


## Sunday Worship Service 9:00am

In-Person and Live Streamed  
on YouTube & FaceBook

**MOTHER'S DAY  
MAY 9**

**Kitchen and Gathering Room  
Closed May 1-8**



## In Memorial

3-Rev. Teresa Bowden

4-Ellen Corrie

15-Rev. John Park

21-Albert Oki

23-Dorothy Koike

23-Harry Ushijima



30 - Sam & Ruth Yoshioka

31 - Kyle & Kimery Ushijima

## Prayer Ministry

8:15am

Sundays in  
Soldier Chapel

**Office Close May 31**

## May Birthdays

3-Kyle Ushijima

8-May Tamura

12-Bridget Kubley