



The Journey

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

An Online Monthly Pictorial News Record



June 2021

Let us this month

- * Get Your COVID Vaccine
- * Attend Christian Formation Classes in person or online
- * Do something special this Father's Day
- * Think of the ministries you can do at St. Mary's
- * Don't drive through red lights
- * Remember you **can** be a blessing to others- just do it

Gregory Zane Holmes

July 27, 1951 - March 31, 2021

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Funeral : May 22, 2021

"Forever in our thoughts"



Photo by Graham White

Reflections

by Fr. Charles A. Browning II
Priest in Charge

Summer has always been an interesting time for me. Even though in Florida it is the most trying season (I've once read it described as akin to winter in Boston—people stay inside unless absolutely necessary), it was a time that meant a number of things for me.

When a kid, summer meant freedom from school and a chance to relax. As I got older I began to appreciate that summer was a more quiet time (in Florida, the seasonal residents leave and though there's tourists, they tend to stay close to their designated areas). However, I've found the differences between the Episcopal and Baptist churches and their treatment of summer as the most fascinating.

See, when I was growing up, summer was *major* church time. Shortly after school let out we had choir tour, where we travelled in

a tour bus to some new city (Atlanta, Louisville, Chicago, St. Louis, Houston...) to sing and share our testimonies of faith with church groups and juvenile detention center inmates. This was followed, in June, with our weeklong youth camp where we met with teenagers from all over the state for a week of revival and renewal. The summer then ended with the annual short-term mission trip to Jamaica to teach VBS and share the gospel in partnership with local parishes. The weeks in between this were spent either going on day trips to canoe the springs, go bowling, or skateboarding with my skate ministry SPLINTER.

But once I came to the Episcopal Church I learned that summer was the end of the “program year” and that we tended to follow a similar pattern to the school calendar. Which both makes sense and is oh-so-Episcopalian. We don't want to make church conflict with summer vacations and family time.

Both approaches have their merits, so I hope no one thinks I'm making value judgments here.

At the same time, it almost feels like Saint Mary's (and all Episcopal parishes, really) is akin to my old Baptist church. With the pandemic winding down at the start of summer, it feels more like this season is when things will begin to ramp up a bit. We're starting to talk about resuming Aloha Hours, we've restarted our sandwich ministry, and we're keeping an eye on what

other new or renewed things we can experience.

Bruce Brown, in his iconic film *The Endless Summer*, referred to Hawai'i nei as "truly, a land of endless summer." If summer is coming to represent revival, then I hope this statement continues to ring true! That we keep the fires of ministry burning during the heat of this season, as well as all year long!

Last summer was a time of change. The same is true of this one. But now the change is different. We're not having to face a "new normal." Rather, we're beginning to see what's a bit more familiar. And that's exciting. With that familiarity comes opportunity—opportunity for us to continue our life at Saint Mary's as a place where Jesus is made known through us and the gifts God has given us.

Angels at Play Preschool Graduate



May 29



Proud Parents
with Offspring



Clifford
Browning





Pablo Cortez III

Editor's note: *Gregory Zane Holmes was a special presence at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Mo'ili'ili. The Journey asked Pablo Cortez II to write a reflection on Gregory's love for St. Mary's and his ministries. We thank Pablo for the following:*

Gregory Zane Holmes



Gregory and I came to St. Mary's in the 90's. Prior to this we attended Olivet Baptist on Beretania. Through Carol Deel, an administrator at the time, employed Greg doing odd jobs for the church. He found SMC and thought that I'd enjoy it as it was close in liturgy to the Roman Catholic church. We've been members ever since, although we left during the Hathaway decade.

The first priest we remember was Lipka. SMC had a rather large congregation then. We were kindly included in home fellowship and bible study. Gregory attended the Swagles home bible study in Moanalua (as he was in the armed forces), while I was with the Ghali's in Mānoa. Church was thriving then until there was issues where Lipka left, then returned, to start his own Episcopal church. I'd say over $\frac{3}{4}$ of the congregation went or left SMC. Those that remember this are/were still staunch members of SMC.

Gregory worked as the church administrator for awhile when Edith Yashiki was there or retired. Then Jan Horimoto was the church administrator. He was apart of search committees for Longo and Hathaway and served on the vestry as well. For a time, he was active at the Diocesan level St. Andrew's, going to meetings as well as taking classes.

G. Johnson tenure, Greg would attend bible study, help w/Fr. Johnson's once a month lunch and food distribution, attend Centering Prayer and other happenings such as an interesting dream meeting, that we *stuck out* till the end, and attended Wednesday's "Songspiration" evenings with the Blanchett's in the old chapel. Memorable was Mother Martha and David's evening about Yupik life in Alaska. The regalia they provided and shared was interesting and the highlight was an authentic meal. (No seal, but we did see a video of Martha teaching her mo'opuna preparing seal skin.)

Any whole church activity, Gregory and I attended and kokua. That's what SMC 'ohana does. Fond memories of church bazaar's by Popo Bernice and Jane Oki. Seder supper of Lent was well done by Hathaway. It was very authentic, readings, music and food. Very, very memorable and we always mentioned it at home during Lent. I would help the Sandwich Ministry prep and pack while Gregory talked about the sermon and many, many things with Murray. Young Mi and I would listen, as Murray get caught up in the talks, especially if Larke G. popped in the kitchen and put in her 7 cents, not just 2 cents. kwim

Gifted with a rather robust and "gregarious" singing voice, Gregory loved singing church hymns and in the Sunday service would Lay read and was licensed to give the cup at communion. Greg did a few major cleaning jobs for the old chapel and new sanctuary at particular times. I do recall we were Murphy soap cleaning the woodwork in the old sanctuary and he even got a ladder to clean the small statures of John, Mary and the Christ on the cross. (the figures to the right of Christ, has been stolen) Emma Hathaway was with us doing this wood cleaning and she was such a hard working elfin. We love her for that.

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Funeral Service for Gregory Zane Holmes



Families Embrace

May
22,
2021



Fr. Charles Browning II officiates the service

Rev. Martha Blanchett provided a blessing in the Yupik language



Carlton Pang
Serves bento
meals



remembering *Continues From page 4*

Cleaning and taking care of our church was very spiritual. We soon realized that there exists a sacred darkness of old in the old chapel the antithesis of the light and lightness of post modernism of the new sanctuary.

Finally, Gregory loved God, the liturgy, hymns, organ playing, and assisted Setsuko and Arlene as a greeter. He is a member of St. Mary's 'ohana. When C19 came, he would attend virtual Sunday service. A true lifelong linguist, he studied Greek and Latin and was an avid bible reader, early in the morn and at his bedtime. Fondest aloha brother. Thank you for gently touching so many hearts and lives.



Bill Mok
Senior Warden

Mother's Day Celebration

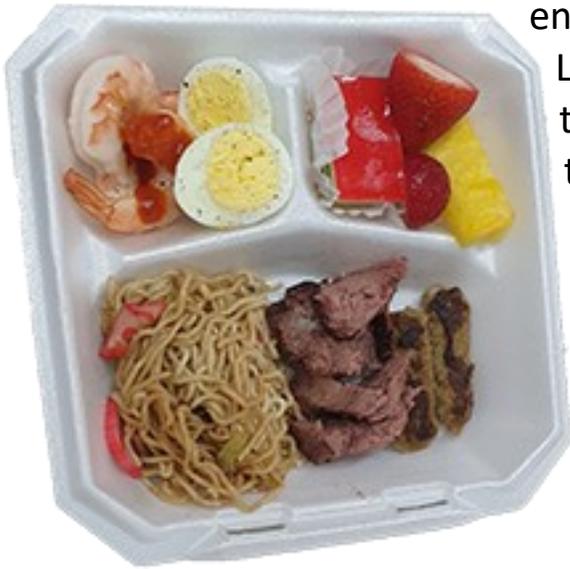


We are back....After last year's covid imposed hiatus, St. Mary's Mother's Day Celebration resumed with gusto. Traditional potluck feast was served bento style, accompanied with flowers and singing as custom dictates. With contribution of culinary skills and top grade ingredients

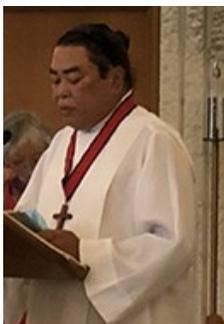
from Roy, Carlton, Leland, Kyle and Bill, this gourmet concoction surely beats any bento one can buy off the street!



May 9



Pentecost Sunday, many languages are spoken in the church



Hawaiian



Cantonese

May 23

English



Japanese



Mandarin

Sandwich Ministry Starts up again



May 23



Murray Cohen and Fr. Stevens have restarted the weekly Sandwich Ministry that had been halted due to the COVID Pandemic. Assisting Murray and Fr. Stevens with the making of sandwiches after church service were Young Mi Cohen and Hugh Kaiser. Joining Murray and Stevens with delivering sandwich bags were three different volunteers. Because of my lost notes, I am unable to list their names at this time. Their help was truly appreciated. Volunteers always leave the church 3:30pm every Sunday to deliver bags to the homeless. Please join us if you are able.

Angels at Play Prechool Graduation - May 29



Fr. Charles Browning greeted parents and delivered prayers during the two ceremonies held that Saturday



Road Map



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Vestry Meeting

10:15am
June 13



Sunday Worship Service 9:00am

In-Person and Live Streamed
on YouTube & FaceBook

FATHER'S DAY
June 20

Sandwich Ministry
Sundays 3:30pm



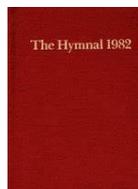
19-Richert & Maria AuHoy

June Birthdays
13-Charlie Browning III
27-Christopher Date
29-Amy Ushijima

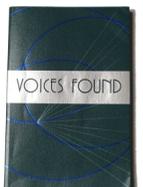
Office Close June 11

Prayer Ministry 8:15am
Sundays in
Soldier Chapel

Christian Formation Classes



Wednesdays: 6pm
Live Stream on YouTube



Our Hymns for Him



Live on YouTube
Saint Mary's Honolulu

