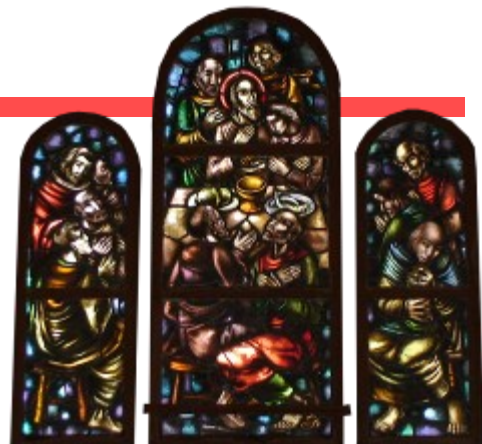




The Journey

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

An Online Monthly Pictorial News Record



November 2021

Let us this month

- * Signup as a Reader
- * Sign up to host an Aloha Hour
- * Get the booster Vaccination and encourage our family members to do so also
- * Check and update our home disaster preparedness supplies
- * Take positive action for the health of the planet and neighbors
- * Remember God wants you be a blessing to others and your church

A Different Kind of Aloha Hour



Take Out

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Celebrating Birthdays



Fr. Charles Browning II

Pablo Cortez III

Bless the Lord



Photo by Graham White

Reflections

by Fr. Charles A. Browning II
Priest in Charge

This Season

Fall and winter are those times of year where I feel the effects of “cultural hierarchy” the most. What I mean by this, is that these two seasons are when we’re most subjected to the notion that what happens on the East Coast of the continental US is what’s supposed to be “normal.”

Both here and in Florida I get amused by all the down jackets that appear in the department stores. The window dressings of stores in Waikiki and at Ala Moana feature turtlenecks and wool coats. Pumpkin spice is ubiquitous. As are the earth-toned maple leaves in advertising. In a few months it will be snowflakes and icicles.

Hawai’i nei has at least managed to successfully define its own local flavor of Christmas. Because Florida is made up of people from all over the East Coast and Midwest, Santa’s not in his red and white aloha shirt—he’s sweltering in his parka beneath the palm trees.

But Fall is still one of those seasons that we in the tropics are regularly subjected to. Jeff Klinkenberg, in his *Seasons of Real Florida*, notes that Northern transplants refuse to let go of Fall and so lament the loss of dying leaves and apple picking. He counters that Fall in Florida is its own special time of year—one akin to Spring in the Northeast, only it’s not people emerging from a long, cold winter; instead, this is when people opt to be outside after holing up in the air-conditioning during the sweltering heat overrun with mosquitoes. I came to associate Fall with stone-crab claws returning to seafood sections, the appearance of waves after a summer of lake-like flatness, the thunderhead clouds giving way to vaporous cirrus clouds, and maybe the excuse to wear a jacket outside. Maybe.

In Hawai’i, we don’t have Fall. The whole notion of a four-season year is an imposition. We have Ho’oilō, the wet season. It stands in contrast to Kau, the dry season. Ho’oilō is in many ways the opposite of Fall.

Fall is when things begin to dry up. That’s why the trees begin to shed their leaves, which erupt in a flamenco display of colorful demise. It’s a season of the shriveling and coldness of death. But I know we’re in Ho’oilō when I’m woken up in the middle of the night to rain spraying on my feet from an open window. The trade winds blow hard and the kids’ artwork flies off the refrigerator and we have to pay extra mind to the door magnets lest someone lose a finger from a gust. All that wind and rain turns Koko Crater green. Rainbows are more frequent on my morning drives. A stop at the Japanese Fisherman’s Shrine near the Halona Blowhole might result in seeing a whale. The surf in Town begins to drop, which draws the crowds to Country and I get more waves to myself.

Fall is when people celebrate a big feast as a kind of way to fatten up for the scarcity of winter months where people huddle up inside. Thanksgiving is a last hurrah before the death of the past year. But Ho’oilō marks the beginning of the year in Hawai’i.

It's when the Makahiki celebrations begin in honor of Lono, characterized by a time of restoration and the end of warfare.

Halloween tends to mark the beginning of Fall. Not necessarily the day itself, but the preliminary "spooky season" that involves purchasing costumes, decorations, candy, and watching scary movies. This is all the result of the influence of Celtic Christians on the wider Western Church, when the druidic celebrations to honor the dead were adopted into the Church and gradually turned into the feast of All Saints' Day (formerly All Hallows, from which "Hallow's Evening" got shortened to "Hallow E'en"). This then comes to close the Christian year, where we celebrate Christ the King.

For us Christians, Advent is the new year, liturgically. I find it interesting that Advent and the beginning of Makahiki coincide. Makahiki begins when Makali'i (Pleiades) is in the sky at sunset, usually in mid-November. Advent occurs not too long after this. Makahiki traditionally begins with rituals and offerings for purification. Advent is a season of fasting, in preparation to ritually welcome Jesus, born to Mary.

In the tropics, this time of year is not a time of withdrawal, but a time of emerging. Liturgically, the Church seems to recognize this. Advent is not retreat, but expectation. Makahiki honored the return of Lono from Kahiki in human form. Advent readies us for Christ's return while recalling His first arrival in human flesh.

As Christians in Hawai'i, we stand at a mixture of cultures. At the same time, Christianity is able to work within all of those mixtures. The drying and dying of Fall is a time to proclaim the resurrection of the dead and the kingship of Christ Jesus. The rains of Ho'oilō coincide with the beginning of Makahiki and Advent, a time to purify and prepare. Fall begins the end of the year. Ho'oilō begins the start of the year. So whether it's defined by pumpkins, ghouls, and dead leaves; or trade winds, rains, and the greening of mountains, Christ and His work of redemption are proclaimed. The life that is to come marks the season either way.

The Vestry on pause



The Vestry at work

ECW 2021 Annual Meeting note: words in brackets means portion from minutes submitted by L. Aloy.

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of Hawai'i met for their annual meeting, for the second time via Zoom, due to the pandemic. There were 10 ladies who joined in on Saturday, October 2nd. It was wonderful to see those who were able to attend, but we all surely missed seeing each other in person. (God willing, my Sisters, we may all be together in 2022).

The morning began with President Louise Aloy opening the meeting with morning prayer.

The 2020 minutes were reviewed and approved by those in attendance. Financial Reports were accepted as presented, and 2022 Budget was reviewed & motion to accept budget was accepted. (Since the 10/2 meeting, the 2022 Budget has been revised for Triennial travel, awaiting approval by attendees).

[Committee reports were presented, & Louise shared United Thank Offering (UTO) information on UTO Memorial Trust Fund. (Contact Louise if you are interested in learning more about the memorial fund). We are still looking for a UTO Chairperson for our Diocese.

Sandy Leialoha gave an overview of a CPC Triennial meeting (via Zoom) in June. New officers elected & sworn in.

Joanne Mahuka presented a report on Daughters of the King (DOK). Fall Assembly via Zoom in November. Contact Angie Hamasaki for more information.

Attendees were given an opportunity to share how their church were doing & also learned of various ministries to serve the wider community.]

Diocesan Altar Guild (DAG) has been inactive for years. Louise stated, -[We are very grateful for all they have sewn and created for many churches and clergy, including Bishops'].

Women of Vision (WOV) funds from portfolio was transferred to ECW portfolio, and marked for future leadership training.

[Fr. Moki Hino assisted with screen share of many photos from DAG photo album that was found in altar guild Closet in Von Holt Room.] The album will be forwarded to Stuart Ching (Diocesan Historian) for safekeeping.

It was wonderful to see many familiar faces, many who have since passed and gone to be with our Heavenly Father. ["We are very grateful for their many years of service to DAG."]

Aligning with the theme of this year's convention of "Remembering those that have gone before", we remembered the many faithful members of the Diocesan Altar Guild (DAG). Members mentioned in some of the photos were Geraldine Tom, Bernice Tawahara, Kishiyo Kawano (Eugenia Park's mother from Makiki Christian Church). & Elsie Ching. What an ecumenical group these ladies were! Bless their hearts! ♥

Geri Tom (l) & Rosella Newell (r) making ti leaf leis for
"Age in Action" Sunday, St. Andrew's May 1998



Bernice Tawarahara, Hannah Okamoto, Soon
Hee Sung



Mary Miller & Kishiyo Kawano (Eugenia Park's mother)



Elsie Ching & Rose Chee (October 1996)



(L-R) Tahmi Broadhead, Kishiyo Kawano, Hannah Okamoto,
Rose Chee, Toshiko Ing – Bishop Hunt's Farewell (July 1996)



Toshiko Ing, Rose Chee, Elva Mori, Hannah Okamoto



Assisting with handouts for annual meeting (10/20/97)



Women displaying their work
(Ann Chock on the left, Geraldine Tom on the right)

Assisting with handouts for annual meeting (10/20/97)



Trinity Church By The Sea
Kihei, Maui, Hawai'i



Marie, Elsie Ching, & Geri Tom assist in preparing
inserts for annual meeting (10/20/97)



I am sending my apology ahead of time, as there will be others that I may have missed. be assured we remember them & are truly grateful for their talent & time serving God.

Aloha,

Laurie



Christopher Date

Thanks to Christopher Date and St. Mary's Vestry support, we can watch and participate in Sunday worship at home and away.



Here we see Christopher playing and streaming Bishop Robert L. Fitzpatrick's convention sermon.



Holy Eucharist

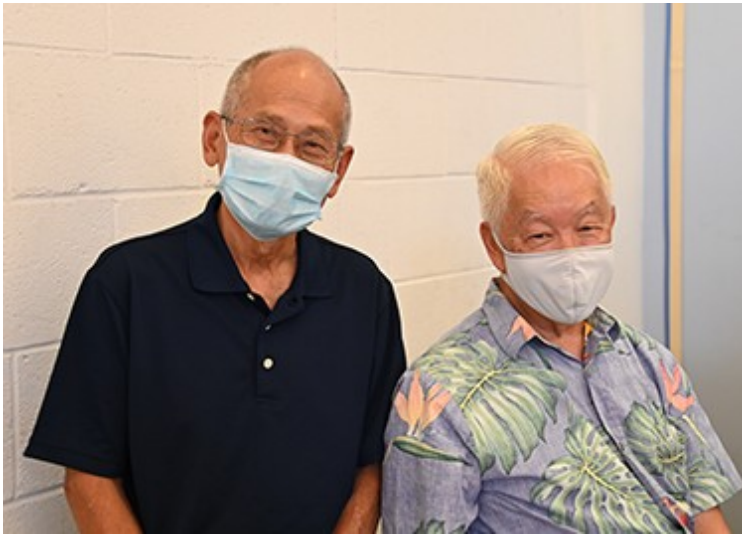
Sunday at 9:00am (In-Person & Live Streaming)

2062 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii

or

Saint Mary's Honolulu (YouTube)

St. Mary's Visitors



Pictured above on left is visitor Dayton Auyong from Guam with Richert Au Hoy



October visitor Stephen McGlynn

We Welcomed

OCTOBER

Returning to Hawaii from Jacksonville, North Carolina is Faith Blanchett (our past acolyte) standing with Pablo Cortez III.





Carlton Pang



Isaiah Horimoto

Thank You Readers

Jackie Mok



Hugh Kaiser

Laurie Lee





Personal words about Education day and Convention

The 53rd annual convention of the Episcopal Church in Hawai'i, was held on October 22-23. This was the second year that this gathering was held virtually. It was great to see the attendees, but sure miss meeting them in person.

I enjoyed hearing speakers Dr. Jonathan Okamura & Dr. Akiemi Glenn who spoke on theme of Reconciliation. Their presentations were very interesting, & delegates were broken into small discussion groups, which provided personal interaction among members from different churches in our diocese.

Our discussion group leader, Lani Bowman, deacon from St. Augustine's, Kohala, engaged the group in discussing various topics related to reconciliation.

She also stressed the importance of networking, which for me (and others) had fallen by the wayside in recent years due to the pandemic. But, was resurrected by being in the discussion group & meeting up with old & new friends.

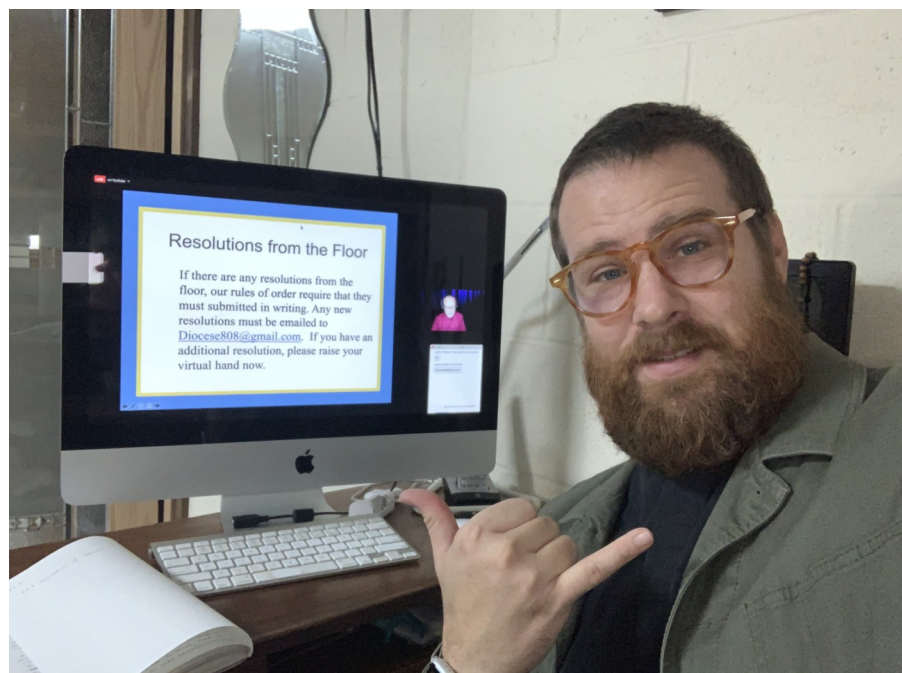
I would encourage you (even if you are not a delegate), to attend Education Day. Besides hearing & learning from the wonderful speakers, you also get to meet other brothers & sisters in our ohana (Church).

Peace,

Laurie

*St. Mary's give thanks
to our delegates who
attended this year's
annual convention -*

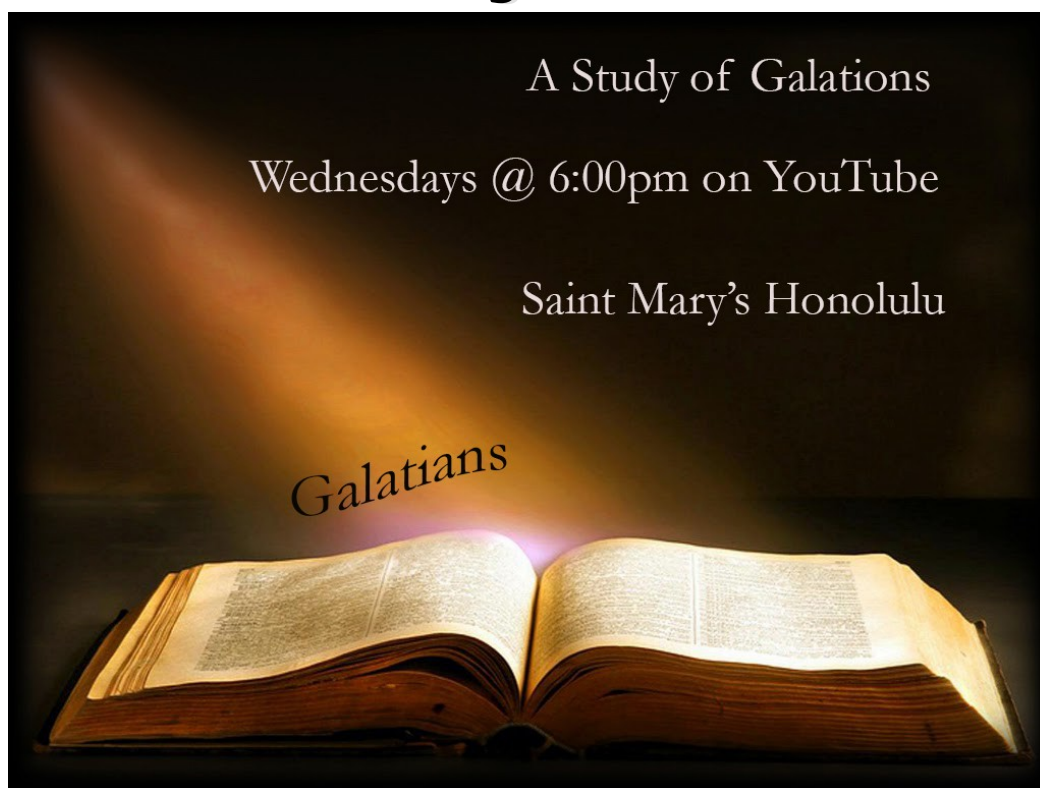
*Laurie Lee,
Carlton Pang
& Isaiah Horimoto.*



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for the
October
Aloha
Hour
takeout.

You Are Invited To Attend Christian Formation Classes

Every Wednesday 6pm - live on YouTube
Saint Mary's Honolulu



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The Journey Team Together Since 2014



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Vestry Meeting

10:15am
November 21



Sunday Worship Service 9:00am

In-Person and Live Streamed
on YouTube & FaceBook

Prayer Ministry

8:15am
Sundays in
Soldier Chapel



November Birthdays

14-Elizabeth Hardaway
17-Jackie Mok

**Office Closed November
11, 25 and 26**

Readers

Sign up to read
You Pick which Sunday!

SUNDAY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS
SIGN-UP SHEET
All volunteers should be 18 years old

	11-Nov	18-Nov
1st Reader		
Prayers		
2nd Reader		
Intercessor		
Chalice Server		
	25-Nov	26-Nov
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Prayers		
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