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# St. Mary's

# Episcopal Church

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# Mission

**Sharing God's Love in Jesus Christ through Word, Sacrament, Prayer and Service, enlightened and strengthened by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.**

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St. Mary's has been richly nourished spiritually from diverse styles of worship and teaching. We are truly happy as who we are, but we also need to move forward. We have the physical resources to serve more people. We recognize that much needs to be done to fulfill the Lord's Great Commission in our neighborhood.

We are seeking a leader who can challenge and guide us to accomplish our objectives of evangelism and growth. We welcome a pastor to support and feed our spiritual needs, 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.

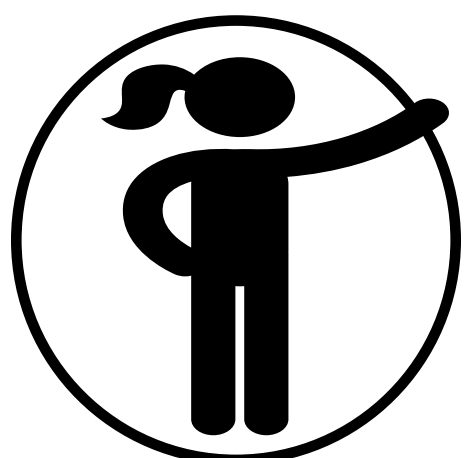
We look forward to receiving whom God has already chosen.

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**We are called to be a continued presence in our community with a commitment of mission and outreach.**



We are called to connect and meet the needs of transients, homeless, and low income people in our community.



We want to educate, equip, and empower our lay persons in liturgy, music, and Bible education.



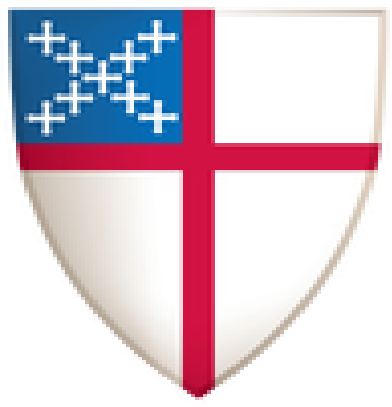
We are called to evangelize, to be inclusive, and welcoming to all people.

## Our Calling



Shoebox Ministry

**We are a small but dedicated and committed core group of people who want to carry out the work of Christ.**



# Rector Qualities We Seek



## Pastoral Heart

**We are seeking a rector with a Pastoral heart, who will be involved with our parish programs and life, and is committed to the congregation.**



## Collaborative

**We seek one who is a collaborative leader and desires to equip and give authority to the laity to go out and serve.**



## Inclusive & Open Minded

**We want one who is curious and is respectful of the local culture. We seek one who is enthusiastic, flexible, open minded and inclusive.**

## Our Challenges

Most of our parishioners are in their middle to retirement age. We lack young people and families among us. We hope to reach out to families on the island. With our proximity to the University of Hawaii and Waikiki, we seek the opportunity to minister to visitors to the islands and to college students. There are many needy homeless, low income people, and seniors in our locale. We want to continue and expand our homeless ministries, minister to the low income/working class people and seniors in our parish and those in the neighborhood.



# Our History & Facilities



St. Mary's Home



St. Mary's c. 1919



Hawaii Kai Townhouse

In the 1910's, the area called Moiliili, a sleepy settlement on the outskirts of Honolulu, was chosen as a site for "mission work". A mission house was constructed in 1912 on the present site of St. Mary's parish buildings. Night classes for adults, a day school instructing girls in sewing and housekeeping skills, education in the Faith, and a free neighborhood medical dispensary were some of the first uses. The most visible ministry was the St. Mary's Home, an institution for the care of orphans and other homeless children. A church building was added in 1919.

In the late 1960s the congregation became a parish. In the mid-1980s St. Mary's constructed a new church building to accommodate the growing congregation. The former parish hall was converted into the main church, which is a modern building seating 200 in the sanctuary as well as containing the parish office, rector's office, large kitchen, and multipurpose gathering room. The original church has been preserved. It was renamed "Soldier Chapel" and is used for weekday services and private prayer and meditation. We also have a 3-bedroom house on church grounds and a 4-bedroom townhouse located in Hawaii Kai, both of which are being rented out.

In the early 1990s, the rector at that time, together with approximately half the congregation, felt morally obligated to disassociate themselves over certain positions gaining acceptance in the Episcopal Church (USA). Others chose to remain and continue the ministries of St. Mary's. Parishioners remained steadfast in their faith, moved past the divisions to become the loving ohana (Hawaiian for family) today.

Pastorally and spiritually, St. Mary's was led by a deacon, an interim priest and 3 rectors from 1994- 2019. Our most recent rector retired in January 2019.

An 84-page book entitled "100 Years St. Mary's Episcopal Church 1902-2002" provides a history of that period and is available on our website.



New sanctuary (left)  
and Soldier Chapel (right)



St. Mary's leases a building and  
playground to Angels at Play  
Preschool



Native Hawaiian garden  
surrounding Soldier Chapel



# St. Mary's at a Glance

St. Mary's is made up of a small warm ohana with a nucleus of long-term parishioners. Members are of various ethnic backgrounds, which is representative of the population in Hawaii. Most parishioners reside within a ten-mile radius of the church. St. Mary's attracts people from very diverse economic and occupational backgrounds.

In 2018, St. Mary's had the following:

- **75 Communicants in Good Standing**
- **2 marriages**
- **10 funerals**
- **16 baptisms**
- **(January – May 2019) 42 Average Sunday attendance; 58 Easter Sunday attendance**

We celebrate with a traditional liturgical worship service, including scripture readings, sermons, songs, and liturgy. St. Mary's is a Eucharist-oriented parish. Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday. While deeply rooted in the Episcopal tradition, we are open to other types of worship style. We are equipped with a piano, an organ, and audio/visual technology. Contemporary praise songs are sung at the beginning of the service and played during Communion, with traditional hymns interspersed throughout the worship service. Sermons are Bible-based and focused on relating Scripture to daily and spiritual life.



Mother's Day 2017



Father's Day 2017



Preschool Chapel



Acolytes & Support Staff



Prayer



Bible Study



# Ministries



We provide programs that promote wellness, free to church members and the community, including Warrior at Ease (yoga for veterans & family) and yoga class. We have a Native Hawaiian and Marian garden.

Past wellness ministries that we possibly wish to revive: Zumba (pictured to the left), Taichi, Qigong, hula, meditation, and community garden.

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## *Wellness Ministries*

In collaboration with Institute of Human Services, John A. Burns School of Medicine, Veterans Administration, HieHie Shower Mobile, and other social service agencies, St. Mary's is the site for monthly distribution of non-perishable food bags, toiletries, clothing, medical, and social services. Parishioners support an ongoing food pantry with donations of food items and monetary contributions. We also distribute sandwich sack lunches to the homeless in the neighborhood (pictured to the right).

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## *Homeless Ministries*



St. Mary's supports missionaries through prayers and financial assistance. Two other congregations, Hawaii Vision Presbyterian Church and Dignity Honolulu, use our church buildings as their primary place of worship. Our gathering room is used regularly by other Christian and community organizations, such as Housing First Support Group, Alcoholics Anonymous, and DeMello Group.

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## *Other Ministries*

Past ministries that we would like to explore reviving: Sunday School, Bible Study, Book Club, Centering Prayer, Gospel Singspiration, school supplies for needy neighborhood children, shoebox ministry with supplies to needy children abroad & locally, Food Fair/Rummage sale, Kupuna (Seniors) Programs (pictured to the right), He Mele Aloha (music lessons), Christmas Trolley, Parents Night Out, Family Promise, Honolulu Habitat for Humanity, World Vision-30 Hour Famine, and AmeriCorps Vista.

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## *Past Ministries*





# Culture and Environment

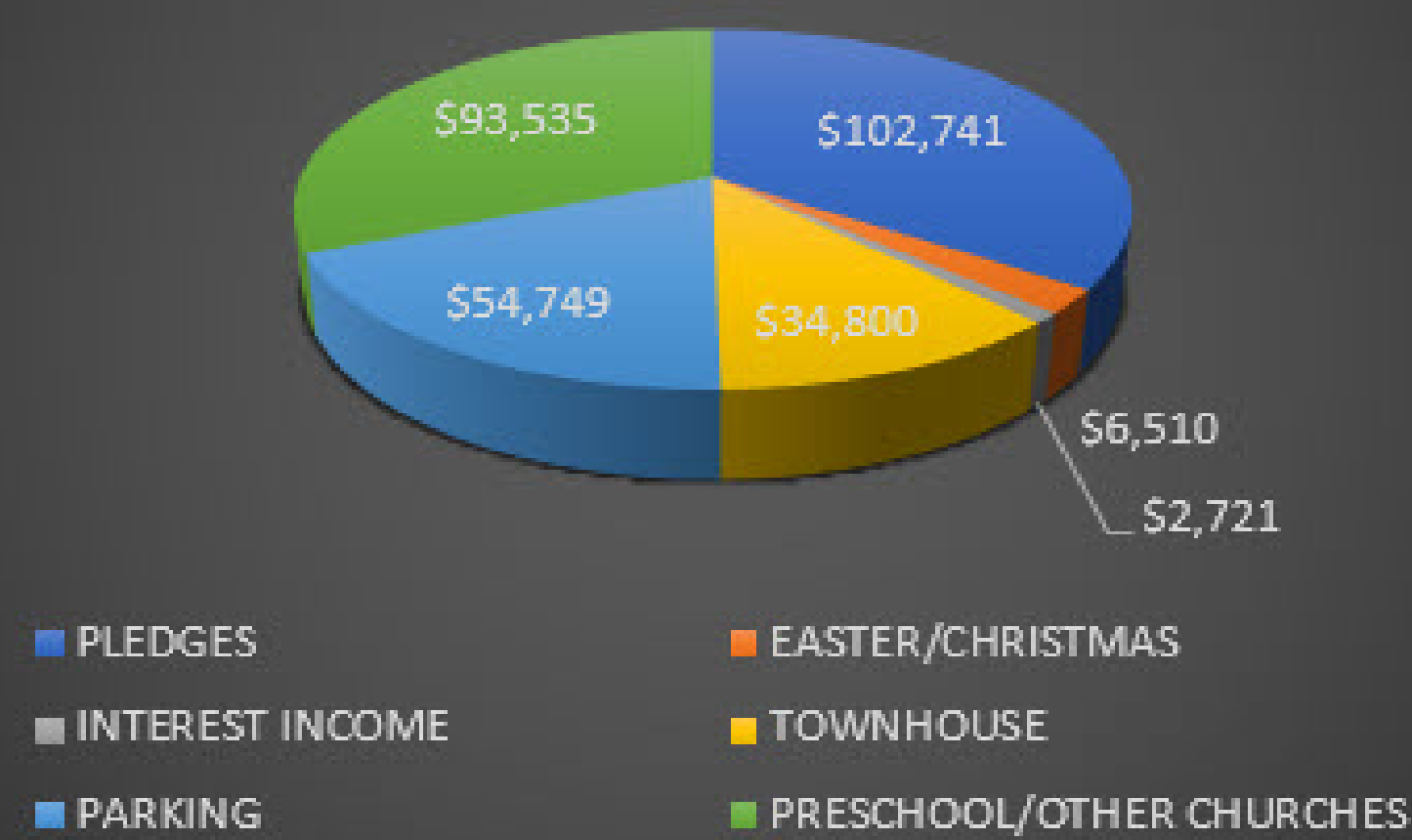
St. Mary's is located in Moiliili (a mixed residential and commercial neighborhood) on the Island of Oahu, which means the "Gathering Place." Spanning approximately 44 miles by 30 miles, it is the third largest of the eight major islands that make up Hawaii. With a population close to one million, it is by far the most populated island. Honolulu, its capital city, is the State's political, economic, military, educational, population, entertainment and cultural center.

Our culture is a reflection of our diverse heritage. Hawaii is the only state in the nation where no ethnic group represents a majority. Major influences from Caucasians, Japanese, Chinese, Filipinos, Koreans, Portuguese, Polynesian, Vietnamese, and others are clearly evident. Perhaps influenced by our year-round congenial climate, our scenic outdoors, and our melting-pot culture, our lifestyle is characteristically casual, aptly symbolized by the spirit of "Aloha", a Hawaiian word meaning love, welcome, and hospitality.

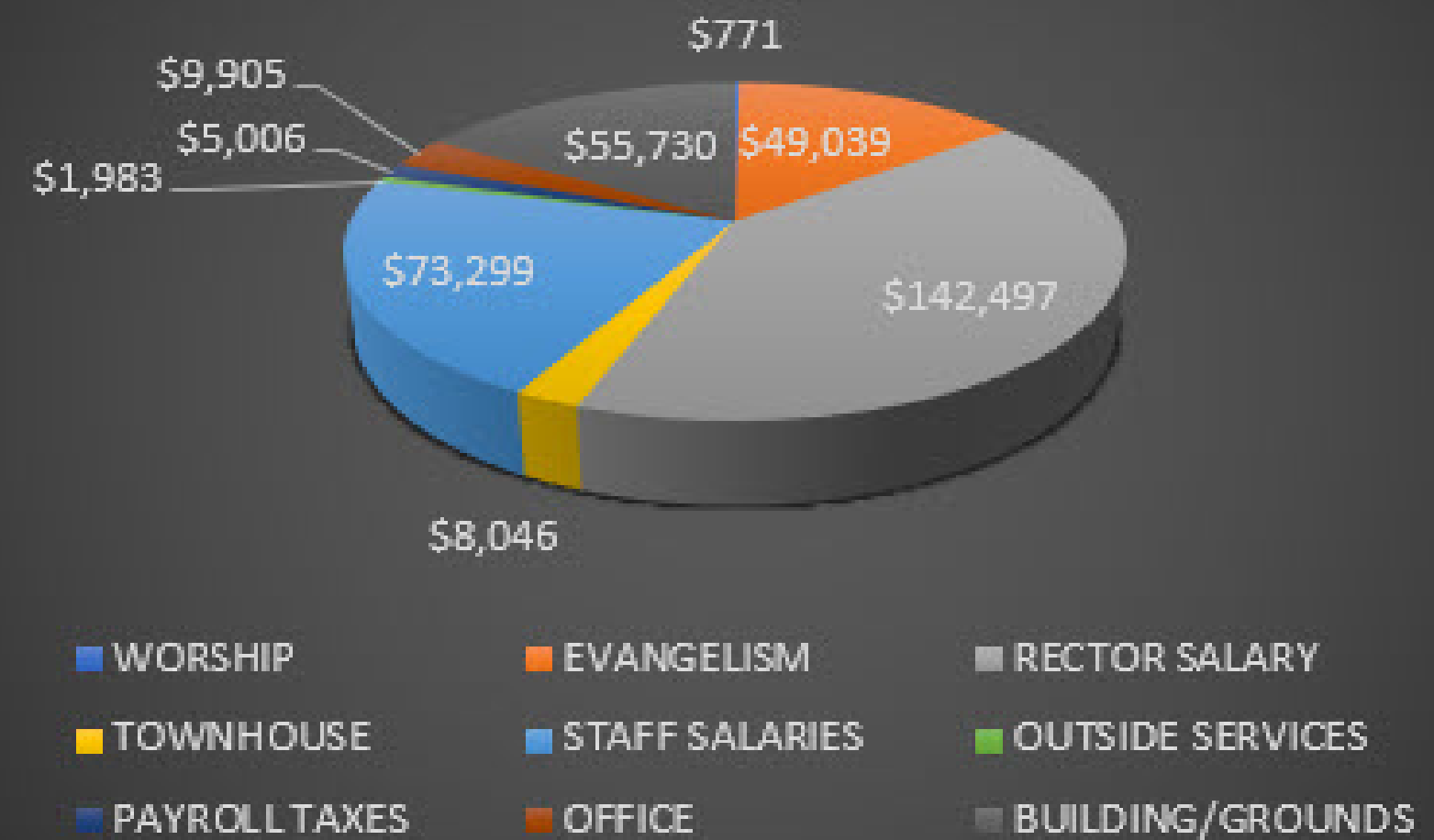
Hawaii's residents must contend with geographical isolation, heavy dependence on expenditures by government and visitors, and cost of living which is higher than the U.S. mainland average.

## Financial Overview

St. Mary's 2018 Operating Income



St Mary's 2018 Operating Expenses



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