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January 2016

Special Dates

Tuesday, January 5
 6pm South Bay Bible Study

Sunday, January 17
 10am Bilingual, all-parish service
 11:15am Vestry meeting

Sunday, January 24
 10am Holy Eucharist / **Annual Meeting**
 11:15am **LUAU Installation Luncheon**
 FREE food and entertainment
 organized by Youth Group

Regular/Ongoing Events

Every Sunday (except 3rd Sunday)
 7:30 am Holy Eucharist
 8:30 am Choir Practice
 9:45 am Holy Eucharist
 12:00 pm Holy Eucharist (Spanish)

3rd Sunday
 10:00am Holy Eucharist (one all-parish service)
 11:15am Vestry meeting (usually)

TBA
 11:00am Youth Group meeting

Every Saturday
 Morning Altar Guild

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DATED MATERIAL

Clergy Corner . . .

I don't usually do this. It takes up too much space. I'm worried I'll leave someone out. You all know who you are. You do this for the church and for God, and not for me. But I'm going all out this year. A big name-by-name thank you for a lot of wonderful things that happened in the month of December.

- Let's start with boutique. Thank you for months of work that created a day that brought St. Mary's long-timers home again, that showcased the artistry and dedication of St. Mary's women, that kept a tradition alive that might easily have been allowed to slip away this year. Kumi, Anne, Fumi, Kazumi, Fifi, Margaret, Toshi, Fusa, Marian, Ayako, Betty, Maxine, Larry, Bobbie, Clarence, George, Judy, Kisa, Caridad, Lynne, Kendall.
- The Spirit team. They come in every month, put the newsletter together and mail it to you! Tom, Yo, Fusa, Penny, Margaret, George, Emma, Mika, Lindsay, Dominic, Gisel.
- The Vestry. They meet every month, doing big vision and a lot of unglamorous administration. In December they passed your 2016 budget, among other things. Ron, Kathryn, Gayle, Greg, Michelle, Caridad, Ambrose, Carolyn, Charlene, Julio.
- The finance team. Charlene and Emma talk at least once a week to keep the money coming in and going out in perfect order.
- The Guadalupe-Posada team. They planned eight services and cooked meals for every one, inviting and engaging our very newest members from our gardens and exercise classes. Cathy, Nancy, Guadalupe, Susana, Leti, Isela, Manuel, Sylvia, Tere, and the lady who brought all the pupusas but we can't remember her name.
- The Misa Oaxaqueña team. They put together the celebration on the 13th, and are planning a monthly special service to reach out to our Oaxacan neighbors. Jacobo, Ismael, Alejandro, Sara, Julio, Daniel, Erasmo, José, Pedro, the Yaa Band, the Yaganiza band, the Lachirioag basketball team.
- The Choir. They've been practicing for weeks to give us a beautiful Christmas. Kathryn, Kumi, Loretta, Karen, Marian, Fifi, Ron, Kaz, Steve, Ayako, Ambrose, Jeff.
- The Christmas Festival team. Pageant wranglers Marian, Lynne, Caridad, Roxana, Michelle, Toshi, Nelly, Susana, Francis, Lily, Genoveva; Dance teacher Carolyn with help from Kendall and Lynne; dancers Kendyl, Jordyn, Kiara, Kendall, Maya, Alana, Shane, Reese, Michelle, Alan; MC Steve; Musicians Ron and Karen; Br. Ambrose who makes the most adorable Santa



CHLA INSTITUTE LEADER

MARY DEE HACKER, MBA, RN, NEA-BE, FAAN, vice-president of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, has been named the inaugural chair holder for the Institute for Nursing and Interprofessional Research, a \$5 million chair created by CHLA.

Mary Dee has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades, and is known for her tireless work and commitment to the hospital. She has also successfully launched new initiatives that are often replicated at other institutions. See details in the Winter 2015 issue of "Imagine," a CHLA publication. Congratulations, Mary Dee!!!

MISSOURI RACKETBALL HALL OF FAME

JENNIFFER (YOKOTA) SHELDON, daughter of Joe & Irma Yokota, was inducted into the Missouri Racketball Hall of fame for her dedication to the sport and being state president for a number of years. Congratulations, Jenniffer!!

Thank You's ...

NOVEMBER THANK YOUS

Memorial:

MARK OKUDA

Mioko Okuda

MARIAN K. NISHI

Margaret Yuki

Thank Offering:

For birthday, Mioko Okuda

Donation:

San Andres Yaa Band

Club Deportivo Jaguares de SC

Koreatown Senior/Comm Ctr

Youth Group Chili fundraiser:

Marian Kubota, Men's Club, Ron

& Carolyn Morinishi, Margaret

Yuki, Gayle Kawahara, Kaz

Hayashi, Joel Iwataki, Larry &

Bobbie Higa, Clarence & Maxine

Yamamoto, Yo Guzman,

Margaret Yoshina, cash

Painting Fund:

Glenn & Julie Kubota, Marian

Kubota, Charlene Nakamura,

Jacqueline Ota, William

Partridge, Kaz Hayashi (IMO

SHIZ HAYASHI), Greg &

Melinda Sata, Francis & Lani

Yamazaki, Shirley Hiramoto,

Yuno Fukushima, Candice

Kuwahara, Kumiko Gerber,

Kazuko Higa, Paul Hayashi,

Karen Yokoyama, Kisa Ichida,

Keiko Hamagiwa, Tak Murase,

Fumiko Miyatake, Rae Nishimura

Thanksgiving: Margaret Yuki

Endowment Fund: Tak Murase

NOVEMBER ALTAR GUILD

Flowers in memory of:

DAY OF THE DEAD

Altar Guild (marigolds)

ALBERT LEE

Esther Lee & family

YONESHIGE FAMILY

M/M Clyde Ikehara

BETSY NAKAMURA

NAMIE NAKAMURA KUBO

Stanley Nakamura

BRUCE J. MORI

Mori family

Candles in memory of:

IRENE YONESHIGE

Altar Guild

YOSHIO MARUMOTO

BETSY NAKAMURA

George Oshita

M/M Clarence Yamamoto

IRENE YONESHIGE

BETSY NAKAMURA

Faith Ichida & family

KAZUE TAKEUCHI

Marian Kubota

FRED & CLARA OMATSU

Omatsu & Ogawa family

BRUCE J. MORI

Mori family

Altar Guild Memorial Fund:

LILLIAN INATOMI-KOZAI

Peggy Paddock

EMI KIRIU

Nobutaka Luke Kiriu

VESTRY SUMMARY – NOVEMBER 2015

Announcement: Bishop Mary Glasspool has accepted a new calling in New York starting in April 2016. She is taking a sabbatical in January of 2016. Bishop Bruce is also taking a sabbatical in 2016.

Budget: Budget was discussed. Looking for a new five-year plan for St. Mary's regarding budget, the Asst. rector position, and building facility projects; and possibly using Endowment fund money for some building repair and maintenance projects. Vestry members will review the proposed budget for comments for next meeting in December.

Other: Office needs a new copier and we will get bids. Mo Anna is continuing her work on grant writing

Celtic Cross: Celtic Cross is considering ways to use their resources to help St. Mary's. Some projects under consideration: installing solar panels, a new roof. Also, the Nabi garden lease is due up in 2017. Vestry will need to decide how St. Mary's will use the property.

Eagle Scout project: In December, a scout will present his proposal for an Eagle project.

Business: Oct minutes were corrected. Oct minutes as corrected were approved. M/S/A. 3rd quarter 2015 financials were approved. M/S/A

Stewardship: Stewardship letter was mailed out. Mo Anna talked about discussions with the Oaxacan groups about Stewardship.

Audit plan: Gayle and Mo Anna will get a bid from an auditor who works with non-profits

Use of Parish Hall: There have been a few issues with parties that have not cleaned up well in the Hall. It's been recommended that we charge \$100 for the clean-up for groups who use the Parish hall for large events. The interns would like to have a Christmas party with all the interns from the Diocese.

Office renovation: Looking at bids to tear out the fixed desk in the front and re-floor.

Xmas Pageant/Festival, Dec 20: Entertainment: Japanese dance, singing, hula, piano

Annual meeting: Jan 24, 2016. Vestry accepted youth group's proposal to have the youth make the lunch with a budget from St. Mary's and take donations as a youth fundraiser. Also think about people who can serve on Vestry for next year.

About our members . . .

COLLEGE GRADUATE!

SYDNEY MIDORI KUROYAMA, daughter of Jon & Lisa (Ahn) Kuroyama and granddaughter of Bob & Penny Ahn, graduated from Cal State Dominguez Hills with a B.A. in Physical Education. She currently works as a Physical Therapist Aide and loves playing basketball. She will possibly go to graduate school in the future, and would like to become an athletic trainer or go into teaching. Congratulations, Sydney!!



Claus; Our wonderful kids who bring the Christmas story to life every year and remind us what it's all about.

- Christmas elves who made the Christmas "stockings" (goodie bags) for the kids: Marian and Toshi, and the people who donated items: Marian, Toshi, Margaret, Fusa and Carolyn
- The unsung people who keep things going month after month. Acolytes. Coffee hour hosts. Altar guild. People who give rides to and from church. Emma and Carlos.
- Everyone who I forgot to list (because there's always someone and I'm really sorry if it was you!!).



Thank you! I love you! St. Mary's loves you! Most importantly, God loves you!!!!
It's going to be a great 2016.

In peace and love, *Mother Anna+*

A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

Happy New Year St. Mary's! Sometimes it seems impossible to believe that we have entered into another year. Was it not just yesterday we were celebrating Easter? Time sure does fly when you are having fun! I am sure God has many more fun things planned for us in 2016 and I can't wait to experience them with you. Thank you all for the wonderful work that you do. I hope you know how much you are appreciated by both Mother Anna and myself. We both know that the church is bursting with life thanks to your openness for new things. It is not always easy but you have set a great example of what it means to be a welcoming community. I pray that God will continue to bless us with opportunities to love and grow as a diverse community.

Blessing to you and yours and may 2016 be a year filled with laughter, good health and God's bountiful blessings!

-- *Mo. Nancy+*



SOCK DRIVE

Dear St. Mary's, As you all know our sister parish Trinity is doing amazing work with the homeless community of East Hollywood. Trinity would like to invite you all to participate in a sock drive in the month of January. As the cold weather approaches a nice pair of socks can brighten the day of homeless individuals. If you feel so called to help this ministry, Trinity welcomes sock donations of all sizes (blankets and jackets are also welcomed!)

You can drop them off with Emma, Mother Nancy or just leave them in the office with a note. Know that every donation is going to someone in need.

BIBLE CORNER

Quick! How many kings are there in the Nativity story? Bonus points if you know their names!

Most of you probably got the first one. If you grew up Catholic or Latin American, you could probably manage the second one as well.



Here's the problem. None of the answers to those questions is in the Bible. In the Bible, it's not even actually clear that they were kings. Or men. The Bible leaves us with some number of some sort of wise or magical people from the East. That's all we get, information-wise. Christians over the years have filled in other details, until we're all pretty sure that there are three kings and many of us know their names and their skin colors and all sorts of other details.

I'm not against filling in stories, but I do think that the king story reminds us to be a little careful. Just because someone tells you, "It's in the Bible!" doesn't make it true or accurate. Many things that we think are probably "in there somewhere" are traditions that have traveled a ways from their Biblical origins in order to get to us.

-- Mother Anna+

NOTE FROM KATE CULLINANE



Hi St. Mary's friends,

I just landed my dream and last job before retirement! I'm going to be the Interim Rector at St. Clement's in Honolulu! I'll work for another 1 - 1½ years and then retire in Hawaii! That's been my dream for a long time...to find my final placement on Oahu and then retire from there. (Yes, they are paying for my move to Hawaii.)

I haven't found a place yet, but anyone from St. Mary's is most welcome at any time to come and stay with me on Oahu.

Please do think about coming. I'm planning to find a place big enough to accommodate guests. I want lots of guests. I think it's going to be part of the fun of being there.

Blessings, Kate

(current contact information is: katecullinane@sbcglobal.net; 209-222-7124)

Upcoming Events . . .

SOUTH BAY BIBLE STUDY: TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2016

The South Bay Bible Study will meet on Tuesday, January 5. They are reading Acts Chapters 1-8. It will be at 6pm in the rec room of Gayle Kawahara/John Tokeshi's place in Gardena. All are welcome! Call Mo. Anna for more info.

INSTALLATION LUNCHEON LUAU: SUNDAY, JANUARY 24!!

Please join us for a FREE Hawaiian-style Luau on Sunday, January 24, right after the Annual meeting. Youth members will arrange the lunch, program and entertainment. The menu includes: barbecue chicken, kalua pork, chicken katsu, yakisoba, chicken long rice, Chinese chicken salad, rice and dessert. The new parish officers will be installed too!



Free-will donations will be gratefully accepted by our Youth members to help defray the costs for their community service-oriented, educational trip to Kaua'i in summer 2016. Please write checks to "St. Mary's Episcopal Church" and write "Youth 2016 Trip" in the memo area. Please join us!!

Parish News . . .

YOUTH GROUP NEWS – GIFT BAG ASSEMBLY

The Youth Group assembled 30 Christmas gift bags that were distributed to kids in the St. Mary's neighborhood. Thanks to Kim Kubota for donating the supplies!

PLEDGE AND PAINTING DONATION THANK YOUS!!

Thank you so much to everyone who sent in your 2016 pledge to St. Mary's! Thanks also to those who have sent in painting donations. People have been very generous and we are on track to be able to paint the church this year.

VESTRY SUMMARY – OCTOBER 2015

Mission and Vision: The 2016 budget and long-term budget goals were discussed.

Business: September minutes were approved. M/S/A. Quarterly financials will be available for review and approval at the November meeting. Vestry approved to obtain 3 bids from auditors for completing the 2013 and 2014 audits. M/S/A

Stewardship: The stewardship mailing was reviewed and will be sent out in mid November.

Annual Meeting: It was decided that we would once again organize a catered lunch for the annual meeting, saving the food-related fundraising idea for later.

Eagle Scout project: A Scout is proposing an Eagle project to install wooden sign frames on the Mariposa and Normandie sides. He will present to Vestry at an upcoming meeting.