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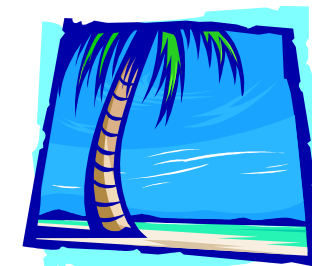
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DATED MATERIAL

Special Dates

Sunday, August 14

George Omatsu Memorial Golf Tournament
10 am Montebello Country Club

Monday, August 15

EUIP New Interns move in

Sunday, August 21 (no 11:45 service)

9:00am Slideshow by Anson Stewart
11:15am Vestry meeting

Friday-Sunday, August 26-28

Desert Retreat

Regular/Ongoing Events

Every Sunday

7:30 am Holy Eucharist
8:30 am Choir Practice
9:45 am Holy Eucharist
9:45 am Sunday School/Nursery
11:45 am Holy Eucharist (Spanish) except
Vestry meeting Sundays

Every Wednesday

11:30 am Noonday prayer

Every Saturday

Morning Altar Guild

Every Friday

6:30 pm Spanish Service/Christian
Formation/Bible study

Clergy Corner . . .



I'm thrilled to be getting started at St. Mary's as your rector. Writing this on Wednesday of my first week, I've seen more file folders and boxes of books than live St. Mary's parishioners so far, but on Sunday that will all change. I can't wait to begin worshipping and growing together in God's love. I'm getting a lot of vital information from the staff, from Mother Marilyn, from the wardens, and from the files and archives, and I've already spent some serious time in prayer in the beautiful sanctuary. I also seem to have an extraordinary number of books to unpack!

I'm already collecting thoughts and ideas about all the things we might do together, but my first and most important challenge will be getting to know all of you, and giving you a chance to get to know me and experience me as your rector and pastor. If you come on Sundays, you will begin to get a sense of me pretty quickly, but it will take me a bit longer to have individual conversations and experiences of working and praying with each of you. As pastoral needs arise, I will share life's ups and downs with some of you sooner than others. But sooner rather than later, I hope to get a chance to share some focused time with each of you.

Starting the first week in August, Mother Marilyn and I will have finished our transitional time together, and I will begin in earnest to make plans to get together one-on-one with as many St. Mary's folks as I can. I'll probably start with the Vestry and leaders of the various ministries of St. Mary's, but I hope you won't put too much stock in the order of things. If you'd like to have some of my time before I reach out to you, please don't be shy about letting me know that. I'm generally going to be at church Monday-Thursday during the week, and I'd love to schedule lunch or a cup of tea, or even a walk in the neighborhood with anyone who's available. There will also be informal opportunities in the parish hall, under the shade of the beautiful tree in the patio, or in my office if you are in the neighborhood and you catch me in a quiet moment.

As far as reaching me, email is good (mariposarector@gmail.com), as is the church phone. I'm also on Facebook, so feel free to seek me out there if that's your preferred mode of networking. For emergencies, or if you want to send me a text message, the pastoral number is 323-786-2797, or 323-STMARYS. More detail on how that number works in a separate article.

I am so grateful to God and to St. Mary's for this opportunity to serve as your Rector. I ask your prayers for this journey that we will take together, your patience as I get settled in, the strength of your undying love for this parish and what we call in my family "adventure spirit" for what lies ahead.

In peace and love, *Mother Anna+*

Thank You . . .

JUNE THANK YOUS

Memorial:

STEVE MITSUUCHI
Harry Mitsuuichi
LOUISE YAMAZAKI
Walter & Aiko Sumi
Yuri Hirashima
Lillian Hara
James Yamazaki family
Lillian Inatomi
D/M Yoshio Akiyama
Fish King (Kagawa)
Stan/Jean Furuta
Jack/Jane Hasama
Jon Hasama
Ted/Ellyn Hasama
Bill/Helen Hayakawa
Kiyoko/Kazie Higa
Larry/Bobbie Higa
Steven/Leslie Hirashiki
Yuri Hirashima & family
Jayme/Jim Hirashiki
Judy Momii Hoy
Kuwa Iwataki
M/M Hideo Kagawa
Mamoru/Kiyoko Kanda/family
Nobutaka Kiriu
Marian Kubota & family
M/M Yosh Kunitsugu
Kiyoshi Kuromi
Shig/Candace Kuwahara
Yukio/Kiko Matsumoto
D/M Ron Matsunaga
M/M Hide Matsunaga
Michi/Frances/Mark Miyamoto
Yasu Momii
Al Nakazawa
M/M Swiss Nishiyama
Junzo Jake Ohara
Betty Oka
Jim/Dorothy Sakabe

Sanbo Sakaguchi
D/M B Sakaguchi
Mary Sata & family
Sterling/Kay Suga
Bill/Fusa Sugawara
Misako Tanaka
Ed/Sumako Totten
Mark/Nancy Yamazaki/family

Endowment Fund:

LOUISE YAMAZAKI
Dr George Kawahara
Margaret Yuki
M/M Tom Guzman

Yamazaki Garden:

LOUISE YAMAZAKI
Miiko Tako

Fr. Van Horn Discretionary Fund:

Margaret Yuki

MAY ALTAR GUILD

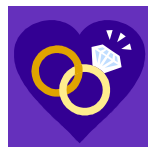
Flowers in loving memory of:

GEORGE IKEHARA
M/M Clyde Ikehara
PATRICK ICHIDA
M/M LeRoy Ichida
JAMES T. NAKAMURA
M/M Stanley Nakamura
MIDORI KOYAMATSU
M/M Shig Koyamatsu
MASAYOSHI KAWAKAMI
GEN MARY KAWAKAMI
M/M Kiyoko Higa
YOSHIKO & ISAO SAKURAI
M/M Mitchel Yamamoto
M/M LeRoy Ichida
MAS NISHIBAYASHI
JINTARO NISHIBAYASHI
Nishibayashi families
GEORGE SAKUTARO HEISHI
May Porter
MIKE YOSHIO KUBOTA
Marian Kubota
JIM COX
Penny Cox & family

KIDDY
Ayako Takano
KATHLEEN MILLER (birthday)
M/M Charlie Steen
Candles in loving memory of:
YURI KUBOTA
EIICHI & TOSHIE KUBOTA
Marian Kubota
WALLACE "WALLY" NAKAMA
Margaret Yuki
Betty Nakama & family
ISAO & ICHIE KUROMI
Kuromi & Kurihara families
YOSHIKO SAKURAI
Altar Guild
MAS NISHIBAYASHI
Marcy & Margaret Yuki
BETTY TANEYO YONESHIGE
Irene Yoneshige
Altar Guild Memorial Fund:
JOY YAMAZAKI, BARBARA
YAMAZAKI, ALICE NAKAZAWA
Peter Yamazaki
GEORGE SENO
Kay Seno
MASAYOSHI KAWAKAMI
GEN MARY KAWAKAMI
M/M Kiyoko Higa
KIKU MASUOKA
ELAINE MASUOKA
D/M David Masuoka



About our members . . .



JUST MARRIED!

LYNN EMIKO OSHITA, daughter of George Oshita and the late Asae Oshita, and WILLIAM MICHAEL CABROL were married on July 23, 2011 at St. Mary's. Rev. Keith Yamamoto and Rev. Pat McCaughan (the bride's cousins) and Mo. Olson were officiants, and the bride's niece Keilyn Yamamoto was the flower girl. A reception was held afterward at Sea Empress Restaurant in Gardena. Congratulations Lynn and Bill!

BAPTISM

ALEXANDER AKIRA MIYASHITA, son of Stacey (Tamura) and Kelly Miyashita and grandson of Aki and Charles Tamura, was baptized Sunday, July 3, at the 9:45 service. Congratulations to Alex and the extended families!

RELAY FOR LIFE – AUGUST 6, 2011

KYLE & LOREEN ICHIDA, KELLY & MICHELLE MIYATAKE-KURUMA, and LARRY & BOBBIE HIGA will be participating in the "2011 Relay for Life Westlake CA" event in honor of Kyle's grandpa, LeRoy Ichida. This event will be held on August 6, 2011 at Oaks Christian School in Westlake Village (Team name: "Love for LeRoy, Ohana and Amigos"). The Relay for Life event, which is sponsored by the American Cancer Society, raises awareness and funds for cancer and cancer research. Please help their team! For more information, or to make a donation to their team, please visit www.relayforlife.org.

MO. MARILYN'S NEW POSITION

Starting Sept. 1, MARILYN OMERNICK will be the Priest-in-Charge at St. Michael the Archangel Church in El Segundo where the rector retired in July. Congratulations!

INTO ETERNAL LIFE

KEISO KEN FUJIKUNI, 93-year-old resident of Los Angeles, passed away on June 27, 2011. Services were held on July 9 at Fukui Mortuary "Chapel in the Garden" with Pastor Seigo Takayoshi of LA Holiness Church officiating.

He is survived by his daughter, Barbara (Ted) Adachi; son Bradley (Janet) Fujikuni; grandchildren Allison Adachi, Lauren, Jared & Jason Fujikuni and other family members.

"May he rest in Peace and may Light Perpetual shine upon him ..."



Upcoming Events . . .



GEORGE OMATSU MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT – AUGUST 14

The Men's Club George Omatsu Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Sunday, August 14 at 10am at Montebello Country Club with a dinner following the tournament at Empress Harbor Seafood Restaurant. For more information: contact Stan Nakamura 818-340-8465, snakamura@socal.rr.com; Carl Kubota 310-560-7935, carlana@verizon.net; Erik Suzuki 626-288-8232; Glenn Kubota 310-308-6638 or Ken Watase 562-305-3269.

ANSON STEWART PRESENTATION – AUGUST 21, 9AM

Anson Stewart has returned from one year of travel in Latin America and Africa. His project, funded by a Thomas J. Watson Fellowship, focused on public transportation in Belize, Nicaragua, Panama, Tanzania, South Africa, Argentina, Chile, and Brazil. Highlights have included driving a school bus in Panama City, climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, and getting to know fellow members of the Anglican Communion around the world (after worshipping in seven languages over the past year). On August 21st at 9am, Anson will share some photos and stories of these investigations and adventures.

AUGUST 28 CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE WORKSHOP CANCELLED

The August 28 Christmas Boutique workshop has been cancelled due to many people being on vacation! Future workshop dates will be: September 25, October 16 & 23, November 13, 26 & 27, December 3. The boutique will be held on December 4.



EPISCOPAL DODGER NIGHT, FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 7PM

Reminder: Episcopal Dodger night is scheduled for Friday, August 26 at 7pm; the Dodgers vs. the Colorado Rockies (signup deadline has already passed).

"DESERT RETREAT" DATES – AUGUST 26-28

"Desert Retreat" (an unofficial St. Mary's social event in Las Vegas) will be held on August 26-28. Please contact John Tokeshi for details.

BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 11

Save the date! Back to School Sunday, September 11 at Sunshine Park in Cerritos. Please bring something for a potluck picnic. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided by St. Mary's.

7:30am Eucharist at St. Mary's (no 9:45 and 11:45 services at St. Mary's)
9:45am Eucharist at Sunshine Park, Cerritos
(across from Glenn/Kathy Nishibayashi's house)



Parish News . . .

NEW PHONE NUMBER FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES

If you call St. Mary's outside of office hours, you will hear a new (bilingual!) voicemail message that, among other things, gives instructions on how to reach a member of the clergy during an emergency. This might include a hospitalization for severe illness or accident, a death or a family or spiritual crisis that requires immediate intervention. Questions or comments about scheduling, building use, vestry agendas, worship schedules, your new puppy, and so on, should, as always, be directed to the regular church phone number during office hours, emailed, or left on the church voicemail.

The number for pastoral emergencies will be 323-STMARYS (323-786-2797). It is a Google voice number, which means that it can be programmed to ring to any phone. Usually it will ring to Mother Anna's cell phone, but in the daytime it will also ring to the church office, and if Mother Anna is away, it may be reprogrammed to ring to Father Butch or anyone else who is doing pastoral coverage. If you're interested in these things, there's a cute video at <http://www.google.com/googlevoice/about.html> that explains how it works. You will be asked to identify yourself when you call, and it will take messages as well. It is very helpful if you leave as much detail as possible in this confidential message box.

EUIP INTERNS AT ST. MARY'S

In early August, the 7 interns living at the rectory will be ending their year-long program. We hope that their stay in Los Angeles and in the rectory was a blessing for them and their outreach placements. Thank you to the many St. Mary's members who helped furnish the rectory and welcome the interns during their time here. After August 15, a new group of interns will be moving into the rectory for the 2011-2012 EUIP program year. We'll have more information about formally welcoming the new interns in the Sunday bulletin and on the church website once we receive the new EUIP schedule.

SCHEDULING CHANGES IN SEPT/OCT

The date of the LA Triathlon has been changed from Sunday, October 2 to Sunday, September 25. Olympic Blvd will be closed for the event (approx 6:30am-1pm).

Because of this date change, there are several changes to St. Mary's calendar: the UTO gathering previously for September 25 will be moved to October 2 and the "Blessing of the Animals" (previously scheduled for October 9 because of the Triathlon) will now move back to October 2, the closest Sunday to St. Francis Day, October 4.



LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE AT ST. MARY'S IN JULY

On Saturday, July 16, St. Mary's hosted the Leadership Institute formation program. This is a leadership development program for Spanish-speaking lay leaders and meets monthly at different Episcopal churches with Hispanic members. It is a collaborative offering of the Diocesan Program Group on Hispanic Ministry and Bloy House/The Episcopal Theological Seminary at Claremont. Fifty persons from twenty-four Hispanic churches participated in the full day of lectures at St. Mary's. Fr. Butch Gamarra spoke in the morning session focusing on: "How do we live out the Gospel in the world as individuals and congregations?" The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Hughes from UC-Riverside and Bloy House gave the afternoon session focusing on Latino spirituality.

VESTRY SUMMARY – MAY 15, 2011

Reports: April 2011 minutes approved as amended (MSA, 1 abstention); May 2011 financial report approved (MSA)

Convocation: Kaaren is coordinating 6/18 dinner and she has several volunteers. Gayle would like to have Fr. John's stained glass VHS converted to DVD. Motion to allocate \$100 from Arigato Parish Life account to convert VHS to DVD (MSA)

Transition: Copy of letter agreement signed by Mo. Olson was distributed. Housing allowance to be prorated based on start date. Motion to accept housing allowance (MSA)

EUIP: New contract to Aug 2012. Rent increase from \$916/month to \$1200/month, EUIP responsible for major appliances. Update of Landlord Tenant checklist. Rectory trash fees include bins used by church. Mo. Olson will review at a later date.

Financial: Signature cards are complete.

July events: 7/24 Bilingual service, Mo. Anna's first and Mo. Marilyn's last Sunday per Mo. Anna's request; 7/31 Farewell event for EUIP interns.

Vestry retreat: 9/10 or 9/17. Will schedule date at next Vestry meeting on July 17.

Housing request: Fr. Butch emergency housing request approved by PIC, 3 of 6 member dance group to stay in upstairs room from June 20-26/

Building/Grounds: cupboard on left side of stove hard to open. Will notify committee.

Trip: Proposal to have annual Manzanar/fishing trip.