

# Spirit of S·T. M·A·R·Y'·S

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## **Special Dates**

### **Saturday, May 7**

9:00am Flower workshop and sale

### **Sunday, May 8, Mother's Day**

9:00am Mother's Day flower sale

### **Wednesday, May 11**

4:00pm Garden committee Meeting

### **Saturday, May 14**

9:00am Manju workshop and sale

### **Sunday, May 15**

11:00am Vestry mtg, manju sale  
 no 11:45am service

### **Sunday, May 22, Bishop Bruno visit**

9:45am Confirmation  
 11:00am Potluck luncheon

### **Sunday, May 29**

11:00am Boutique workshop

## **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**

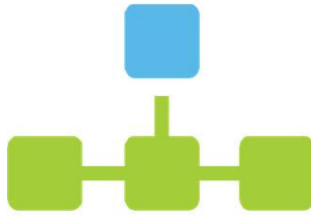
Morning Altar Guild

### **Every Friday**

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

## Clergy Corner . . .

St. Mary's is one of approximately 140 congregations of our diocese. The Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles spans six counties: Los Angeles, Riverside, Orange, San Bernardino, Ventura and Santa Barbara. One of the requirements of the Episcopal Church is that the Bishops of a diocese regularly visit all of their congregations. In our diocese, we have a rotation among the three Bishops so that a congregation is scheduled for a Sunday Bishop's visit usually every other year.



In 2009, St. Mary's welcomed Bishop Suffragan Sergio Carranza for confirmations and a formal Sunday visitation. This year we will welcome our Diocesan Bishop, J. Jon Bruno on Sunday, May 22. We will have one joint, bi-lingual service at 9:45 a.m. The service will include confirmations, receptions from other liturgical traditions and reaffirmation of vows for persons interested. This will be followed by a festive parish potluck hosted by the Women of St. Mary's.

The congregations of our diocese are also organized into smaller geographic areas called deaneries. St. Mary's is part of the Incarnation Deanery which includes parishes in the west side of Los Angeles starting from the mid-Wilshire/Koreatown area to the Pacific Ocean. Incarnation Deanery's western boundary ends with St. Aidan's in Malibu. Bishop Bruno is also our 'Area Bishop'. This means that he has primary pastoral responsibility for the Episcopal congregations in our deanery.

St. Mary's also has a direct relationship with Bishop Suffragan Diane Bruce. While she is the "Area Bishop" for Orange County and Long Beach/South Bay congregations, she also has responsibility for all congregations with multicultural ministries. Last October, Bishop Diane visited St. Mary's for a Saturday luncheon presentation as we reviewed our completed parish profile.

While congregations focus on matters directly relating to their ministries, it is helpful to step back and appreciate the Episcopal connections that are part of our denominational structure. Our Bishop's visits serve to remind us that we are part of a greater whole and that through our generous giving to the Diocesan Mission Share Fund we support ministries beyond our congregation.

*Faithfully in Christ, Mother Marilyn+*

## Thank You . . .

### MARCH THANK YOUS

#### Memorial:

KOJI TOMIKAWA  
 June K. & Carolyn K. Nakaki  
 H. Nakata  
 Harry & Doreen Arakawa  
 Paul & Gail Neflas  
 Yoshio/Natsuko Akiyama trust  
 Robert & Mary Fujioka  
 Bill & Audrey Partridge  
 Edith M. Yamamoto  
 J.T. & K. Seto  
 John B & Hiram H. Ohta  
 Jim & Dorothy Sakabe  
 Tyler S. & Jean K. Nakamoto  
 R.E. Honda Living Trust  
 Henry Nakano  
 Yuriko Hirashima/P Hamashita  
 O. & E.K. Nakano  
 Marianne R. Harner  
 Ron & Carolyn Morinishi  
 Fred & Sadie Hifumi  
 Stanley H. Furuta  
 DAVID KATSUSUKE SHISHIMA  
 Paul/Kay Shishima  
 Unspecified  
 Gayle Hiramoto  
 GLORIANE OSHITA  
 George Oshita  
 NORMA IKAWA  
 Pauline Ikawa  
 GEOFFREY CLARKSON  
 Yoriko Clarkson  
Fr Van Horn Discretionary:  
 Aiko Tomikawa

### MARCH ALTAR GUILD

Flowers in loving memory of:  
 TAKANORI/KIYO TSUCHIYAMA

M/M Tak Murase  
 MARY AKI ISHIGAMI  
 Ruri Miura  
 GLORIANE OSHITA  
 George Oshita  
 HYAKUICHI KAWAKAMI  
 Yuriko Hirashima & family  
 KIYOSHI MATSUMOTO  
 Gayle Kawahara/John Tokeshi  
 D/M George Kawahara

Candles in loving memory of:

LAURA KIMURA  
 M/M Clarence Yamamoto  
 GLORIANE OSHITA  
 M/M Stanley Nakamura  
 M/M Clarence Yamamoto  
 SUMI ZORIKI  
 Altar Guild  
 ITSUKO FURUTA  
 M/M Peter Furuta & family  
 M/M Steve Furuta & family  
 M/M John Furuta & family  
 KOYUKI NODA  
 Margaret Yuki & family  
 AZUMA SUMAKO I  
 SOSETSU "SETSU" OKAWA  
 Kotobuki Kai  
 ATSUSHI SAITO  
 Marian Kubota  
 SHIRO OKU  
 M/M Hideo Matsunaga  
Altar Guild Memorial Fund:  
 HYAKUICHI KAWAKAMI  
 D/M Iwao G Kawakami  
 GEOFFREY CLARKSON

Yoriko Clarkson  
 TAKESHI & MAY SAKURAI  
 M/M Mitchel Yamamoto  
 MARGARET FUMI YAMAZAKI  
 D/M Mark Yamazaki  
 M/M Harry Wong  
 D/M Francis Yamazaki  
 RICK MOMII  
 Yasu Momii & family





### NEW ARRIVALS

JACOB AKIYOSHI YAMAMOTO, son of Michael & Kristine Yamamoto, was born on April 19 at Kaiser Hospital in Harbor City. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 8 oz. and was 20 inches long. Mother and baby are doing fine! His proud family includes grandparents Clarence and Maxine Yamamoto, big sister Keilyn, and many aunties and uncles. Congratulations to the entire family!

### THANK YOU!

FRANK OMATSU has donated two framed documents to St. Mary's—the WWII evacuation order and the official apology for the resulting internment from the U.S. government—which have been placed in the back of the chapel on either side of the WWII memorial. They are in chronological order: the evacuation order, which ordered all people of Japanese ancestry to be interned in camps; the WWII memorial, symbolizing the service of many Japanese-Americans during WWII, with many volunteering from the camps; and the official apology by the U.S. government. Thank you, Frank!



### **A Collect for Guidance (adapted from the BCP p. 100)**

**O Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life, especially during this transitional time at St. Mary's, we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### PRAYER FOR DISCERNMENT

*Gracious God, we enter this time of prayerfully considering the candidates for rector. Guide our Discernment Committee and Vestry in their choices.*

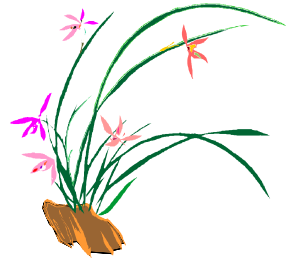
*We seek a rector with a passion for multicultural and urban ministry—someone fluent in Spanish. We seek a rector with experience and success in community outreach and congregational growth to lead us toward our hopes and dreams of reemerging as a strong spiritual community center and church in urban Los Angeles. We seek to move out of our walls and into our local community. We seek to regain the original mission of St. Mary's which was a spiritual, cultural and community center for new immigrants.*

*All things come of Thee, O Lord. Deepen our trust that you are active in this discernment. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.*

## Upcoming Events . . .

### MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE: MAY 7-8

The traditional Mother's Day flower sale will be held on Saturday, May 7 and Sunday, May 8. This sale will be chaired by Kazumi Suzuki and Marian Kubota. Flower arrangements ranging from \$10 to \$50 and corsages, single \$8 and double \$12, can be pre-ordered from Marian Kubota (310) 827-3634 or Kazumi Suzuki (323) 721-3890.



Anyone willing to help create these wonderful floral pieces are asked to be at church on Saturday, May 7 at 9:00 am. Our wonderful potluck lunch will be shared with all the helpers.



### MANJU WORKSHOP AND SALES – MAY 14 & 15

A part of our successful St. Mary's Bazaar Workshop/sales will be resumed in 2011 due to popular demand by parishioners! Our famous *manju* (pastries) will be made at a workshop on Saturday, May 14, starting from 9:00am. Six pieces of *manju* will be packaged and sold for \$5. They will be available for pick up on Saturday, May 14 from noon to 2pm and Sunday, May 15 from 8:30am to 1pm. Any extra packages will be frozen on May 15 and sold on Sundays thereafter.

The chairperson for this workshop is Kazumi Suzuki. This delicious pastry is hand-made the traditional way (we do use modern equipment to assist us) so come join our workshop and learn these traditional methods! The pot luck luncheon is also included.

### SOUTH BAY BIBLE STUDY, DATE TBD

The South Bay Bible Study will meet in May (date TBD) at the Koyamatsu's house. We will be reading both of Paul's Letters to the Thessalonians.



### BISHOP BRUNO PARISH VISIT, MAY 22

We welcome our Diocesan Bishop, J. Jon Bruno to St. Mary's on Sunday, May 22. We will have one joint bilingual service at 9:45 followed by a festive parish potluck hosted by the Women of St. Mary's. The Sunday service will include the Rite of Confirmation. All are welcome for this festive event!

# Parish News . . .



## “AGE” WORKSHOP THANK YOU

Our *age* workshop was held on April 18. We cooked, drained, seasoned, and packaged the *age* (18 to a package) and we sold out on the first day of sales! We would like to gratefully acknowledge the following individuals: Faith Ichida for ordering the *age* and other ingredients, Clarence Yamamoto for making the pots available, Stanley Nakamura for installing the gas lines and portable stoves, George Oshita for draining the *age* pouches and picking up at the *age* factory. Thanks also to the following people for all their hard work and time: Toshi Kurihara, Yo Guzman, Kim Hayashi, Penny Ahn, Maxine Yamamoto, Madeline Heithe, Yuri Matsunaga, Marian Kubota, Betty Yoshimura, Fusa Sugawara, George Kawahara, Iku Kawahara, Kaaren Hoffman, Kazie Higa, and Irene Yoneshige.

## RECTOR SEARCH UPDATE

As of April 7 the Vestry has completed interviewing all of the candidates for the next Rector of St. Mary’s. We are currently in the discernment process to call the next Rector from this pool of candidates. In this transitional time, as spokesperson for the Vestry, I am happy to answer any questions you might have about St. Mary’s and its future. My contact info is: Carl Kubota: [carlana@verizon.net](mailto:carlana@verizon.net), phone: 310-560-7935. Please keep the Vestry in your prayers as we discern this very important next step in the future of St. Mary’s. We will be providing updates to the process as they arise.

■ *Carl Kubota, Sr. Warden*

## JAPANESE CONVOCATION – JUNE 16-19

The EAM Japanese Convocation will be held on June 16-19 at the Cathedral Center. (cost: \$30 for convocation only, \$40 for day trip to Manzanar, \$60 for both, **please reply by 5/22**). Highlights include: tour of Japanese American National Museum, dinner and sightseeing in Little Tokyo, optional day trip to the Manzanar Internment camp (Sat, June 18, buses leave St. Mary’s at 7am), youth presentations of cultural activities, and guest speakers from historically Japanese Episcopal churches across the nation.

The Japanese Convocation itself will be a small conference type meeting, discussing what is going on at the other Japanese churches and hearing from speakers: Rev. Jim Kodera (religion professor at Wellesley College) will talk about the evacuation and how it affected the Japanese Americans; Rev. Keith Yamamoto and Irene Tanabe will speak about their road to the ministry. If anyone is interested in attending the Japanese Convocation, please contact Gayle Kawahara at 310-516-6184 or email her: [gnksccdds@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gnksccdds@sbcglobal.net). Due to provisions made by the vestry and an anonymous donor, St. Mary's will reimburse any of its members who attend the Japanese Convocation for the \$30 registration fees. **(RSVP by 5/22)**

## LOOKING FOR GRADUATES!

The Spirit will be publishing a list of middle school, high school and college graduates in the June issue. If you know of a St. Mary’s family member who will graduate this year, please submit name, school, degree received, and a few awards by May 15. The Spirit reserves the right to edit or shorten submissions as necessary. Submissions may be made by email: [ohana523@yahoo.com](mailto:ohana523@yahoo.com) or fax: (866) 647-8518. Any submissions made after the deadline will be included in future issues only if space permits.

## SR. AND JR. WARDEN CONTACT INFORMATION

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-- *Carl Kubota & Gayle Kawahara*



## INTO ETERNAL LIFE

LOUIS B. FLEMING, 85, passed away on March 27 at home in Pasadena. Mr. Fleming and his family were long-time supporters of St. Mary’s and were instrumental in its founding. Mr. Fleming’s family supported the chapel construction, not only matching all parishioners’ pledges dollar for dollar, but his father also successfully lobbied the National Church and the LA Diocese for funding and thus raised a total of \$60,000 to build the chapel. The Fleming family also paid for the construction of the rectory and provided support during the WWII evacuation of St. Mary’s members and their eventual return to Los Angeles.

Mr. Fleming co-authored the book “Children of the Atomic Bomb: An American Physician’s Memoir of Nagasaki, Hiroshima and the Marshall Islands” (1995) with Dr. James N. Yamazaki. He is survived by his wife Jean; four children Leni & Sarah Fleming, Louis Fleming Jr. and Mary Kowalski; 11 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held on April 9 at All Saints’ Pasadena.

LYNNE KUROMI-KANAMORI, 56. Service was held on March 29 at Gardena Valley Baptist. She was a longtime Altar Guild supporter. She is survived by her husband Glenn Kanamori; daughter Cheryn; siblings Kevin (Susan) Kuromi Janet (Kent) Fujimura, cousin Toshiko Kurihara, many other relatives.

*“May they rest in Peace and may Light Perpetual shine upon them ...”*