

Change By Kathleen Norris

“I don’t like change! Even when I know it’s for the best. I don’t like it.” Those words spoken by a friend as her church was seeking a new pastor strike me as how many of us feel about change. A change in leadership is always difficult, but when it involves your church home, your church ohana, the stakes are exceptionally high.

As I did for last month’s column, I’ve been asking several priests and lay diocesan leaders for advice on what to say in my final column of our parish’s 125th anniversary year. Two things emerged:

That we will need to be open and upfront with whoever comes to serve us about the fact that this parish is still recovering from trauma. “Trauma” is not a word I chose, but it came up repeatedly in the conversations. Our last two pastors left in acrimonious and difficult circumstances, and along with COVID, that led to our going from being the 2nd largest church in the diocese to around number 10. That’s a huge change to absorb in just a few years. We don’t need to rehash the painful details but the people I spoke with feel that it’s important to let a new priest know that we are still hurting.

They also said that the worst thing the parish can do is to expect a new priest to fix everything for us. That would disappoint everyone. We need a grace period in which we set criticism aside to allow a new priest to get to know us, and for us to adjust to him or her. And we need to remember that our baptismal covenant calls us to employ our individual gifts for the good of the parish community. As we collaborate with our new priest on discerning our strengths and weaknesses, together we can determine what changes are needed for the parish to move forward. Volunteers for all our ministries will be needed more than ever.

One lay leader said that before a new priest arrives we might consider what needs to die in our parish so that new life can emerge. She also suggests that we ask ourselves if it’s more important to worship Jesus, or to follow him, and look at the ways the parish does both. What works? What needs improvement? And I value the question from when I was on the vestry, that led to the creation of our farmer’s market: what would our neighborhood miss if we weren’t here?

I’m greatly indebted to Harriet Neal and Nellie McLaughlin for their history of the parish from 1898-1997. Learning more about the changes our parish has endured over many years gives me confidence that we can, with God’s help, move into a better future.

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Church Office Hours

Open Weekdays
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MAHALOS

Mahalo to November's faithful Food Distribution
crew:

Holo Stender, Beth Fincke, Ann Ogilvie, Annette
Kirkpatrick, and Chris Haskaylo.

Mahalo to the crew that prepares and delivers chili
and mac salad to RYSE and YO! House: Dana
Anderson, Jane Anderson, Karen Brousseau,
Robert Nakatsuji, and Susan Palmore

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are currently in need of more ushers
for our services. If you are interested,
please contact the church office.

ZOOM SERVICE OUTLINE

SUNDAY:

Worship at 9:30 AM

ID#: 854 4414 6891

Passcode: 1515

Adult Discussion at 8:30 AM

ID#: 854 4414 6891

Passcode: 1515

Bible Study (RBTL) at 8:30 AM

ID#: 853 8655 3153

Passcode: 1515

Also meets in Parish Hall.

You can join any service with
your phone! Just call this
number: 1 (669) 900-6833
Then enter the meeting ID
and passcode when
prompted.



Advent and Christmas Schedule

CELEBRATE WITH THE ST. CLEMENT'S OHANA AS WE ANTICIPATE AND THEN WELCOME THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

Saturday, December 2, 2023 - "Elf" Family Movie Night - In the Parish Hall @ 6 PM

Sunday, December 3, 2023 - First Sunday of Advent - Holy Eucharist @ 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 10, 2023 - Second Sunday of Advent - Holy Eucharist @ 9:30 a.m. - Canon Sandy Graham will be our guest preacher.

Sunday, December 17, 2023 - Third Sunday of Advent - Holy Eucharist @ 9:30 a.m.

Join us in decorating the Christmas trees with "Christmons" and the church with greens after the 9:30 a.m. service until noon.

Free pizza and cookies will be provided.





Advent and Christmas Schedule

Sunday, December 24, 2023 - Fourth Sunday of Advent - A Children's Christmas Pageant followed by Holy Eucharist @ 9:30 a.m. Plus enjoy complimentary hot chocolate and Christmas cookies after the performance.

Christmas Eve - Holy Eucharist @ 5:00 PM

Monday, December 25, 2023 - Christmas Day -
Holy Eucharist @ 9:00 AM

**Sunday, December 31, 2023 - First Sunday after Christmas
(New Year's Eve)** - Holy Eucharist @ 9:30 a.m.



MONTHLY PARISH BRIEF

News from St. Clement's School

The School will have its Christmas Program on Friday, December 15, 2023. Winter Break will be from December 18 through December 29, 2023.



Parish Happenings

Volunteers Needed to Help with Coffee Hour - There will be a social time each Sunday in from the church from 10:30 AM to 11:15 AM for the congregation to connect as a parish.

Volunteers are needed for the upcoming Sunday coffee hours. If you can bring food and help set up and/or clean up for specific upcoming weeks, please contact Tau'eva Lino directly as soon as possible. Your help would be most appreciated. There is also a sign-up sheet in the back of the church.

A volunteer is needed to help with Coffee Hour on Sunday, December 31, 2023, after the service. If you are available to help, please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church.

Sunday School in Session! - Sunday School is in session and accepting keiki from preschool through high school, and we welcome anyone who is interested to come on by!

Audiovisual System Upgrade - Arrangements are being made with the company performing the installation. Updates will be shared as the installation commences.

December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:15 AM Meeting w/Brenda of Daily Reflections 7:30 AM SCS - C-1 Christmas Party 7:00 PM Tongan Bible Study (CH) 8:00 PM Strivers for Sobriety (PH) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Altar Guild (CH) 9:00 AM Poinsettia Delivery 10:00 AM James Lhoui Him Lum Funeral (CH/PH) 5:30 PM Family Movie Night (PH) 6:30 PM Tongan Choir Rehearsal (PH)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM Adult Discussion (PH 1) 8:30 AM RBTL (PH) 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Family Sunday (Sunday School Student Reading Lesson) 10:30 AM Social Time - PH 1:00 PM Tongan Church (CH) 7:00 PM Daily Reflections (PH) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30 AM SCS - Christmas Class Celebration (CC11) 8:00 AM SCS Chapel (CH) 9:00 AM Christmas Program Rehearsal 5:30 PM Hula Class (PH) 7:30 PM AI-Anon (PH) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Christmas Program Rehearsal 5:00 PM Labyrinth Open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM SCS Chapel (CH) 9:00 AM Christmas Program Rehearsal 10:00 AM Food Distribution 5:00 PM Na 'Ohana Meeting (SL) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Christmas Program Rehearsal 9:30 AM C3 Family Christmas Gathering 4:30 PM Farmers Market 6:00 PM Choir Practice (CH) 	<p>Hanukkah (1st day)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Christmas Program Rehearsal 9:00 AM SCS - Storybook Characters/Performance 8:15 PM Lions Club Fundraiser (PH) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 AM RYSE Meeting (PH) 9:00 AM Altar Guild (CH) 10:00 AM Landscapers Around 6:30 PM Tongan Choir Rehearsal (PH)
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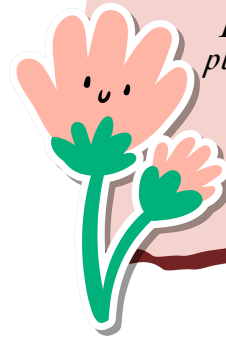
Key:
 CH - Church
 KCH - Kitchen
 MR - Music Room
 PH - Parish Hall
 PL - Parking Lot



Birthdays of the Month



December 3 - Keli'i deFrancia
December 5 - Pam McCoy
December 9 - Soane Lino
December 11 - Richard Shields
December 12 - Cecilia Fordham
December 13 - Connor Hong
December 15 - Mario Guerrero
December 15 - Scott Suzuki-
Jones
December 18 - Patricia Sekiya
December 23 - Katsue Reynolds
December 24 - Bonnie Town
December 25 - Ellen Wood
December 29 - Ginny LaPierre



*If we missed your birthday,
please let the office know.*



SCHOOL SNAPSHOTS

A view into the school days at St. Clement's



Parents Crafting - Some moms of C2 came to visit the class for a Thanksgiving craft.



Parents Pairing for Crafts - A parent team of B2 came to lead the class in crafting a turkey.



Canned Food Drive - Students in B3 donate their canned goods to the School's annual Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive.



Leading in Chapel - The class of B1 stood at the front of Chapel to lead in song and prayer. Families got to enjoy games, crafts and entertainment.



Sharing Diwali's Culture- A parent of C3 came to share her culture and teach the C3 students about Diwali.



Mrs. Yoshioka Reading - The students of C1 got a treat when the Head of School, Mrs. Yoshioka, read them a story.



🌻 Join Our Family Ministries Team as St. Clement's Church Nursery Attendant! 🌻

Passionate about nurturing young minds? Join us every Sunday at St. Clement's Church Nursery!

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🤝 **Community:** Be part of a welcoming church family that values respect and inclusivity.

🧑🎓 **Qualities:** Patience, teamwork, and a heart for childcare.

🌟 **Impact:** Inspire and shape the next generation.

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17
Dec

St. Clement's
Church

Church Greening



Join us in decorating the
Christmas trees with
"Christmons"
and the church with greens



Free Pizza and Cookies

After the 9:30 service in the church/parish
hall until noon on December 17th



St. Clement's Church
Family Ministries
1515 Wilder Ave.
Honolulu, HI





 *St. Clements Church*

Christmas Pageant

24 December 2023
1515 Wilder Ave, Honolulu, HI

9:30 AM Service
Refreshments to follow

Casting and rehearsals start on December 3rd, every Sunday at Sunday School until the BIG DAY. Speaking and nonspeaking parts are available for the young and the young at heart.

Invite your friends and family to share in the fun and excitement of Christmas.

Plus, enjoy complimentary hot chocolate and Christmas cookies after the performance.

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We are sharing details about the upcoming FORMA Conference, which will be virtual this year, via an email from Canon Sandy Graham:

The FORMA conference, well-attended by Hawai'i contingents for years, is all-virtual this year. FORMA is geared toward those who work in Christian Formation of all sorts. Please share the good news about this opportunity widely.

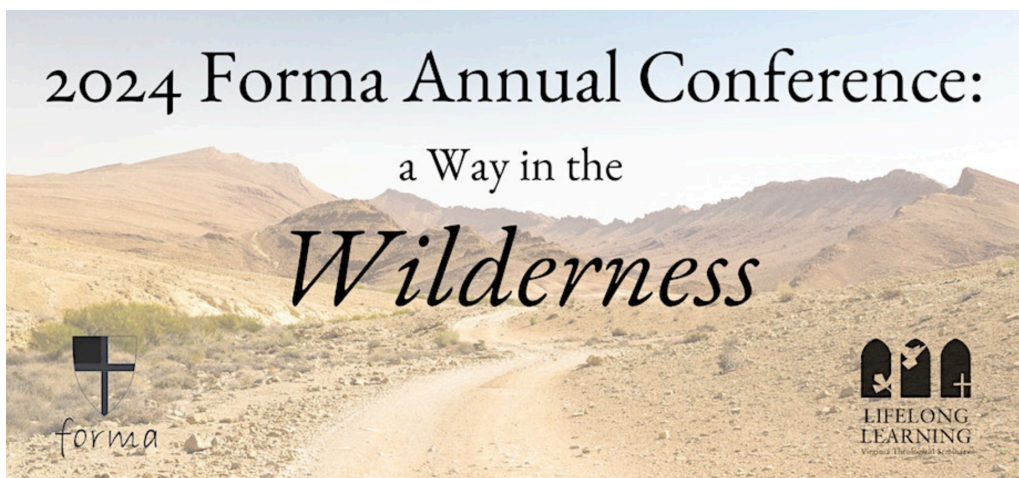
Several congregations are considering hosting "watch parties."

The Cathedral of St. Andrew has confirmed that it will host a kick-off gathering on the first day (Monday, January 22, 2024). Anyone attending is welcome to join us, and then attend subsequent days from home (or office, etc.). Please pass on the word that anyone interested in joining the Cathedral Gathering should please email Canon Sandy so that we can adequately prepare (we need to know how many are coming!).

Mahalo eʻ God bless,

Sandy+

If you wish to attend the gathering at the Cathedral of St. Andrew and do not have Canon Sandy Graham's email address, please contact the office.



Forma, a ministry of [Lifelong Learning at Virginia Theological Seminary](#), is the professional network for Christian formation leaders in the Episcopal Church and beyond. Our conference offers an intentional time of networking, learning, and inspiration. This year's theme, "A Way in the Wilderness," comes from Isaiah 43:19, "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."



Presiding Bishop Michael Curry recovering from surgery

On Dec. 3, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry was admitted to the hospital in Raleigh, North Carolina, after experiencing a fall in Syracuse, New York, that resulted in a subdural hematoma. He underwent surgery, which was successful, and he will continue his recovery in the hospital in Raleigh.

Please pray for Bishop Curry, his family, and his medical team. Updates will be provided as they become available.





December Q4 2023 Volunteer Schedule

December 2023 - Q4 Volunteer Schedule

	December 3	December 10	December 17	December 24	December 31
Year B Office Lect.: 1	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent – Christmas Eve</i>	<i>First Sunday after Christmas</i>
Readings	Isaiah 64:1-9 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37 Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18	Isaiah 40:1-11 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8,19-28 Psalm 126 (or Canticle 15)	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38 Canticle 3 or Canticle 15 or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26	Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7 John 1:1-18 Psalm 147 or 147:13-21
Flowers	Beth Fincke	Beth Fincke	Beth Fincke	Beth Fincke	Beth Fincke
9:30 am					
Lector	Carol Taylor Kim	Susan Palmore	Mary Carpenter	Gayle Chang	Sandy Souza
Lect/Euch. Min		Pam Fern	Pam Fern	Martha Morgan	Kathleen Norris
Euch. Minister					
Altar Guild	Pam Fern	Pam Fern	Pam Fern	Sandy Souza	Sandy Souza
Ushers	Joni Wong Terry Ledford	Bridget Dung Terry Ledford	Liz Baldwin Terry Ledford	Arthur Buto Terry Ledford	Sandy Souza Joni Wong
Coffee Hour	Liz Baldwin	Susan Palmore	Family Ministries	Family Ministries	
Counters	Liz Baldwin Brian Crow	Terry Ledford Soane Lino	Liz Baldwin Terry Ledford	Mary Carpenter Tau'eva Lino	Joni Wong Sandy Souza

Note about Special Holiday Service(s): 2nd Evening Service at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 24, 2023: Ushers: Sandy Souza
Readers: Robert Nakasuji and Matthew Chapman

Monday, December 25, 2023, 9:00 A.M. Christmas Day Service: Ushers: Bridget Dung and Sandy Souza
Readers: Sandy Souza

Thank you to all our volunteers that help the Parish. It is very much appreciated.

All volunteers are responsible for finding someone to fill in for them if they are going to be unavailable for the day/time that they are scheduled to volunteer and for letting the office know.



DECEMBER AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY	MONDAY
Holy Eucharist 9:30AM Adult Discussion 8:30AM Bible Study 8:30AM	Office Open 8:30AM to 4PM
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Office Open 8:30AM to 4PM	Office Open 8:30AM to 4PM Assistance Available 10AM to 12PM
THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Office Open 8:30AM to 4PM Farmers Market 4:30PM to 7PM	Office Open 8:30AM to 4PM Kūpuna Box (12/15) 12PM to 1PM
SATURDAY	SPECIAL EVENTS
	Office Closed: Monday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day & Monday, Jan. 1, 2024, New Year's Day